

# VILLAGER

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## Education:

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- 2021 - 2022 **MSc in Marine Estuary Environmental Science**  
University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD  
*completed 19 of 30 credits*
- 2020 **BS in Environmental Chemistry, minor in Biology**  
Towson University, Towson, MD

## Awards:

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- 2025 **Baltimore Mayor's Office Individual Artist Award**
- 2024 **Free Fall Baltimore Grant**  
**Maryland State Arts Council Grants for Artists**  
**Black Arts District Community Sponsorship Grant**

## Solo Exhibitions:

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- 2024 **AŞE: Embodying the Divine, Mezzanine Gallery**, Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower, Baltimore, MD  
**SELECT A COWRIE**, Studio 402, Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower, Baltimore, MD
- 2022 **BUSH BOY!**, Chesapeake Arts Center, Brooklyn Park, MD

## Selected Group Exhibitions:

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- 2024 **HARD TO NAIL- a three-person exhibition with q3dar, BlissArmyKnife and VILLAGER**, Atrium  
Artspace, Baltimore, MD  
**B24 (Best of Baltimore 2024) Artscape**, Riggs Gallery & Leidy Gallery at Fred Lazarus Building  
(MICA), Baltimore, MD  
**Sou(l): Mostra de Arte Afro-Diaspórica**, Artspace Vigidal, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
**AFROFUTURISM: 100 years after the Harlem Renaissance**, Papermill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ  
**Heritage & Harmony: Black Artists Shaping Futures**, SGK Virtual Gallery Space  
**Illuminating the Unseen**, Alchemy of Art, Baltimore, MD  
**Category is Red**, Motor House, Baltimore, MD  
**Baltimore Art Auction to Benefit Love & Cornbread**, Accelerator Space, Baltimore, MD  
**Unveiling Equity**, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD  
**Just Among Us**, Waller Gallery, Baltimore, MD  
**Creative Freedom: Celebrating Black History Month**, Chesapeake Arts Center, Brooklyn Park, MD  
**MOLASSES**, THE ROUSE COMPANY FOUNDATION GALLERY at Howard Community College,  
Columbia, MD  
**TRUCE | The war in the world | The war within**, Motor House, Baltimore, MD
- 2023 **Holiday on Holliday: Baltimore's Mosaic of Holiday Hope & Harmony**, Baltimore City Hall,  
Baltimore, MD  
**The Awakening**, Max Gallery, Baltimore, MD  
**BLAQ SHEEP**, Superchief Gallery LA, Los Angeles, CA  
**We Create By Being**, Gallery 410, Baltimore, MD

2022 **Embodying Empowerment**, OCA MOCHA, Baltimore, MD  
**Learning to Love As I Do**, Motor House, Baltimore, MD

### **Commissioned Performances:**

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2024 **All the words I haven't said, Keyboard and Voice Accompaniment for FAITH McCorkle**, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD  
**THE POWER OF CHOICE, Baker Artists Award Portfolio**, The Peale Museum, Baltimore, MD  
**Phoenix in the Portal with Hope and Faith McCorkle, Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower**, Baltimore, MD  
**Bahia Meets Baltimore: A GENTE Fundraiser**, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD  
**Spiritual Ginger**, Invisible Architectures | Social Contracts, Maryland Art Place  
**THANKS THANKS THANKS**, THE ROUSE COMPANY FOUNDATION GALLERY at Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

### **Curatorial Projects:**

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2024 **Guest Curator, HARD TO NAIL**, Atrium Artspace, Baltimore, MD  
**Curator, ÀŞÈ: Embodying the Divine, Mezzanine Gallery**, Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower, Baltimore, MD  
**Co-Curator, A SUM OF ME-** solo exhibition by Kehinde Applewhite, Gallery 410, Baltimore, MD

### **Community Engagement + Facilitation:**

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2024 **Co-Curator, A SUM OF ME-** solo exhibition by Kehinde Applewhite, Gallery 410, Baltimore, MD  
**Stage Hand for dancing with my shadows: a journey to self discovery by HOPE**, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD  
**Guest Juror, MORGANNALE STUDENT WORK EXHIBITION**, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
**Creative Consultant for ARCH 305: Design and Human Behavior**, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
**Facilitator for CONVERSATIONS IN CANVAS**, THE VILLAGE! STUDIO, Baltimore, MD

2023 **Co-founder, THE VILLAGE! STUDIO**, Baltimore, MD  
**Exhibition Installation Asst, Heaven is in Baltimore-** solo exhibition by Mark West Jr, Eubie Blake Center, Baltimore, MD

2022 **Volunteer**, Nomu Nomu, Baltimore, MD  
**Mural Painter- Contract Position**, Project Backboard, Patterson Park Basketball Courts  
**Community Art, Paint, and Talk Facilitator**, Filbert Street Garden, Brooklyn Park, MD

### **Talks and Panel Discussions:**

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2024 **Rituals of Remembrance and Reverence- Artist Talk Presentation at MICA**, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore,  
**HAVE FAITH- Artist Talk in conversation with HOPE McCorkle and FAITH McCorkle**, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD  
**OHUN ÀŞÈ**, in conversation with Kirk Shannon-Butts, Bromo Seltzer Tower, Baltimore, MD  
**Panelist, Kreative Keynotes**, Vinyl and Pages, Baltimore, MD  
**Facilitator, CONVERSATIONS IN CANVAS featuring BlissArmyKnife**, Mezzanine Gallery, Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower, Baltimore, MD  
**Facilitator, CONVERSATIONS IN CANVAS featuring Adewale Alli**, Baltimore, MD

2023 **Panelist, Holiday on Holliday Exhibition Artist Talk**, Baltimore City Hall, Baltimore, MD

2022 **BUSH BOY!**, in conversation with Ainsley Burrows, Chesapeake Arts Center, Brooklyn Park, MD

## **Workshops:**

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- 2024 **Lead Facilitator: RHYTHMS AND RECONNECTION:** sound-guided painting workshop, Moonlight Center of Art, Baltimore, MD  
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**Guest Speaker and Facilitator: Investing in Your Context, Architecture, Urbanism, and Built Environments PhD Dissertation Circle,** Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
- 2023 **Lead Facilitator: Cyanotype Workshop by Black Artist Research Space,** Nomu Nomu, Baltimore, MD

## **Publications + Press:**

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- 2024 [The artist VILLAGER creates rituals of remembrance with 'AfroAbstructure' in BOPA exhibit,](#) Baltimore Banner, by Angela N. Carroll  
[BmoreArt News: Annie Howe, VILLAGER, Maryland State Archives,](#) Bmore Art News and Opinion Column  
**ÀŞĖ: Embodying the Divine” – solo exhibition by VILLAGER, BmoreArt Calendar**  
[Artscape, B 24 Exhibition](#) - Best of Baltimore 2024, **Baltimore Office of Promotion and Arts**  
[VILLAGER's Art Ignites an Expansive Vision of African Identity,](#) NUNAR, by Jamilah Scott  
[Artists exchange between Baltimore and Brazil highlights Black culture,](#) Baltimore Banner, by John-John Williams IV  
[Afrofuturism exhibit at Paper Mill Playhouse is also concerned with the past,](#) NjArts.net by Tris McCALL
- 2023 [Perception of self. Actuality,](#) by Nat Bono
- 2022 Featured in **7: the magazine** by Ethan Velez

## **Auctions:**

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- 2024 **Calabar Gallery NIGERIAN ART AUCTION** in collaboration with TAAG Gallery, Nike Art Gallery, USA, Lagos Art Shows, NYC