

## A.J. McCLENON b.1986

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### SELECTED PERFORMANCES / EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Notes on VEGA, **Hyde Park Art Center**, Chicago  
Notes on VEGA, **The Nicholson Project**, D.C.  
L's GA, **NONopera**, Chicago
- 2020 Streets, **Experimental Sound Studio**, Quarantine Concerts, Online Performance  
RIP Ancestral Daydreaming, **Hyde Park Art Center**, Chicago
- 2019 VEGA, **MCA**: In Progress, Chicago  
Une Nuit D'artistes/ **Ansanm, Yon Nwit Ak Atis Cultural Exchange**,  
Cap-Haitian, Haiti  
Black Water: Polarity, **Roman Susan Gallery**, Chicago
- 2018 Led Zeppelin Can't Steal My Daddy's Black, **Links Hall**, Chicago  
RIP Eugene Williams, **Read/Write Library**, Chicago  
Black Water, **Black Cinema House**, performance & screening, Chicago  
Performance Series at Dogleach, **Hume Gallery**, performance, Chicago  
Black Water: Polarity, Eclipsing Festival, **Links Hall**, Chicago
- 2016 Black Water, **Filmfront**, screening + sound series, Chicago  
Black Water, **F4F**, Chicago

### COLLABORATIVE / GROUP SHOW / SCREENINGS

- 2021 New Witnesses, **Arts + Public Life**: Artists-in-Residence Exhibition, Chicago
- 2020 Your Night Out At Home, **Chicago Parks District**, online screening  
Untied, University of Illinois, **Springfield Art Gallery**, Springfield, IL
- 2019 FLOAT w/**Jefferson Pinder**, 31st ST Beach, Chicago  
In-Session w/ **Angel Bat Dawid**, Threewalls, Chicago  
Oba Qween Baba King Baba, **Ni'Ja Whitson**, Danspace Project, NY  
This Is Not A Drill, **Jefferson Pinder**, Cultural Center, Chicago/Cultural DC  
LA Film Forum, **Echo Park Film Center**, Los Angeles, CA  
What Does She See When She Shuts Her Eyes, **Sabina Ott & Dana Duff**  
Aspect Ratio, Chicago

2018 Tongues Untied w/**Amina Ross**, **Threewalls**, Chicago  
Water Music on the Beach, performance w/**Uhuru Moor**, Chicago  
**Third Coast International Audio Festival**, Constellation, Chicago

2017 Sneaker ~~Boy~~ Dreams by **Ashley Teamer**, 4th Ward Project Space, Chicago  
Black As Eye Wanna BE, **Jenn Freeman**, Steppenwolf, Chicago

2018 **NMAAHC SAAFF**, **Sackler Museum**, DC  
**The Unseen Festival**, **Counterpath**, screening, Denver  
Imaginary Advice, Third Coast International Audio Festival, Chicago  
The Art of Being Dangerous, HPAC, Chicago  
**Elastic Arts**, screening, Chicago

2017 Altar Call, **Rootwork Gallery**, sound, Chicago,  
**Terrain Biennial**, Oak Park, IL  
Make Room, **Gallery 400**, Chicago  
Brooksdays, **Reva & David Logan Center**, Chicago  
Mothering, **Compound Yellow**, Oak Park, IL  
Nasty Women, **Fine Art Complex 1101**, Tempe, AZ  
The Corner, **The Promontory**, Chicago

2016 Super 8 Lives! **Chicago Filmmakers**, Chicago  
Her Environment, **Comfort Station**, Chicago  
Feminism (n): Plural, **Woman Made Gallery**, Chicago

2014 Intersectionality Critique Exchange, **Arts Incubator**, Chicago  
I Understand and I Wish to Continue, video, **FLAT Space**, Chicago  
Never Satisfied, **Defibrillator**, Chicago

2013 Revival, **G-Fine Art**, Chicago

2011 Toys & Games, video, **Longwood Arts Center**, Bronx, NY  
BITE: identity & humor, **Reston Greater Arts Center**, Reston, VA

2010 IMPRESSED, **Brentwood Arts Center**, Hyattsville, MD

## GRANTS / AWARDS

2020	3ARTS Award Recipient SPARK Grant Recipient
2019	3ARTS Make A Wave Grant MAP Fund Recipient Night Out In the Parks
2018	Emergency Fund Grant, Foundation of Contemporary Arts Center Program Full Diversity Scholarship
2017	POWER Grant
2014	SAIC MFA Writing Fellowship SAIC Edes Fellowship for Emerging Artists Nominee
2012	SAIC MFAW Small Grant Recipient SAIC Merit Scholarship Recipient
2009	Paula Santan Scholarship for Art
2008	Stephanie E. Pogue Memorial Award

## RESIDENCIES

2021	<b>LAMBDA</b> Literary Retreat, Los Angeles, CA <b>The Nicholson Project</b> , Washington, D.C. <b>Arts and Public Life</b> at the University of Chicago
2020	<b>The Nichols Tower</b> Artist-in-Residence
2019	<b>The Jackman Goldwasser Residency</b> at Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago
2018	<b>Center Program</b> , Hyde Park Art Center Chicago <b>Links Hall</b> , Co-Mission, Chicago
2017	<b>High Concept Labs</b> , Chicago
2015	<b>ACRE Residency</b> , Steuben, WI
2009- 2011	<b>Jimenez-Porter Writer's House</b> , College Park, MD

## EDUCATION

2014	MFA Fellowship Recipient, <b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b> , Chicago, IL
2011	BA, <b>University of Maryland College Park</b> , Studio Art, Creative Writing Minor, College Park, MD
2006	<b>The New School</b> , Media Studies, New York, NY

## TEACHING

2022	Sound Department Lecturer, <b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>
2020 - present	Contemporary Practices Lecturer, <b>School of the Art Institute of Chicago</b>
2019- present	Teaching Artist, <b>Chicago Parks District</b> , Chicago
2017 -2018	Teaching Artist, <b>Gary Light Open Works</b> , Gary, Indiana
2017- 2020	Faculty, <b>SAIC @ Homan Square</b> , Chicago
2011	Teaching Artist, <b>Pyramid Atlantic Art Center</b> , Silver Spring, MD
2010	Poetry Mentor, <b>Northwestern High School</b> , Hyattsville, MD

## PRESS

2022	Our Message in a Bottle, Notes from VEGA: A.J. McClenon by Isra Rene; Sixty Inches from Center
2021	Washington Post review on Notes from VEGA at The Nicholson Project
2020	Breakout Artists 2020: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers
2019	<i>Led Zeppelin Can't Steal My Daddy's Black</i> review by Holly Warren; Chicago Artists Writers
2018	<i>Smithsonian's new film festival offers opportunity and hope to filmmakers of color</i> by Stephanie Williams; Washington Post <i>Movement Matters: An Interview with A.J. McClenon</i> by Michael Workman; Art Intercepts
2017	<i>Versatility and Storytelling in the Work of A.J. McClenon</i> by Tempestt Hazel; Sixty Inches from Center

## PUBLICATIONS

2022	Foglifter Journal Emerge Anthology
2017	Blueshift Journal
2016	South Side Community Art Center Anniversary Publication
2014	3rd Language, Never Satisfied Collected Artisan Publication
2012	3rd Language , Queer Utopias and Nihilism
2011	Stylus Literary Magazine