

# MARTOS GALLERY

## TYREE GUYTON

Born in 1955, Detroit, MI  
Lives and works in Detroit, MI

## EDUCATION

College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI  
Honorary Doctorate, College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI  
Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *I Ain't Playin*, Martos Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *The Heidelberg Project, New York City*, Martos After Dark, New York
- 2021 Frieze New York Online Viewing Room
- 2020 Tyree Guyton, Martos Gallery Viewing Room, New York
- 2019 FIAC, Paris  
*Love, Sam*, Martos Gallery, New York
- 2018 *2+2=8: Thirty Years of Heidelberg*, MOCAD, Detroit, MI  
NADA Miami, Miami
- 2016 *Face-ology*, Inner State Gallery, Detroit, MI  
*What Time is It?* Tyree Guyton, New York, Lawrence Technological University Detroit Center for Design + Technology, Detroit
- 2015 *Power to the People*, Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism \ Architecture, Shenzhen, China  
*The Art of Tyree Guyton: A 30 Year Journey*, University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA), Ann Arbor, MI  
*What Time Is It?* Tyree Guyton, New York, Gallery DAAS, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2014 *Spirit*, Inner State Gallery, Detroit, MI
- 2013 *Faces of God on Fire*, Cue Foundation, New York
- 2012 *Tyree Guyton*, Gallery Tom Blaess, Bern, Switzerland  
*Two Countries, Two Cities, One Spirit*, The Bollag Studios, Basel, Switzerland
- 2011 *Heidelbergology-Art In The Streets*, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI  
*Tea for Two: Sam Mackey and Tyree Guyton*, College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- 2009 *Totally Connected*, Handswerk Vocational School, Bolzano, Italy  
*An American Show*, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC
- 2008 *Street Sense*, Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, University Center, MI

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- 2007 *The Inland See*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2006 *An American Show*, University of Michigan Business School, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2005 *An American Show*, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI
- 2004 *Singing For That Country*, Sydney, Australia
- 2000 *Imagining Futures: Tyree Guyton*, The Heidelberg Project, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1990 *OMAP XI: Tyree Guyton*, Installation, The Detroit Institute of Arts, MI

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Passages*, organized by Reilly Davidson and Alex Chaves, Martos Gallery, New York, NY  
*Expressions: Works on Paper by African American Artists*, Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI  
*Curriculum / Collection: Arts & Resistance*, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2022 *Nature Does Not Know About Us* curated by Ugo Rondinone, Sculpture, Milwaukee, WI
- 2020 Felix Art Fair, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *AMERICAN AFRICAN AMERICAN*, Philips, New York, NY  
*Horology*, organized by Elizabeth Jaeger and Silke Lindner-Sutti, Jack Hanley Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018 *Paradise*, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *Constant as the Sun*, Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, Cleveland, OH
- 2012 *44th President*, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI
- 2011 *Venice Architecture Biennale*, Out There-Architecture Beyond Building, United States Exhibition, Into The Open: Positioning Practice, Venice, Italy
- 2004 *D'Troit*, Urbis Museum, Manchester, England
- 2003 *D'Troit*, GAS Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 *Artists Take On Detroit*, Detroit Institute of Arts, MI  
Centro de Memoria e Cultura dos Correios, Salvador da Bahia, Brazil  
*City Rhythms*, Pelham Art Center, Pelham, NY
- 1999 *Art in Embassies Program*, American Embassy, Ecuador

## SELECTED SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 1986-Present The Heidelberg Project, Detroit, MI

## SELECTED PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2017 The Times, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Monument Lab in conjunction with Mural Arts

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- 2015 Power to the People of Shenzhen, China, Bi-City Biennale of Urbanism/Architecture
- 2010 People in Motion, Los Angeles Metro, California
- 2008 Invisible Doors, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
- 2004 Singing for that Country, Sydney, Australia
- 2002 Tick Tock on the Spot, City of Detroit, Michigan

## **SELECTED AWARDS**

- 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from City of Detroit
- 2018 White Columns / Shoot The Lobster Award
- 2016 A Resolution to Declare December 2016 as Heidelberg Project Month in the State of Michigan, House of Representatives, State of Michigan, Lansing, MI
- 2015 Starr Commonwealth Art of Resilience Award for inspiring and mentoring young artists, Detroit, MI
- 2014 The American Institute of Architects Michigan's Balthazar Korab Award for excellence in Architecture at the Eli and Edith Broad Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2007 Joyce Foundation Award for Artists of color in major Great Lakes cities who strengthen cross cultural understanding by bringing diverse audiences together, Chicago, IL
- 2005 Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence, Cambridge, MA
- 2004 Great Places Award for excellence in urban design from the Environmental Research Association
- 1991 Artist of the Year Award from The State of Michigan, Governor John Engler
- 1991 Michiganiaan of the Year Award from the Detroit News
- 1989 Spirit of Detroit Award from the Detroit City Council in recognition of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to improving the quality of life
- 1989 David A. Harmond Award from the City of Detroit for people who live according to ten values that enhance the wellbeing of individuals, families, and the community

## **SELECTED ARTIST IN RESIDENCIES, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2015 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant for established visual artists
- 2011-2012 Invitation only artist residency at the Laurenz Haus Foundation, Basel, Switzerland
- 2009 Kresge Artist Fellowship, Kresge Arts in Detroit, Michigan

## **SELECTED PRESS**

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- 2022 Miller, M.H, "A Fashion Designer's First Home Collection Pays Homage to Haiti and New York," *T Magazine*  
Diehl, Travis, "What to See in N.Y.C. Galleries Right Now," *New York Times*, May 12  
Beddingfield, Duante, "Detroit presents medals to longtime arts figures in inaugural awards ceremony," *Detroit Free Press*, April 12
- 2021 Whitfield, Jenenne, "How Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project Helped Revitalize Detroit," *Freize*, April 19  
Bence, Sarah, "How a Detroit artist turned a crumbling city block into a sprawling public art project," *Roadtripper*, March 2
- 2020 Wyma, Chloe, "Tyree Guyton," *Artforum*, February
- 2019 Heinrich, Will, "New York Galleries: What to See Right Now," *The New York Times*, November 14  
Raymond, Katie, "The Heidelberg Project isn't going anywhere- its evolving," *NPR Michigan Radio*, August 1  
Groce, Nia, "How Emerging Initiatives are Highlighting Detroit's Evolving Arts Scene," *Hypebeast*, July 26  
Miller, M.H., "Tyree Guyton Turned a Detroit Street into a Museum. Why is he Taking it Down?," *The New York Times Magazine*, May 9
- 2018 "The Artists Everyone Talked about during Art Basel in Miami Beach," *Artsy*, December 7  
"Detroit's Famous Heidelberg Project Goes to the Beach," *Vulture*, December 5  
"Tyree Guyton's polka-dotted Heidelberg Project career enters its next phase," *Detroit Metro Times*, September 5  
"Tyree Guyton Wins 2018 White Columns / Shoot The Lobster Award," *Artforum*, February 2
- 2016 "The end, and a new beginning, for Detroit's iconic Heidelberg Project," *Detroit Free Press*, August 14
- 2015 "Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project Through The Years," *Detroit News*, February 20
- 2014 Hodges, Michael and Terek, Donna, "New Tyree Guyton Exhibition Forged by Fire," *Detroit News*, October 17  
Davey, Monica, "Fire in Detroit Destroys Canvas: Vacant Houses," *The New York Times*, April 3  
Fassinger, James, "Who is Burning Down Detroit's Famous Street Art?," *The Daily Beast*, March 14
- 2013 "Heidelberg Project is Under Attack," *News Genius*, December 19  
"Detroit's Heidelberg Project: A State-of-the-Art Cultural Village," *Examiner*, March 9
- 2012 "The Lord of the Dots," *America Journal*, Berlin, Germany, January
- 2011 Chiu, Lisa, "A Detroit Artist's Whimsical Beautification Project Spurs Urban Renewal," *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, December 4  
"Heidelberg Project Founder Tyree Guyton Heads for Europe as Art Marches On," *Examiner*, October 13  
Householder, Mike, "Noted Artist Fills City Block With Shoes," *Associated Press*, April 7  
"Four Mayors In, Detroit's Heidelberg Project Finally Gains Support," *Crain's Detroit Business*, March 23
- 2010 "Swiss Mission for Tyree Guyton," *Detroit News*, November 16  
Lagger, Helen, "Die Seele einer gebeutelten Stadt," *Berner Zeitung*, October 29  
Yablonsky, Linda, "Artists in Residence," *The New York Times*, September 22

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Hughes, Ivy, "Coloring Detroit," *Next American City*, August 30  
Walker, Rob, "Art as Security System," *The New York Times*, July 5  
Fras, Damir, "Der Traum von Detroit's Wiedergeburt," *Berliner Zeitung*, February 9, "Detroit's Blight Becomes Canvas for Artists," *Jet* (adapted from Associated Press), January 18

2009 Seno, Ethel, "Trespass: A History of Uncommissioned Urban Art," Hohenzollernring, Taschen  
**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

2014 May, Jamaal, Tyree Guyton's Caged Brain, Johns Hopkins University Press

2011 Shapiro, J.H., Magic Trash: A Story of Tyree Guyton and His Art (book), Charlesbridge Publishing  
2007 Whitfield, Jenenne, Connecting The Dots: Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project (book), Wayne State University Press

## **SELECTED DOCUMENTARIES**

1999 Come Unto Me, the Faces of Tyree Guyton. Emmy Award winning production

## **SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Charles Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI  
Daytona Museum of Arts and Sciences, Daytona Beach, FL  
Detroit Institute of Arts, MI  
Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Fresno Art Museum, CA  
Housatonic Museum of Art, Bridgeport, CT  
Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI  
NIU Art Museum, DeKalb, IL  
Perez Museum, Miami  
Studio Museum of Harlem, New York  
The University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ  
University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI  
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI