



CADE TOMPKINS PROJECTS

BOB DILWORTH

American, b. 1951

Education

MFA School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Painting 1976

BFA Rhode Island School of Design, Painting 1973

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2024-25 *Bob Dilworth: When I Remembered Home*, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
(catalogue)
- 2023 *Bob Dilworth: Backyard*, Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI (catalogue)
- 2022 *Bob Dilworth: Another Place*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
- 2016 *Memories of Inhabited Spaces*, The Hayti Heritage Center and the Durham Renaissance
Jazz Foundation in association with the North Carolina Humanities Council,
Durham, NC, (Sept 9-Nov 30)
Memories of Inhabited Spaces, Klaus Center for the Arts, Marymount California
University at San Pedro, (Jan-March)
Time and Again, Hunter Gallery, Saint Georges Academy, Newport, RI, (March-April)
- 2015 *Memories of Inhabited Spaces*, Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, (Oct-Nov)
- 2014 *Reframed, Revisited, and Reconstructed*, Mixed Media Paintings, University of Rhode
Island Main Gallery, Kingston, RI, (Jan 27-Feb 28)
- 2008 Sarah Doyle Gallery, Providence, RI, (Jan 28-Feb 22)
- 2007 University of Rhode Island Corridor Gallery, Kingston, RI
Peerless Loft Gallery, Providence, RI, (July 9-Aug 30)
- 2006 University of Rhode Island Main Gallery, Kingston, RI, (Oct 12-Nov 16)
Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI, (Jan 20-March 26)
- 2004 Bank Rhode Island, Providence, RI, (June-July)
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, (Jan-March)
- 2003 Crealde School of Art, Winter Park, FL, (Jan-March)
- 2001 University of Rhode Island, Feinstein College of Continuing Education, (Feb)
- 2000 Atrium Gallery, RICA State Building, (Oct 17-Nov 17)
Delaplaine Fine Arts Center, Mount Saint Mary's College,
Emmitsburg, MD (March 19-April 7)
Wheaton College, (Feb-March)
- 1999 Corridor Gallery, URI Fine Arts Building, University of Rhode Island (Sept 1-30)
Fifth Street Gallery, Stivers School for the Arts, Dayton OH, (Feb-March)
- 1998 University of Rhode Island, (May-Sept)
Cornerstone Books Gallery, Providence, RI, (Feb-March)
- 1997 Tyler Gallery, Tyler School of Art, Elkins Park, PA, (Sept-Oct)

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- 1997 University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI (Jan-Feb)
- 1996 Moses Brown School Gallery, Providence, (Nov-Dec)
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI (March)
- 1995 Facets Gallery, Fall River, MA, (Nov-Dec)
- 1994 University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI (Feb-April)
Hera Gallery, Wakefield, RI, (Sept-Oct)
Nicole Smith Gallery, Chicago, IL (Jan-Feb)
Lenore Gray Gallery, Providence, RI (Nov)
- 1993 University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI (March-April)
- 1992 Lenore Gray Gallery, Providence, RI (April-June)
- 1991 David Winton Bell Gallery, List Art Center, Brown University, Providence, RI (Nov)
David Winton Bell Gallery, List Art Center, Brown University,
Providence, RI (May-June)
Isobel Neal Gallery, Chicago, IL (May-June)
Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, (March-April)
- 1989 Chicago State University, Chicago, IL (March-April)
- 1982 Illinois One Center, Chicago, IL (Feb-March)
- 1981 University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, IL (March-April)
- 1980 Pilsen East Gallery, Chicago, IL (Nov)
The Lamont Zeno Gallery, Chicago, IL (May-June)
- 1979 The Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *The Black Biennial*, RISD Museum, Providence, RI
- 2021 *Paradise*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
Call and Response, Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI
Case Rising, Jamestown Art Center, Jamestown, RI (Aug 21 – Sept 19)
IMAGO Foundation for the Arts, Warren, RI (Feb 6 - Present)
- 2019 Newport Art Museum, Avant Gardens, Newport, RI (April 27 – Sept 8)
Beyond Painting, Jamestown Art Center, Jamestown, RI (Sept 19 – Oct 19)
- 2018 *Reimagining Gender: Voice, Power, Action*, University of Rhode Island,
Kingston, RI (Sept 17-Nov 2)
- 2017 *Be of Love and Other Stories: Contemporary Highlights from the Permanent Collection*,
Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI (Sept 30-Dec 31)
50 Years of Art in Rhode Island: 1950-2000, University of Rhode Island; Downtown
Providence Gallery, 1950-2000, (November)
- 2016 University of Rhode Island Downtown Providence Gallery, (Feb)
- 2015 *NetWorks Retrospective Gallery Exhibition*, Shattuck Gallery, Westport, MA,
(Jan-March)
- 2014 *Rhode Island State Council for the Arts Fellowship Exhibition*, The Pawtucket Arts
Collaborative Mill Gallery, Pawtucket RI, (Feb 21 – March 28)

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- 2013 *Locally Made*, RISD Museum, Providence, RI (July 12 - Nov 13)
Art Studio Faculty Exhibition, URI Fine Arts Center Main Gallery, Kingston RI,
(Sept. 4-25)
Rhode Island Contemporary, University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI, (May 3-July 5)
Square Show, Gallery Z, Providence RI, (April-May)
Black Creativity, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL, (Jan 25-April 12)
- 2012 University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI, (Sept-Oct)
Newport Art Museum, Newport RI, (May 1-Sept 15)
Celebrating Black Artists, Rhode Island State Capital, Providence, RI (Jan 14-March 10)
E. M. Bannister Society, University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI, (March 5-April 7)
- 2011 Atrium Gallery, One Capitol Plaza, Providence RI, (November)
- 2010 *Networks: 2009-2010*, Newport Art Museum, Newport RI, (Nov - Jan)
New Bedford Art Museum, New Bedford MA, (May)
Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, (June-July)
- 2008 University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI (Nov)
- 2007 University of Rhode Island, Providence, RI, (July 2-Aug 17)
- 2006 Space at Alice Building, Providence, RI, (Jan-Feb)
- 2005 Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI, 2/10/05-4/15/05
Wheaton College, Norton MA, (Dec - Feb)
- 2004 Atrium Gallery, Providence, RI, (Sept 4-Oct 10)
Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, (April 2-23)
- 2002 *New Power Generation* Hampton University, Hampton, VA, (Jan 15-April 25)
- 2000 Thoreau Art Gallery, Franklin Pierce College, Ringe, NH, Nov 14-Dec 14)
Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, (Oct 5-28)
Galerie d'art Moderne, Brooklyn, NY, (December)
Sol Gallery at City Arts, Providence, RI, (Feb 1-28)
African American Master Artist In Resident, Federal Reserve Bank Jan-Feb 2000
- 1999 Jenkins Gallery, Crealder School of Art, Winter Park, FL, (Jan-Feb)
The Fidelity Investment Gallery, Smithfield, RI, (Jan 5-April 1)
- 1998 Subterra Gallery, Providence, RI, (Oct-Nov)
AAMARP Gallery, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, (Jan-Feb)
- 1997 Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College, (April)
Warwick Art Museum, Warwick, RI, (Dec-Feb)
- 1996 Islip Art Museum, East Islip, NY, (Sept-Nov)
- 1995 Isobel Neal Gallery, Chicago, IL (Nov-Dec)
University of Rhode Island Faculty Exhibition, Works on Paper, (Aug-Sept)
- 1994 University of Rhode Island Exhibition, Sept-Oct, 1994
Isobel Neal Gallery, Chicago, IL (Nov-Dec)
Nicole Smith Gallery, Chicago, IL (Jan-Feb)
Newport Art Museum, Chicago, IL Newport, RI (March)
- 1993 University of Rhode Island Faculty Exhibition, (Aug-Sept)



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- 1991 Terra Foundation of American Art, Chicago, IL (catalogue)
Museum of African-American Life and Culture, Dallas, TX, (April- May)
ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL (Jan)
- 1990 Watermark/Cargo Gallery and Educational Foundation, Kingston, NY, (March)
Noyes Cultural Art Center, Evanston, IL, (Feb-March)
Isobel Neal Gallery, Chicago, IL (May-June)
Chicago Cultural Center, Invitational Exhibition, (May-June)
Simpson College, Indianola, IA, (Aug-Sept)
- 1988 Fontbonne College, St. Louis, MO (Sept-Oct)
Lake County College, Grays Lake, IL (Jan)
Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL
Isobel Neal Gallery, Chicago, IL (April-May)
Focus 88, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, (Nov)
- 1987 Tarada Loft Gallery, Tokyo, Japan, curator David Driskell, (Oct)
Beacon Street Gallery, Chicago, IL (Nov)
The Prairie Avenue Gallery, Chicago, IL (Dec)
- 1986 The Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY, (Feb)
Twentieth Juried New Horizons in Art In Illinois Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Evanston Art Center, Evanston, (March-April)
Roots: A Contemporary Inspiration, Evanston Art Center and the Illinois Arts Council
Traveling Exhibition (1986-88)
- 1982 Chicago State University, Chicago, IL (March)
A.A.A. Gallery, Dearborn, MI, (catalogue), (April)
Your Heritage House, Detroit, MI (catalogue, (May)
Harriet Tubman Gallery, Boston, (catalogue), (May)
- 1981 National Conference of Artists Invitational Exhibition, Bishop College,
Dallas, TX, (April)
International, Beverly Art Center Chicago, IL (April)
Miriam Pearlman Gallery, Chicago, IL (May)
Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL (May)
Black Aesthetics, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL
Triton College, River Grove, IL (March)
The Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL (Nov)



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Selected Collections and Acquisitions

Renaissance Jazz Foundation, Durham, NC
National Gallery of Art for the Corcoran Collection, Washington DC
Newport Art Museum, Newport RI
New Flavor Media, Providence RI
Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI
Joseph Chazan Collection, Providence, RI
Stivers School for the Arts, Dayton, OH
Beatrice Foods, Chicago, IL
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Chicago, IL
The Thurlow Tibbs Collection, Washington, DC
The Barnett-Aden Gallery Collection, Washington, DC
The Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Atlanta
The Weedman-Green Collection, Naples, FL
Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL
The Epstein-Berman Collection, Chicago, IL
The Watson Collection, Houston, TX
Larry Levy Collection, Chicago, IL
Fairmont Hotel Incorporation, San Francisco, CA
Isobel Neal Gallery, Chicago, IL
Cincinnati Public School Employees Credit Union, Cincinnati, OH
Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL
Chicago State University, Chicago, IL
Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, IL

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- Cook, Greg, "Local Luminaries: The 2014 RISCA Exhibition," Providence Phoenix, March 7, 2014
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- Network Interview: Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-h0U3qOn3U>
- Bob Dilworth Website: bobdilworth.com
- Video of Saint Georges Student Performance of Southern Narratives (pending)
- Video of Klaus Center for the Arts Student Performance of Southern Narratives (pending)

Awards, Honors, and Grants

- Joan Mitchell Fellowship, 2025
- Pell Award for Artistic Excellence, Providence, Rhode Island, 2024
- Committee for the Commemoration and Study of Slavery in Rhode Island, Kenneth and Susan Kermes Endowed Distinguished Lecturer or Performance fund, Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Rhode Island, 2017
- Committee for the Commemoration and Study of Slavery in Rhode Island Grant to fund the exhibition and related events titled, *Visible Cloth, Invisible Bodies Rhode Island Textiles and Southern Slavery*, President's Office, 2017
- Multicultural Student Service Center, URI, 2017
- Durham Renaissance Jazz Foundation in association with the Hayti Heritage Center and the North Carolina Humanities Council, Durham, NC, 2016
- Angels Gate Cultural Center Fellowship, San Pedro, CA, 2016
- URI Office of Provost, Artistic Development Grant, for printing catalogue, *Memories of Inhabited Spaces*, 2015
- Rhode Island College, Artistic Development Grant, for printing catalogue, *Memories of Inhabited Spaces*, 2015
- URI College of Arts and Sciences, Creative development Grant, for development of video narratives, 2015
- Rhode Island State Council for the Arts Fellowship in Painting, 2014
- URI Beaupre Hope and Heritage Travel Grant, to assist in travel to Snowmass, CO 2014
- URI Center for the Humanities, 2011
- URI Foundation research grant, 2008
- Rhode Island Foundation, Artistic Development Grant, 2003
- URI Faculty Development/Research Council, 2003
- URI Foundation, 2003

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- First Place, National Juried John Biggers Drawing Award, Hampton, VA
- University Museum, Hampton VA, 2002
- URI Council for Research Grant Program, 2002
- URI Foundation Grant, 2002

Visual Art Residencies with Fellowships

- McColl Center, Charlotte, NC (Upcoming Fall 2026)
- Praia, Santiago Cabo Verde, 2017-2021, URI faculty delegation, artist exchange program between URI and partner institutions.
- Brush Creek Artist Foundation, Saratoga WY, 2016
- Angels Gate Cultural Center in association with Marymount California University, 2016
- Hambidge Creative Residency Program, Rabun Gap GA, 2016
- PLAYA Residency Program, Summer Lake OR, 2016
- Klaus Center for the Arts, Marymount California University, San Pedro CA, 2016
- Anderson Ranch Artist Residency, Snow Mass CO, 2014
- Contemporary Artists Center, North Adams, MA, 1995
- African American Master Artist in Residence Program (AAMARP), Northeastern University in Boston, MA, 1993-94
- Le Cite International des Artes, Artist Residency, Paris, France, 1991



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