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**SUMMARY:** I am a Baltimore-Born, Baltimore-Based arts professional with curatorial experience and a strong background in history and museum studies. After college I established a cultural space in New York City called the House of Mark West. It later became the Mark West Center for the Arts, an organization promoting the culture and the betterment of marginalized communities. I closed my center during the Covid pandemic to focus primarily on art and research. I consider myself an assemblage artist, historian, and muralist. I am also fluent in Mandarin and French. Currently I am working as a full-time visual artist, curator, and arts educator in the Baltimore City School System and showcasing around the DMV area.

### EDUCATION

2013-2017 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SHANGHAI** Shanghai, China *History (Humanities) BA, Minor in Mandarin & French Honor's Graduate GPA: 3.6/4.0*

08/2015-12/2015 **UNIVERSITY OF PARIS-DIDEROT & LOUVRE MUSEUM** Paris, France : Museum Studies, French History & Culture, French Renaissance Art & Monuments, French Language, African-French History

02/2016-06/2016 **UNIVERSITY OF GHANA** Accra, Ghana: African History & Culture, Traditional W. African Arts, Magic & Witchcraft, Intensive Akan Language

01/2020-04/2020 **BronxNet Studio Production Certification:** 10 week video and media production classes at BronxNet News Station

### CURATORIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

April 2019 - **MARK WEST MUSEUM & CENTER FOR THE ARTS** Bronx, NY  
May 2022 *Historian/Curator, Director and Founder*

The Mark West Museum & Center for the Arts (MWM), also known as House of Mark West is a non-profit 501C3 community organization, gallery and creative hub for artists in New York City. We are black-owned and cater primarily to Black, Brown, LGBTQ, disabled, and young (k-12) artists and creatives.

- Develop business and marketing strategy to grow business, membership and sales
- Organize all the exhibition components from planning, installation, de-installation, promotion, budget, and any other arrangements necessary.
- Work directly with the donors and investors to fund our nonprofit, including creating pitch decks, proposals, and budgets to potential investors and grantors.
- Manage gallery showroom including client services, organizing events, exhibitions, sales, administrative duties, and daily upkeep of gallery.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2024 Motor House Emerging Curators Program Recipient

2023 Market Center Baltimore Jasper Alley Revitalization Grant Recipient

Citizens For NYC Community Grant 2022 Recipient for House of Mark West Young Civic Leadership Program (Ongoing)

Citizens For NYC Community Grant 2020 Recipient for House of Mark West Community Covid Food Drive & Artist Relief Program

2021 Purchased Residency Home for Artist Collective House of Mark West, Monkey House Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Currently under renovation)

2020 Bronx Senator Alessandra Biaggi Black History Month Honor for Mark West Center for the Arts Recipient

## MEDIA & PRESS

ABC NEWS [“African-American Opens Up Art Gallery”](#)

CHANNEL NEWS 12 [Baltimore Artist Looking to Carve a Path](#)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY [Mark West Builds Equity in the Arts](#)

BRONXNET COMMUNITY TELEVISION [Mark West Gives Back to the Community](#)

BRONXNET COMMUNITY TELEVISION [Art Gallery Opening](#)

BRONXNET COMMUNITY TELEVISION [House of Mark West Art Night](#)

8 BALL RADIO [Mark West Center for the Arts](#)

THE BRONX TIMES [Artist Opens Gallery in the Borough](#)

## EXHIBITION HISTORY

### 2024

“Celebrating Black History” Group Exhibition at Chesapeake Art Center, MD, USA Jan 26-Feb 20

“This is America” 5 Points Art Gallery + Studios, 3514 N. Port Washington Ave. Milwaukee, WI 6/28-8/23

“Baltimore, Burning & Black” Group Exhibition Curated by Mark Anthony West, Motor House Baltimore Gallery 120 W North Ave, Baltimore, MD 6/6-7/16

“Blackness & Mercy” Solo Exhibition at Jubilee Arts Center, 1947 Pennsylvania Ave, Baltimore, MD 4/19-5/17

### 2023

“Heaven is in Baltimore” a solo exhibition by Mark Anthony West at Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 847 N Howard St 11/17-02/28

Artscape B23 Group Exhibition curated by Kirk Shannon-Butts, Former ICA Gallery, 16 W. North Ave, Baltimore, MD, Sept. 22-Oct 31

Hang Night Group Show, Heath Gallery, 24 W. 120th St, Harlem, NY, Aug 25

Solo Exhibition curated by Lie Anne Navarro, Bromo Art Crawl, Cotyledon Art Gallery, 422 W. Mulberry St, Baltimore, MD, Aug. 24-Sept. 7

Group Exhibition curated by Mya Lewis, Refocused Space, 429 N Eutaw St, Baltimore, MD, Aug 18-Sept. 15

### 2022

Featured Artist & Live Painter, Grand Opening, GVO Lounge, Dallas, TX, June 6

### 2021

Group Exhibition, Liberating Our Souls, Dordor Gallery, 45 Irving Ave, Brooklyn, Oct 16, 2021

Group Exhibition curated by Mark West, Plaxall Gallery, 5-46 46th Ave, Queens, NY, July 29-Aug 29

Solo Exhibition, Chashama, 37-18 Northern Blvd, Queens, NY May 15

### 2020

Social Justice Group Exhibition curated by District Leader Josue Pierre, Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 305 E 21st ST, Brooklyn, NY, Oct 17

Featured Artist, Bushwick Art Crawl, Jefferson Station, Bushwick, NYC, Sept. 20

Group Exhibition Grand Opening Exhibition Curated by Mark West at Mark West Center for the Arts 56 Bogart ST Sep 30-Oct 30

Solo Exhibition, Orchard & Ludlow, 254 Broome St, Aug 15-Sep 20

Hang Night Group Show, Heath Gallery, 24 W. 120th St, Harlem, NY, Aug 1

Solo Exhibition & Artist Talk, Grandchamps, 197 Patchen Ave, Bed Stuy, NYC, Feb 29-Mar 29

Celebrating Black Voices Group Exhibition, Hosted by K&B Productions, House of Mark West Gallery, Feb 21-22

Featured Artist, Kwanzaa Film Festival, Magic Johnson Theatre, 2309 Frederick Douglass Blvd, Harlem, NYC, Jan 20

### 2019

Group Exhibition Hosted by Bleu Calf, Bronx Art Space, 305 E 140th St, Bronx, NY, Nov 2

Group Exhibition Grand Opening Exhibition Curated by Mark West at Mark West Center for the Arts 347 Rider Ave, Bronx, NYC July 25-Aug 20

Featured Artist, Bushwick Art Crawl, Jefferson Station, Bushwick, NYC, June 1

Featured Artist at Fundraising Gala hosted by K&B Productions, May Day Space, 176 St. Nicholas Ave, Brooklyn, NY May 31

Group Exhibition Grand Opening Exhibition Curated by Mark West at House of Mark West (LIC Location) April 28-May 15

Auction & Live Painting, Harlem School for the Arts, March 25

Showing at Entrepreneurship Brand Expo at Brooklyn College, 2705 Campus Road, Brooklyn, NY, March 24