

## JAMES FUENTES

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### JUANITA MCNEELY

b. 1936, St. Louis, MO; d. 2023, New York, NY

#### EDUCATION

MFA, Southern Illinois University

BFA, St. Louis School of Fine Arts, Washington University

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Moving Through*, James Fuentes, Los Angeles, CA

2022 *Portraits*, James Fuentes, New York, NY

*Juanita McNeely: Forever*, JamesFuentes.Online

2021 *Juanita McNeely: I see the change*, JamesFuentes.Online

2020 *Juanita McNeely*, James Fuentes, New York, NY

*Juanita McNeely: Man's Injustice to Man*, JamesFuentes.Online

2018 Mitchell Algus, New York, NY

2016 Mitchell Algus, New York, NY

2014 Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, MA (catalog)

2006 Mitchell Algus, New York, NY

1996 Montclair State University, NJ

1994 Elaine Benson Gallery, Southampton, NY

1988 Western Illinois University, Grand Gallery, Ill./ Quincy Art Center, Ill.  
(Dance performance, inspired by and in front of *Triskadeekaty*)

1987 Southampton Gallery, Suffolk College, L.I., NY

1983 Rutgers University, "Women's Series," Douglas College, NJ  
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1982 Evelyn Amis Gallery, Toronto, Canada

1978 SOHO 20, New York, NY

Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY

City University Art Gallery, New York, NY

1976 Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY

1974 Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY

1972 Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY

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1968 Ohio University Art Gallery, Chillicothe, OH

1967 Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

1966 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

1964 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

1958 Peoples Art Center, St. Louis, MO

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *For Dear Life: Art, Medicine and Disability*, Museum of Contemporary  
-25 Art San Diego (MCASD), La Jolla, CA. (Organized as part of Pacific  
Standard Time, an initiative of the Getty Foundation)

2023 *Venus Unchained*, Natalie Seroussi Gallerie, Paris

*Looking Like Fire*, Sim Smith, London

2022 *What's Going On*, Rubell Museum DC, Washington, DC

*The Whitney's Collection: Selections from 1900 to 1965*, Whitney  
Museum of American Art, New York, NY

*Westbeth Ink: Paint to Print*, Westbeth Artists Housing and Center for  
the Arts, New York, NY

- 2020 *All of Them Witches*, Deitch Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 Mitchell Algus, New York, NY
- 2018 *For Freedoms*, Fort Gansevoort Gallery, New York, NY  
*FOTG*, Anniversary Exhibit, Michell Algus, New York, NY
- 2017 Michell Algus at Frieze Art Fair, Miami, Florida
- 2014 *Painters of Modern Life*, The Box Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 Brooklyn Museum, E.A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art: Feminist Art Virtual Data Base, New York, NY
- 2012 40 Years of Women Artists, from the Mary H. Dana Women Artists, Virtual Exhibit Series at Rutgers' Douglass Library with the Institute for Women & Art
- 2010 Anniversary Show, Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY (catalog)  
 Westbeth Pioneer Artists 1970s, Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY  
 Small Drawing Invitational, Blue Mountain Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *Better Than Ever: Women Figurative Artists of the 70s SoHo Co-ops*, Salena Gallery, LIU, New York NY; Dishman Art Museum, TX; and Rowan University Art Gallery, NJ  
*Contemporary Women Artists*, Inst. for Women & Art at Rutgers Mason Gross Galleries, New Brunswick, NJ  
 Invitational Donation Exhibition, Rutgers University, Feminist Art Institute, New Brunswick, NJ (catalog)
- 2004 179th Invitational Contemporary American Painting, National Academy Museum, New York, NY  
*The F Word, Sex & Feminism*, Mitchell Algus, New York, NY
- 2003 Small Works Invitational, Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY  
 Invitational Salute to Veteran Feminist in the Arts, National Arts Club, New York, NY
- 1996 *Moving Forward*, SOHO 20, New York, NY  
 "Women Artists Series, 25 Years," Mason School of Art, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (catalog)
- 1993 *Red, White and Blue*, Alaska Art Center, Anchorage, AK  
*Women's Collection Exhibition*, Bryn Mawr College, PA
- 1992 *Man Revealed*, Graham Modern Gallery, New York
- 1991 *Very Special Arts*, Gallery and Benefit Auction, Sotheby's, Washington, D.C.  
 Pyramid Gallery, NYC
- 1990 Museo de Arte Moderno, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*FAX-Simile*, An Invitational, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 1986 *Survival of the Fittest II*, Ingber Gallery, New York, NY  
*Nude Self Portraits*, Prince Street Gallery, New York, NY  
 22nd Annual Invitation Exhibit, YM & WHA, Union Art Gallery, NJ
- 1981 *Prints and Drawings*, Union Art Center, NJ  
*The Figure*, Evelyn Amis Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
 Muse Art Gallery Invitational, Philadelphia, PA
- 1980 *Reflections for Renderings of Modern Woman*, Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, CT  
 Hera Gallery, Providence, RI
- 1979 *Expressions of Self, Women's Autobiography*, Douglas College, Rutgers University, NJ  
*Invitational Figurative Paintings*, Hera Gallery, Providence, RI  
*From the Imagination*, curated by Robert Henry, Green Mountain Gallery, New York, NY  
*Femnistiche Kunst International Haags*, Gemeent Museum, The Hague, Netherlands
- 1978 *The Figure*, Richmond College, New York, NY  
 Print Invitational, SUNY, NY
- 1977 Olean Library, Olean, NY  
 Artist's Choice Invitational, Green Mountain Gallery, New York, NY  
 Keenan Art Center, New York, NY  
 Oakleigh Collection, Skidmore College, NY
- 1976 Fairleigh Dickerson College Painting Invitational, NY  
*Sons & Others*, Queens Museum, NY, Schenectady Museum, NY, and others

- Westbeth Prints, SUNY Art Galleries, Alfred, NY and Albany, NY
- 1975 *Sons & Others: Women Artists See Men*, The Queens Museum, Queens, NY
- East Hampton Guild Hall, New York
- Sarah Lawrence College, New York
- Rabinovitch & Guerra Gallery, New York, NY
- Women in the World Development*, Painting Exhibition, International Center, New York, NY
- The Eye of Woman*, Hobart and William Smith College, NY
- 1974 Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, NY
- Leslie Rankow Gallery, New York, NY
- Albin Zeglen Gallery, New York, NY
- National Museum of Art, Taipei, Taiwan
- Ching Hsing Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
- In Her Own Image*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA
- Warren Bendek Gallery, New York, NY
- Performing Arts Center, Huntington, NY
- Brookwood East Art Gallery, New York, NY
- Walcott-Field Gallery, New York, NY
- 1973 Barnard College, New York, NY
- 1972 Palacio de las Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico
- Woman Artists at International House, New York, NY
- 1966 15th Annual Peoria Art Center, Peoria, IL
- 1965 Second Biennial Invitational Print Show, Chicago Art Institute, IL
- 5th Fine Arts Exhibition Container Corporation of America, Rock Island, IL
- 1964 IXth Annual Mid-South Exhibition, Brooks Memorial Art Gallery, TN
- Annual Exhibition, Middle Tennessee State College, TN
- Bradley University, Peoria, IL

- Annual Exhibition, Evansville Museum of Art, IN
- Happening, Allan Kaprow, IL
- 1959 St. Louis Artist Guild, St. Louis, MO
- Three Arts Center Exhibition, People's Art Center, St. Louis, MO
- 1958 St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
- People's Art Center, Annual Exhibition, St. Louis, MO

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

- 2004 Ellin P. Speyer Prize for Painting, National Academy Museum 179th Invitational, NY
- Contemporary American Painting Exhibition, New York, NY
- 2003 Honor Roll, Women Artists, Major Contributors to Second Wave Feminist Revolution, 1966-80
- 1992 Speaker and National Art Juror Exhibition, White House, 200th Anniversary Laying of Cornerstone, Washington, D.C.
- 1986 Painting Grant, The Pollock-Krasner Foundation  
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- 1983 Painting Grant, The Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Foundation  
-84
- 1976 Painting Grant, New York Council for the Arts, C.A.P.S.  
-77

### **SELECTED PUBLIC BROADCASTS**

- 2007 Video interview, Kate Leonard, McNeely's Studio, New York, December
- 1996 Video of Lecture, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
- 1992 "A Very Special Arts Story... Freedom of Expression," VSA Productions, directed by Kara Kennedy, National Public TV Broadcast, October 25
- 1975 "Arts," WBAI Radio, interview by Judith Veivell, December
- "51st State," studio interview by Lisa Finer, Channel 13 TV & Fifth Ave. Cinema, April

1974 “Women Artists” panel, four shows, Feminist News & Comment,  
-75 Cable TV, Channel C

## PUBLICATIONS

2022 *JFP05: Juanita McNeely*, James Fuentes Press, New York, 122 pp.

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2023 Francesca Aton, Tessa Solomon, “In Memoriam: Art World Figures Who Died in 2023,” *ARTnews*, Dec 29

Julia Halperin, “How Artists Are Breaking the Taboos Around Depicting Birth,” *The New York Times Style Magazine*, Dec 6

Will Heinrich, “Juanita McNeely, Intense Artist of the Female Experience, Dies at 87,” *The New York Times*, Nov 2

Maximiliano Durón, “Juanita McNeely, Groundbreaking Feminist Artist Who Bravely Depicted Her Illegal Abortion, Dies at 87,” *Artnews*, Oct 26

Wallace Ludel, “Juanita McNeely, feminist artist who created visceral paintings inspired by personal hardship, has died, aged 87,” *The Art Newspaper*, Oct 26

Grace Edquist, “In Juanita McNeely’s Searing Paintings, Beauty and Pain Commingle,” *Vogue*, Sept 8

Steven Vargas, “Juanita McNeely Bears it all in her debut L.A. solo show,” *Los Angeles Times*, Sept 7

“5 Art Exhibitions You Can’t Miss in Los Angeles This September,” *Cultured Magazine*, Sept

“10 Art Shows to See in LA This September,” *Hyperallergic*, Sept

Shana Nys Dambrot, “Gallery Moves: Making Melrose Hill Happen,” *LA Weekly*, Aug 10

2022 Deborah Solomon, “After Decades of Silence, Art About Abortion (Cautiously) Enters the Establishment,” *New York Times*, Sept 10

Brian P. Kelly, “Independent 20th Century and the Armory Show—Conflicting Visions,” *Wall Street Journal*, September 9

Sarah Cascone, “7 Artists Who Stood Out at Independent’s 20th-Century Fair,” *Artnet News*, Sept 9

Will Heinrich, “Independent 20th Century’s Artists in a Cozy New Fair Spinoff,” *New York Times*, Sept 8

Maximiliano Durón, “James Fuentes Gallery, a Lower East Side Stalwart, Joins Growing Exodus to Tribeca,” *ARTnews*, Sept 7

Valentina Di Liscia, “Your Handy Guide to the NY Armory Week Art Fairs,” *Hyperallergic*, Sept 2

Philomena Epps, “Juanita McNeely: The Body Laid Bare,” *Independent*, August

2020 Johanna Fateman, “Juanita McNeely at James Fuentes.” *Artforum*, May/June

Valentina Di Liscia, “Juanita McNeely’s Painting Bare Pain and Resilience in Equal Measure,” *Hyperallergic*, Feb 25

“10 Must-See Exhibitions This Weekend From Paris to Los Angeles and Beyond,” *Surface Mag*, Feb 24

Will Heinrich, “Juanita McNeely,” *New York Times*, January 31

Gabriella Angeleti, “Three exhibitions to see in New York this weekend,” *The Art Newspaper*, Jan 30

Morgan Vickery, “Juanita McNeely,” *Flaunt*, Jan 30

Gabrielle Leung, “Juanita McNeely’s Raw, Deeply Personal Paintings Take Over James Fuentes Gallery,” *Hypebeast*, Jan 29

2019 Alison M. Gingeras, *Black Sheep Feminism: The Art of Sexual Politics*, Mousse Publications, UK 2018

Holland Cotter, “Juanita McNeely,” *New York Times*, April

John Haber, “Women on the Line: Juanita McNeely,” *Haber Arts*, April

Rachel Middleman, *Radical Eroticism: Women’s Art and Sex in the 60s*, University of California Press

Amy Tobin, *Art of Feminism*, Chronicle Books, USA; Elephant Book Company, UK

2017 Rachel Corbett, “The Feminine Mystique,” *New York Times Style Magazine*, November; published online, “The Feminist Pioneers Making Provocative Art About Sex,” Oct 31

Jessica Lack, *Why Are We Artists? 100 World Manifestos*, Penguin, UK

- Elena Martinique, "A Look at the Art Worlds Long Overdue Appreciation of Female Artists," *Widewalls*, November
- 2016 Thomas Micchelli, "Not Necessarily Pleasant: The Paintings of Juanita McNeely," *Hyperallergic*, Jan 9
- Joshua Abelow, "Editor's Choice," *Art News*, February
- Thomas Micchelli, "The Pursuit of Art, 2016," *Hyperallergic*, Dec 31
- Andrew Hottle, *The Art of the Sister Chapel: Exemplary Women Visionary Creators*, Ashgate Publishing, UK
- 2015 Amelia Jones, *Sexuality*, Whitechapel Press, London, UK
- 2014 Joan Marter, Rutgers University, "The Work of Juanita McNeely" in *Indomitable Spirit: Juanita McNeely*, exhibition catalog, Brandeis University, Women's Studies Research Center
- June Wolff, "She is a Woman," *Boston Globe*, June
- Emily Wishingrad, "WRSC portrays the Female Experience," *The Justice*, October
- Maud Morgan, "Indomitable Spirit at Kzninck Gallery," *Artscope Magazine*, August
- 2011 Sharyn Finnegan, "Juanita McNeely: Art and Life Entwined", *Woman's Art Journal*, Vol. 32, No. 2 (Fall/Winter): 38-45
- 2007 Cornelia Butler, *WACK! Art & the Feminist Revolution*, MOCA/LA, CA: MIT Press
- B. Love, ed., *Feminists Who Changed America, 1963-1975*, University of Illinois
- 2003 Maria M. Lisboa, *Paula Rego's Map of Memory: National and Sexual Politics*, University of Wisconsin Press
- 2001 Joseph Slade, *Pornography and Sexual Representation: A Reference Guide*, Vol. 11, Greenwood Publishing, CA: 523-524
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- 1992 Judy Seigal, *Mutiny & the Mainstream: Talk that Changed Art, 1975-1990*, New York: Midmarch Arts Press: 36
- 1991 Carol Jacobson, "Redefining Censorship: A Feminist View," *CAA Art Journal*, vol. 50, no. 4: 42-55
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- 1990 Anita Steckel, "McNeely Paints Dark Side of Life," *New Directions for Women*
- 1989 Michael Gill, *Image of the Body: Aspects of the Nude*, London: Bodley Head: 433
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- 1987 Diana Crane, *The Transformation of the Avant-Garde: The New York Art World, 1940-1985*, University of Chicago Press: 154
- Pat Caplan, ed., *The Cultural Construction of Sexuality*, London: Routledge: 129
- 1986 Florence Rebecca McEwin, *American Women Artists and the Female Nude Image (1969-1983)*, North Texas State University
- 1984 Lawrence Alloway, *Networks: Art and the Complex*, Vol. 9, Michigan: U.M.I. Press: 300
- 1981 Gayle Kimball, *The Women's Renaissance of the Seventies*, NJ: Scarecrow Press: 19
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- 1978 Shiah Le Fah, "Women Artists in America," *International Art Magazine*, Taipei, Taiwan
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- Jim Collins, *Women Artists in America II*, University of California
- Malcolm Preston, review, *Newsday*, L.I., July 31
- Jeanne Paris, "Artists Complement Each Other," *L.I. Press*, Sunday, June 23
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- Barbara Rose, "Vaginal Iconology," *NY Magazine*, February 11: 59
- Dorothy Seiberling, Virginia Alliata, "Why Women Are Creating Erotic Art," *Vogue Italia*, Milan, February
- Maryse Holder, "The New Sexual Art of Women," *Changes: Women's News*, Vol 86, February: 28
- Cindy Nemser, "In Her Own Image," *Feminist Art Journal*, Spring
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- Review, "Graphic Invitational," *Taipei News*, Taiwan
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Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN

National Museum of History & Art, Contemporary Collection, Taipei,  
Taiwan

Oakleigh Collection, Skidmore College, NY

Palacio de las Bellas Artes, Mexico City, Mexico

Rubell Museum, Miami, FL and Washington, DC

Southern Illinois University, Morris Library, Carbondale, IL

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The William & Uyendale Scott Memorial Women Artists Study  
Collection, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA

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