

Layr

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Education

- 2020 School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2020, Master of Fine Art,
Painting & Drawing
2017 School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Bachelor of Fine Art, Advanced
Painting

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 The Solemn and Dignified Burial Befitting My Beloved for All Seasons,
Greene Naftali, New York (US)
My Beloved for All Seasons, Hannah Hoffman Gallery, Los Angeles (US)
2024 The Solemn and Dignified, Kiang Malingue, Hong Kong (HK)
2023 My Beloved, Hannah Hoffman Gallery, Los Angeles (US)
The Solemn and Dignified Burial Befitting My Beloved for All Seasons,
Andräkirche Salzburg, organised by Layr, Salzburg (AT)
2022 The Solemn and Dignified Burial Befitting My Beloved for All Seasons,
Chapter NY Gallery, New York City, NY (US)
2021 The Solemn and Dignified Burial Befitting My Beloved for All Seasons,
Layr, Vienna (AT)
2020 The Sun Sinks, Soccer Club Club, Chicago, IL (US)
2019 Ode to Tazz, The Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI (US)
2017 In The Warmest Glance of the Sun, National Art Gallery of The Bahamas
(BS)
2014 Cygnus, Popopstudios ICVA, Nassau, Bahamas, curated by Heino Schmid (BS)

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 The Impermanent, Four Takes On The Collection, Museum of Modern Art,
Warsaw (PL)
Once Within a Time: 12th International, Site Santa Fe International
Biennial, Santa Fe (US)

- 2024 Butterflies, David Peter Francis, New York (US)
 Loose Threads, Bombon Projects, Barcelona (ESP)
 Arcadia and Elsewhere, James Cohan, New York City (US)
 Who Speaks for the Oceans?, Tarble Arts Center, Charleston (US)
 Songs for the Changing Seasons, Klima Biennale Wien, Vienna (AT)
 Pansori - a soundscape of the 21st century, 15th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju (KOR)
 Spangled Mind, Greene Naftali, New York (US)
 LUKOWA Art Collection Showcase, Lucerne (CH)
- 2023 Looking Back / The 12th White Columns Annual – Selected by Mary Manning, White Columns, New York (US)
 Flesh & Flowers - Made in America, curated by Lauren Taschen, No Name Creative Projects, Paris (FR)
- 2022 New Space Show, Layr, Vienna (AT)
 The Animal Within – Creatures in (and outside) the mumok Collection, mumok, Vienna (AT)
 that other world, the world of the teapot. tenderness, a model, Kestner Gesellschaft, Hanover (DE)
 Portals, Misako & Rosen, Tokyo (JP)
 Looking Back, White Columns, New York (NY)
 Alchemy & Cosmology, Fortnite Institute, New York (NY)
- 2021 AISTIT, coming to our senses - CHAPTER IV, Helsinki Festival, Kunsthalle Helsinki, Helsinki (FI)
 Fifteen Painters, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York City, NY (US)
 AISTIT / coming to our senses - Chapter III, Resonant bodies, KINDL, Centre for Contemporary Art, Berlin (DE)
 Lichtenfels Sculpture, Ruine Lichtenfels, Lichtenfels (AT)
- 2020 Various Others (Layr hosted by Sperling), Sperling, Munich (DE)
 Empathy Fatigue, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL (US)
- 2019 The Map is Not the Territory (Josh Dihle, Mika Horibuchi, Dominique Knowles, Robyn O’Niel, Ryan M Pfeiffer + Rebecca Walz and Nancy Spero) at Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL (US)
 With a Capital P: Selections by Six Painters, curated by Jose Lerma, Elmhurst, Chicago, IL (US)
 The Intuitive Language of an Extended Hand, at Julius Caesar, Chicago, IL (US) curated by Kate Sierzputowski
- 2018 Stretch Out the Cramp: A Drawing Survey from 2017, GreenDoor, Chicago, IL (US)
- 2017 House Warming, curated by The Condo Association, Chicago, IL (US)
 Übersee, curated by Holly Bynoe and Tonel. Halle 14, Leipzig (DE)
- 2016 Neo Global curated by Rachael Barrett. Art Basel, Miami Beach, FL (US)
 When The Sun Drowns In The Ocean, Popop Studios, Nassau (BS)
- 2015 Nassau Calling, curated by Amanda Coulson & Ulrich Voges. HilgerBROT Kunsthalle, Vienna (AT)
 Sightlines, Mild Climate, formerly The Packing Plant, Nashville, TN (US)
- 2014 Ne7 Antillean: An Ecology, National Art Gallery of The Bahamas, Nassau (BS)
 11 Strong, The Glass Bridge Gallery, Nassau, Bahamas, curated by John Cox (BS)
 Future Memories, 14°N 61°W, Fort-de-France, curated by Holly Bynoe (MTQ)
 Transforming Spaces: Water, Popopstudios, Nassau, curated by Dylan Rapillard (BS)
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- 2013 Transcendence (conversations with dom: Abstract Painting), Popopstudios, Nassau, co-curators Toby Lunn, Kendal Hanna & John Cox (BS)

Awards

2018-2020 New Artist Society Award, full scholarship, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 2014-2017 Recognition Merit Scholarship, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
 2013 Dean's List, Columbia College
 2012 Collegiate Presidential Inaugural Conference, Inauguration of Barack Obama
 2011 Winter Equestrian Festival
 S.F.H.J.A. Jr. Huntseat Medal Final
 Equestrian Global Young Leaders, Model United Nations
 2010-2012 Equestrian Sport Productions
 2009 S.F.H.J.A. Hunter Classic Champion, Equestrian

Film Festivals

2022 Monokino, Tahlequah, Oostende (BE)
 Kunstencentrum, Tahlequah, Buda (BE)
 Basel Film Parcours, Tahlequah, Basel (CH)
 2020 Vdrome, Tahlequah, curated by Andrea Lissoni
 2014 New Media, Trinidad & Tobago International Film Festival, curated by Holly Bynoe (TTO)
 2012 Bahamas International Film Festival, curated by Leslie Vanderpool (BS)

Residency

2019 The Suburban Walker's Point, Milwaukee, WI (US)
 2014 CRIT, Liquid Courage Gallery, Nassau, (BS)

Readings

2021 Mishkin Gallery: Critical Ecology on Film | Dominique Knowles in conversation with Professor David Gruber (US)
 2020 Dominique Knowles and Mari Eastman in Conversation, The Sun Sinks, Soccer Club Club, Chicago, IL (US)
 Dominique Knowles, Lena Henke & Megan Francis Sullivan in conversation with Stephanie Weber, Various Others (LAYR hosted by Sperling), Sperling, Munich (DE) (online)
 2019 Death Doula, w/ Lise Hallerbaggesen, Devin T. Mays, Danielle Rosen, Julius Caesar, Chicago, IL (US)
 garden/ruinate, by Eliza Myrie, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL (US)
 Ode to Tazz, poetry reading, The Green Gallery, Milwaukee, WI (US)
 2017 In The Warmest Glance of the Sun, with curator Holly Bynoe, NAGB, Nassau (BS)
 2013 Conversations with Dominique Knowles, Kendal Hanna, Toby Lunn, John Cox, Popop Studios, Nassau (BS)

Gallery Associate

2018 David Wojnarowicz: Flesh of My Flesh, Iceberg Projects "In a house, Tinted and Patterned": John Schacht and Queer Ornament, Iceberg Projects, Chicago, IL (US)
 A Laurie Palmer, Sensing Connection to the Time Left, Iceberg Projects, Chicago, IL (US)

2017 Hervé Guibert: How could it be otherwise?, Iceberg Projects, Chicago, IL (US)
Stack for Carrington's Hyena, Dani Leventhal & Sheilah Wilson, Iceberg Projects, Chicago, IL (US)

Curatorial

2017 Nandi (Parker Bright, Elijah Burgher, James Kerley, Rohan Khanna, Michael Madrigali, Anwar Mahdi, Ignacio María Manrique, Kaveri Raina, Ryan M Pfeiffer + Rebecca Walz, Caleb Yono), The Condo Association, Chicago, IL (US)

Selected Press

2023 TEXTE ZUR KUNST, Fielding The Necropastorial Exchange, Dominique Knowles at Hannah Hoffman Gallery, Los Angeles, Mark Pieterston
Carla, Contemporary Art Review, Horsepower: Rethinking the Equine in Contemporary Art, Isabella Miller
Elephant Art, This Painter's Ode to Intimacy and Loss Is Inspired by His Equestrian Love From Childhood, Meka Boyle
Die Presse, The Solemn and Dignified Burial Befitting My Beloved for All Seasons, Salzburgs Ausstellungen überspannen den Bogen, Almuth Spiegler

2021 LVL3, Artist of the Week: Dominique Knowles, Sam Dybeck
Frieze, The Best Exhibitions to See in Europe this Summer
Hyperallergic, A New Lunchtime Screening Series Delves Into Our Environmental Crisis, Dessane Lopez Cassell
PW Magazine, Weekly Essentials (June 7 - June 13)

2020 New American Paintings, MIDWEST #149, Juror: Henriette Huldish
Garage Magazine, Can a Painting of a Horse be a Metaphor for Queer Desire?, Samuel Anderson
The Seen Journal, Tensions of Access: Empathy Fatigue // Andrew Rafacz, Maggie Wong
Arts of the Working Class, Review: Various Others, María Inés Plaza Lazo
Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Ross, Nicht Reiter, Evelyn Vogel
Art Viewer, Various Others at SPERLING, Pia-Marie Remmers
Spike Art Magazine, On the Weekends that were - Munich, Zurich, and Berlin, Colin Lang
KubaParis, Various Others 2020: Lena Henke, Dominique Knowles, Megan Francis, Sullivan, Pia-Marie Remmers, Ulrich Gebert (Photography)
Parnass Magazine, Kompass Contemporary - Various Others München, Paula Watzl
FAZ Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, In München mit voller Kraft voraus, Brita Sachs

2019 Art Forum, online, Daniel R. Quiles,
Bad at Sports, podcast, Episode 710
Caribbean Art Initiative, Brian Fee & Albertine Kopp

2017 Sovereign / Beast (Condo Associations), Jeremy Biles Phd, September 2017
The Chicago Tribune, KT Hawbaker, July 27th 2017

2016 Studio Visit, by Keisha Oliver

2014 4 Questions, by Tessa Whitehead, August 20, 2014
The Nassau Guardian, "10 Questions", by Corinne Lampkin, July 19, 2014
Arc Magazine, "Cygnus: New Works by Dominique Knowles" by Holly Bynoe, June 19, 2014