

## Cecil McDonald, Jr.

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### **EDUCATION**

2006 M.F.A., Photography, Columbia College Chicago

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2020 *Cuts and Beats*, The Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
2019 *In The Company of Black*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL  
2018 *In the Company of Black*, University Galleries of Illinois Sate University  
2017 *Flight Time*, Art On Sedgewick, Chicago, IL  
2016 *Allow Room for An Artist*, 95th street, Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Heavy Rotation*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL  
2014 *Presenting the Pictures You Wanted to See, Chicago Transit Authority, Permanent Public Art, Chicago, IL*  
2012 Artist in Residence, Kingsley Elementary School, Evanston, IL  
2011 *Looking for Baldwin: Putting the word in the street*, Union League, Chicago, IL  
*City Boy: Reverse Migration*, Webb School, Knoxville, TN  
2008 *Domestic Observations*, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Domestic Observations and Occurrences*, Art unit, Haarlem, Netherlands *Domestic*

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2017 *Some Peace, Some Love, Some Soul*, Floating Museum, Chicago, IL  
Paris Photo-Aperture Foundation Photobook Awards Exhibition, NY, NY  
*In The Company of Black*, Paris Photo, Paris, France  
*Some Peace, Some Love, Some Soul*, ThaWalls, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL  
*Bronzeville Drive By*, Chicago Home Theater Festival, Chicago, IL  
*Black Bottom Boulevard*, Mana Contemporary Body + Camera Festival, Chicago, IL  
2016 *Not Just a Pretty Face*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Guess Who's Coming to Dinner ?*, Terrain Exhibition, Oak Park, IL  
2015 *Industry of The Ordinary*, SIC Transit Gloria Mundi, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL  
2014 *Risk: Empathy*, Art and Social Practice, curator: Amy Mooney and Neysa Page-Lieberman Glass Curtain Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2013 *The Distance Between*, The Logan Center Gallery and the Arts Incubator, Chicago, IL  
*Recess*, Southside Community Art Center, curator: Tempestt Hazel, Chicago, IL 2011  
*Critical Encounters: Image and Implication*, Faculty Art Exhibition, Columbia College Chicago, Chicago IL  
2012 *Ways of Making: Photography*. Visual Arts Gallery, Governors State University, University, IL  
2009 *The Family Stage: Photographs by Janet Delaney, Todd Hido, and Cecil McDonald, Jr.* Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, University of Denver, Denver, CO  
*The Art of Caring: A Look at Life through Photography*, The New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA  
*The Exchange*, The Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
2008 *Made in Chicago: Photographs from the Bank of America LaSalle Collection*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL  
*Midwestern Voices & Visions*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE

## **COLLECTIONS**

The Harris Bank Collection, Chicago  
The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH  
Bank of America, LaSalle Bank Photography Collection, Chicago, IL  
The Joyce Foundation, Chicago, IL  
EN FOCO, New York, New York  
Light Work, Syracuse, NY  
Yale University Bieneke Rare Books Library  
University of Chicago Special Collections Library  
Museum of Contemporary Photography  
Ryerson and Burnham Library at the Art Institute  
The National Arts Library of London at the Victoria and Albert Museum  
University of Iowa Arts Library  
The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY, NY  
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island  
The Joan Flasch Artist Books Library, Chicago, IL  
George Washington University, Washington, DC

## **PANEL/LECTURES/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2018 Panelist, *Black Portraiture(s) IV: The Color of Silence*, Hutchins Center for African American Research, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2017 Lecture, *Photographing Black Life*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Panelist, *I am Not Your Negro*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 PD, *No, You Can't do it Alone: Finding Capital in Collaborations*, Ingenuity, Chicago, IL
- PD, *ARTview Project*, Chicago Public Schools, curriculum building, artist of color, Chicago, IL
- PD, *Art's Amplified Teachers Workshop*, *The Remix: Text and Image*
- 2016 Lecture, *Out and About: Art In Da Club*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago,  
PD, *Identify, Develop and Assess Creative Capacity in Vermont Students*, Montpelier, VT  
Lecture, *Looking for Baldwin*, "A Language to Dwell In": James Baldwin, The American University of Paris, Paris, France
- 2015 Lecture, *One Out of Many: The Contemporary Portrait*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

## **GRANTS/RESIDENCIES/AWARDS**

- 2017 *My Street, My Voice, My Story*, Art On Sedgwick, Chicago, IL  
Short Listed, *First Photo Book*, Aperture Foundation, New York, NY
- 2013 University of Chicago's *Arts and Public Life Artist-in-Residency Program*, Chicago, IL  
*Light Work Artist-in-Residency Program*, Syracuse, New York
- 2011 *The Artadia New York Artist Residency*, in partnership with International Studio & Curatorial Program, New York, New York  
*The 3Arts Teaching Artist Award*, 3Arts Foundation, Chicago, IL
- Lucerne, Switzerland, Residency*, awarded by The Swiss Benevolent Society  
The Columbia Scholastic Press Association-Cover Design, Columbia University, NY  
The Columbia Scholastic Press Association-Portfolio of work for Magazines, Columbia University, NY
- 2007 The Joyce Foundation *Midwest Voices & Visions* residency,  
Prairie Center for the Arts, Peoria, IL  
Awardee, special commission, 320 S. Michigan Ave, *Building Mural Competition*
- 2006 Awardee, *Artadia, The Fund for Art and Dialogue Award*

## **PUBLICATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 2017 *In The Company of Black*, Candor Arts Publishing