

**Library
Street
Collective**

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Paul Verdell is a painter based in Detroit, Michigan. Originally from Long Beach, California, he moved to Ohio as a teen and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) from Bowling Green State University in December 2018. Verdell approaches drawing and painting using oil and acrylic paints, oil pastels, and crayons. He adds loose and instinctive marks to his two-dimensional works, experimenting freely with gesture and application through a continuous cycle of creation and modification. This collaborative process with his materials allows them to reveal their desired forms. The results of his approach are vibrant and dynamic expanses of color that showcase Verdell's skill and proficiency with pigment, forming the foundation of his artistic practice. His conceptual focus is influenced by both internal reflections—an ongoing effort to understand himself in a shifting and uncertain world through painting—and his Black American heritage.

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SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** *Tabernacle*, Jupiter Contemporary, New York, NY
- 2023** *Trailing Away*, Jupiter Contemporary, Miami, FL
Pelagic Gesture, Bode Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2022** *Forty Acres*, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI
- 2021** *Still Life*, Louis Buhl & Co., Detroit, MI
Anatomy: Paul Verdell, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI
- 2020** *GIFC (Online)*, GIFC Galleria Golsa, Oslo, Norway
- 2017** *Pastelle*, O-OLA, Los Angeles, CA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** *Arrival Art Fair*, Library Street Collective, North Adams, MA
A Third Hand, Hurst Contemporary, London, England
- 2024** *Overserved*, Miles McEnery, New York, NY
Black Rock Senegal Biennial, Dakar, Senegal
Linger, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI
The Armory Show, Library Street Collective, New York, NY
In an effort to be held, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI
- 2023** *Untitled Art*, Library Street Collective, Miami Beach, FL
The Armory Show, Library Street Collective, New York, NY
Caribbean Revels, Jupiter Contemporary, Miami, FL
- 2022** *Untitled Art*, Library Street Collective, Miami Beach, FL
It Takes a Village, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI

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- 2021** *Rise*, False Cast Gallery, San Diego, CA
Breathe, Art Mile, curated by Juana Williams, Detroit, MI
You Got Your Secret On, Quappi Projects, Louisville, KY
- 2020** *Launch*, Walter E Terhune Gallery, Perrysburg, OH
Apart, River House Arts, Toledo, OH
We Used to Gather, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI
- 2019** *Start Small*, Red Door Gallery Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- 2018** *Wild At Hand*, HVW8 Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Pulse+, Hudson Gallery, Sylvania, OH
#Followme, Desert Center, Los Angeles, CA
Velvet Ropes, Golsa, Oslo, Norway
While Supplies Last, Gift Shop Gallery, Seattle, WA
Coalesce (Senior Thesis), Willard Wankleman Gallery, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
We Are The Romantic Ones, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017** *Born to Run*, Lane Meyer Projects, Denver, CO
GIFC (Got it for Cheap), Soulland, Copenhagen, Denmark
2 Ames pop up exhibition, 2 Ames, Chautauqua, NY
Chautauqua School of Art Student Exhibition, Fowler Kellog Gallery, Chautauqua, NY
Undergraduate Juried Exhibition, Willard Wankleman and Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Juried Exhibition, Cox Fine Arts Center, Columbus, OH
Undergraduate Juried Exhibition, Willard Wankleman Gallery, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

SELECTED HONORS / AWARDS / RESIDENCIES

- 2023** Black Rock Senegal Residency, Senegal
- 2019** Macedonia Institute Residency, NY
- 2017** First Place in Painting, Bowling Green State University
Doris Marie Herner Award, Bowling Green State University
Medici Circle Best of Show Award, Bowling Green State University

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Chatauqua School of Art Summer Artist Residency, NY

2016 New Artist Award - Amateur Division, Ohio State Fair
Honorable mention, Bowling Green State University

SELECTED PRESS

Next Big Thing: Paul Verdell, Jacoba Urist for Galerie

Dakar to Detroit: 5 Artists on Turning Travel into Inspiration, Cultured

Black Rock Senegal Announces Next Selection of Artists, Cision PR Newswire

Detroiter to join artists from across the globe for Senegal residency, Duante Beddingfield for Detroit Free Press

New Arts Complex Aims to Build Community in Detroit, Hilarie M. Sheets for The New York Times

Paul Verdell's Paintings Capture the Ephemerality of a Given Moment, HypeArt

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Troy Carter; Jose Parla; Pamela Hornik; Alberto Chehebar; Schwanda Roundtree;
James Whitner; The Collection of Dan and Jennifer Gilbert; Alessia Antinori; Rocket Mortgage
Fieldhouse, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, among others.