



# DAVID ANTONIO CRUZ

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## Education

BFA, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
MFA in Painting and Printmaking, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT  
Skowhegan School for Painting and Sculpture

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *hauntme*, Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art at the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC (forthcoming)
- 2024 *come close, like before*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL  
*When the Children Come Home*, Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art and Storytelling, New York, NY; Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA (2023)
- 2023 *so you are back again, you are here, and we are here with you*, Galleria Poggiali, Milan, IT
- 2021 *icutfromthemiddletogetabetterslice*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *One Day I'll Turn the Corner and I'll Be Ready for it*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Wegivesomuchandyetgivenothing, paintings for Richard*, Residency Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Amillionlittlepieces*, Ramapo College Gallery, Mahwah, NJ
- 2017 *Butterfliesandvioletunicorns*, Delaware County Collage Gallery, Media, PA
- 2016 *For I Am—Or I Was, thereturnofthedirtyboys*, Gateway Projects Spaces, Newark, NJ
- 2015 *Alwaysagoodtime*, Momenta Arts, Brooklyn, NY
- 2013 *TAKEABITE, elduendealways travels...light*, Taller Puertorriqueño, Philadelphia, PA

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Portraits from the ICA Collection*, ICA Boston, Boston, MA
- 2024 *The Spanish Caribbean Body: Seeing America: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries*, Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ  
*[RE]POSE: Leisure Bodies and Empowered Postures*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS  
*Fragile Figures: Beings and Time*, 21c Museum Hotels, Bentonville, AR
- 2023 *Portrait as Place/Place as Portraiture*, Tufts University Art Galleries, Medford, MA  
*{Under}flow*, Zuckerman Museum, Kennesaw, GA  
*Something Beautiful: Reframing La Colección*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY  
*Queer is Love*, Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY; La MaMa Galleria, New York, NY  
*Felix Art Fair*, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 *New England Triennial 2022*, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA  
*Elegies: Still Lives in Contemporary Art*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA; Telfair Museums, Savannah, GA  
*A Place for Me: Figurative Painting Now*, Institute of Contemporary Art Boston, Boston, MA
- 2019 *Nobody Promised You Tomorrow*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY  
*Perilous Bodies*, Ford Foundation, New York, NY  
*Transamerica/n: Painting*, McNay Museum, San Antonio, TX

*The Outwin 2019: American Portraiture Today*, Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C

- 2018 *Mirror, Mirror*, Rutgers University, Paul Robeson Gallery, Newark, NJ  
*Oh, What a World! What a World!* Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Summit, NJ
- 2017 *Crafted Stranger*, Center for Craft, Creativity, and Design, Asheville, NC
- 2016 *Figure Form: New Acquisitions*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY  
*Look Up Here: I'm in Heaven*, BRIC, Brooklyn, NY

### **Selected Group Exhibitions (cont.)**

- 2015 *Portraiture Now*, National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM
- 2014 *Portraiture Now*, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian, Washington D.C
- 2012 *La Placita*, Islip Museum, Long Island, NY

### **Performances**

- 2023 *green,howiwantyougreen*, Poetry Foundation, Chicago, IL  
*green,howiwantyougreen*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 *The Least Orthodox Goddess IV*, Jenkin Johnson Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017 *Meca: green,howlwantyougreen*, The Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2016 *St. Croix Take Five: green,howlwantyougreen*, Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts, Frederiksted  
*green,howlwantyougreen*, Gateway Project Spaces, Newark, NJ  
*How to Order a Chocolate Cake*, BRIC, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015 *How to Order a Chocolate Cake*, The High Line Park, Art in Odd Places, New York, NY  
*green,howlwantyougreen*, Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, Staten Island, NY
- 2014 *The Piano Piece*, Longwood Gallery, Bronx, NY  
*Peterpiperwentupthehill*, Art in Odd Places, New York, NY
- 2013 *The Opera*, Performa 13, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY

### **Grants & Fellowships**

- 2018 Neubauer Faculty Fellowship, Boston, MA
- 2017-18 Queer Mentorship/Fellowship, New York, NY
- 2015-16 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Fellowship Grant Award, Madison, ME

### **Awards and Residencies**

- 2024 Visiting Artist, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass Village, CO
- 2018 Joan Mitchell Painting and Sculpture Award, New York, NY  
BRIC/Workspace Residency, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 Gateway Project Spaces, Newark, NJ
- 2015-16 LMCC Workspace Residency Program, New York, NY
- 2006 Artist in the Marketplace, Bronx Museum of the Arts, NY

### **Teaching**

- 2022-present Assistant Professor of Visual Arts, Columbia University School of the Arts, NY
- 2018 Assistant Professor of the Practice in Painting, School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University
- 2017-19 Adjunct Professor in Advanced Painting and Drawing, Montclair State University
- 2017 Adjunct Professor in Advanced Painting, Hunter College
- 2013-18 Adjunct Professor in Painting and Drawing, York CUNY College

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 Oliver, Angela. "Five Afro-Caribbean artist explore the body, family, identity, in {UNDER}flow," Arts ATL. October 2  
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 "Hyperallergics Fall 2023 New York Art Guide," Hyperallergic. September 1  
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 Esposito, Veronica. "'They don't come with rules': David Antonio Cruz celebrates queer chosen families," the Guardian. August 15  
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 Barragán, Carlos. "This is Who We Are: David Antonio Cruz," Columbia University School of the Arts. April 19  
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 Vogel, Wendy. "Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: After 50 Years After Stonewall", Art in America. June  
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 Norman, Lee Ann. "Takeabite", Bomb
- 2012 "Studio Magazine", Studio Museum in Harlem
- 2011 Norman, Lee Ann. "Come Flybabyboyfly with Me", ArtSlant
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 McClure, Diana. "Else at Jack Tilton", DaWire
- 2007 "Puerto Rican Queer Sexualities", El Centro Journal, Cover

## Public Collections

21c Museum Hotels, Louisville, KY  
 El Museo Del Barrio, New York, NY  
 Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX  
 Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  
 Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ  
 Pierce & Hill Harper Arts Foundation, Detroit, MI  
 The Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, OK  
 Tufts University, Medford, MA