



CADE TOMPKINS PROJECTS

DONNAMARIA BRUTON

American, 1954-2012

Education

- 1972-73 Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
1976 BFA Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
1977 Moved to Wilmington, Delaware to study with painter Edward L. Loper, Sr.
1983-87 Moved to Detroit to work for Chrysler Corporation, Color and Fabric Stylist
1987-89 Certificate in Painting, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois
1989-1991 MFA, Yale University, Painting and Printmaking

Grants and Awards

- 2001 Rhode Island School of Design Development Grant, Providence, RI
1999 Blanche E. Coleman Trust Award for Painting, Boston, MA
1998 Rhode Island School of Design Development Grant, Providence, RI
1995 Rhode Island School of Design Development Grant, Providence, RI
1993 Print Grant, Chicago, IL
1989 Ford Foundation Academic Fellowship, Detroit, MI
1980 Martin Luther King Community Center, Gil Silverman Commission, Newport, RI
Indiana Art Center Purchase Award

Solo Exhibitions

- 2026 *Donnamaria Bruton: Twenty Recipes for Patience*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
Guest Curated by Melaine Ferdinand-King PhD
2022 *Donnamaria Bruton: From Sense to Soul*, Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI
2019 *Donnamaria Bruton: Part III, Sculptural Notions*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
2018 *Donnamaria Bruton: Part II, The Later Years*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
2018 *Donnamaria Bruton: Part I, The Early Years*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
2013 *Donnamaria Bruton: Interiors and Exteriors*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
2005 *Calculations for the Perfect Woman*, HUB-Robeson Galleries, Penn State University, College Park, PA
2004 *Collage, Jesus, and the Inanimate Object*, Bronx River Art Center, Bronx, NY
2003 Carole Calo Gallery, Stonehill College, Easton, MA
2002 *Calculations for the Perfect Woman*, Mall at Chestnut Hill, Brookline, MA
2001 *Calculations for the Perfect Woman*, Lukas Gallery, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
1998 *Donnamaria Bruton*, David Winton Bell Gallery, List Art Center, Brown University, Providence, RI
Lost and Found: Paintings by Donnamaria Bruton University Art Gallery Atrium, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA
1996 *Donnamaria Bruton*, Wheeler Gallery, Providence, RI



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Solo Exhibitions (continued)

- 1993 *Women and Their Work*, Austin, TX
Donnamaria Bruton, (two person) Dell Pryor Galleries, Detroit, MI
1984 C.A.D.E. Gallery, Detroit, MI
Detroit Institute for the Arts, Detroit, MI
1982 Detroit Council for the Arts, Detroit, MI

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Sweet Sixteen*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
2021 *Paradise*, Cade Tompkins Projects, Providence, RI
2011 *Black Art Exhibit*, Warwick Museum of Art
2007 *101 Dresses*, Artspace, New Haven, CT
2006 *Vault Series*, New Bedford Art Museum, New Bedford, MA
2005 *Bodies of Evidence: Work by Women of Color in the Museum's*
2004 *Collection*, Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI
2002 *Rhythm and Verse*, Dell Pryor Galleries, Detroit, MI
The Calculations Project, *Gwanju Biennale*, Art to Wear Exhibit, Gwanju, Korea
2001 *The Drawing Center: Anniversary Exhibition*, New York, NY
Objects, Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI
2000 Stamford Art Center Stamford, CT
Acacia Gallery, Gloucester, MA
In Transit: Unmapped Territories of African American Art, Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College,
Providence, RI
1999 Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
1998 *Part of the Fabric*, Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI
African American Collection, Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI
1997 Swell Galerie, Pont Aven, France
1995 Guadalupe Cultural Art Center, San Antonio, TX
Milwaukee Institute for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI
1994 Laguna Gloria Museum, Austin, TX
Coker Bell Gallery, Hartsville, SC
Selections Winter '94, Miriam Alharar, Donnamaria Bruton, Luca Buvoli, Peter Huttinger, Paul
Henry Ramierz, The Drawing Center, New York, NY
1993 *Prints*, Martin-Rathburn Gallery, San Antonio, TX
Lynne Goode Gallery, Houston, TX
Women and Their Work Gallery, Austin, TX
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
1992 Faculty Show, Huntington Art Gallery, Austin, TX
Print Exhibition, Gallery OH, Ichinomiya, Japan
Laguna Gloria Museum, New Works Invitational, Austin, TX



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Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 1991 *Connecticut Women Artists*, The John Slade Ely House, New Haven, CT
1990 Yale Afro-American Cultural Center, New Haven, CT
Creative Arts Workshop, Faculty Show, New Haven, CT
1985 *Perspectives in Contemporary Black Art*, Arts Center, Mt. Clemens, MI
1984 W.D.I.V. Gallery, Detroit, MI
Art Center, 13 Biennial Michigan Regional Art Exhibition, South Bend, IN
1982 University Center Art Gallery, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
1980 Farewell Gallery, Detroit, MI
1979 Detroit Artist Market, Detroit, MI

Collections

- RISD Museum, Providence, RI
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI
The Art Galleries at Black Studies, University of Texas, Austin

Bibliography

- 2025 Ferdinand-King, Melaine, *States of Consciousness: The Layered Life of Donnataria Bruton*, Boston Art Review, November 2025
2022 Neville, Beth, *Donnataria Bruton and Georgia O'Keefe: Art as Puzzle in Newport*, Artscope, September 1, 2022
2018 King, Loren, *Donnataria Bruton: Part II, The Later Years*, Art New England, November 3, 2018
2013 Van Siclen, Bill, Part memory, part dreamscape at exhibit of Donnataria Bruton's work, Providence Journal, October 10.
Doucette, Renee, Donnataria Bruton at Cade Tompkins Projects, Art Rouge Island, October 5.
Cook, Greg, A Visionary Streak: Donnataria Bruton at Cade Tompkins Projects, The Providence Phoenix, September 26.
2012 <http://our.risd.edu/post/31542827281/donna-bruton-1954-2012>
Kreimer, Julian, "Donnataria Bruton: Mythic Meditations", RISD News, January 12.
2008 Rodriguez, Johnette, Emotional signposts: Rhode Island College's 'Untrapped Territories' showcases African-American art, Providence Phoenix's Art Review, October.
2005 Reddinger, Paige, "Donnataria Bruton; Exhibit Honors Female Beauty", The Daily Collegian, January 20.
2001 Reidy, Kim, "Dressed to Kill", The Fairfield Mirror, November 28.



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Teaching

1991 University of Texas, Austin
1992-2005 RISD (Rhode Island School of Design)
2001-2003 Department Head of Painting RISD
2003-2005 Interim Dean of Graduate Studies RISD