# Sanford Biggers Biography

Sanford Biggers was born in Los Angeles in 1970. He lives and works in New York.

Sanford Biggers' work is an interplay of narrative, perspective, and history that speaks to current happenings while examining the contexts that bore them. His diverse practice positions him as a collaborator with the past through explorations of often-overlooked aesthetic, cultural, historical, and political narratives through his use of antique quilts and textiles, classical sculptures from around the world, sonic interventions, performances, and video.

Biggers describes his process as "conceptual patchworking," a method of transposing, combining, and juxtaposing ideas, forms, and genres that challenge traditional historiography, provenance, and official narratives to create artworks for a future ethnography.

Biggers has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including the Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship, Morehouse College's Bennie Trailblazer Award, the Guggenheim Fellowship, the 26th Heinz Award for the Arts, the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award, the 2017 Rome Prize in Visual Arts by the American Academy in Rome, among others. His work is included in the permanent collections of the Brooklyn Museum, New York; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Chicago; the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, among others.

#### Solo exhibitions

2025

2025 - Unsui (Cloud Forest), Brown University, Providence, USA

#### 2024

2024 - New Works, MASSIMODECARLO, Milano, I

#### 2023

- 2023 Oracle, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA
- 2023 re:mancipation, Chazen Museum of Art, Madison, USA
- 2023 Meet Me on the Equinox, Marianne Boesky, New York, USA
- 2023 Back to the Stars, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, USA
- 2023 Birdsong, MASSIMODECARLO Pièce Unique, Paris, F
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#### 2022

2022 - Patching Voyages, Salina Art Center, Salina, USA

2022 - Of many waters..., curated by Heidi Zuckerman, Orange County Museum of Art, Santa Ana, CA, USA

2022 - Unframed: Sanford Biggers, Commissioned by Arts Council New Orleans and The Helis Foundation, New Orleans, LA, USA

2021 - Contra/Diction, Scad Museum of Art, Savannah, USA

2021 - Sanford Biggers: Codeswitch, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, USA

2021 - Oracle, Rockefeller Center, New York, USA

2021 - Intersections: Sanford Biggers, The Phillips Collection, Washington, USA

#### 2020

- 2020 Codeswitch, Bronx Museum, New York, USA. Catalogue
- 2020 Soft Truths, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, USA

## 2019

2019 - Quadri Ed Angeli, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, USA

2019 - Chimeras, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, USA

## 2018

2018 - Just Us, For Freedoms, Charleston, USA

2018 - New Work, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, USA

2018 - Sanford Biggers, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, Traveled to Madison, WI, Chazen Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Medford, MA, Tufts University Art Gallery, Tufts University, St. Louis, USA

## 2017

2017 - Selah, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, USA 2017 - Sanford Biggers: Falk Visiting Artist, curated by Emily Stamey, Weatherspoon Art Museum, The University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, USA

#### 2016

2016 - New Monuments - Sanford Biggers: Laocoön, Cressman Center for Visual Art, Louisville, USA

2016 - New Work, Monique Meloche Projects, New York, USA

2016 - Mantra, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, USA

2016 - Subjective Cosmology, MOCAD, Detroit, USA

- 2016 NEW / NOW, New Britain Museum of American Art, Batchelor Gallery, New Britain, USA
- 2016 The pasts they brought with them, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, USA. Catalogue

## 2015

2015 - Matter, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, USA

#### 2014

2014 - 3 Dollars & 6 Dimes, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, USA

2014 - Vex, Baldwin Gallery, Aspen, USA

- 2014 Danpatsu, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, USA
- 2014 Shake, Shuffle, Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA
- 2014 Floating World, LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, New York, USA

## 2013

- 2013 Sugar, Pork, Bourbon, Massimo De Carlo, Milano, I
- 2013 Dark Star, Eric Firestone Gallery, New York, USA
- 2013 Ago, Monique Meloche, Chicago, USA
- 2013 Codex, VCUarts Anderson Gallery, Richmond, USA

#### 2012

2012 - Codex, Ringling Museum, Sarasota, USA

2012 - The Cartographer's Conundrum, MassMoCA, North Adams, USA

## 2011

2011 - Sweet Funk: An Introspective Survey, curated by Eugenie Tsai, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, USA. Catalogue

2011 - Cosmic Voodoo Circus, curated by Mary Ceruti, Sculpture Center, New York, USA

2011 - Performance Mixtape by Moon Medicine, Art Public at Art Basel, Miami, USA

2010 - Moon Medicine, Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara, USA. Catalogue

#### 2009

2009 - Constellation (Stranger Fruit), Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

2009 - Blossom, Portland Art Museum, Portland, USA

2009 - Peculiar Institutions, Solvent Space, Richmond, USA

## 2008

2008 - Sanford Biggers, D'Amelio Terras Gallery, New York, USA

## 2007

2007 - Blossom, Grand Arts, Kansas City, USA

2007 - Performance, The Somethin' Suite, Performa 07, New York, USA

## 2006

2006 - Freedom and Other Seldom Travelled Roads, Mary Goldman Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2006 - Notions, Kenny Schachter Rove, London, UK

2006 - Cosmic Conundrum, UCLA Fowler Museum, Los Angeles, USA

2006 - Performance, The Warsaw Pack(ed), Zacheta Gallery of National Art, Warsaw, PL

## 2005

2005 - The Afronomical Way, Centre for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, PL 2005 - New Work, Triple Candie, New York, USA

#### 2004

2004 - Sanford Biggers, Mary Goldman Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2004 - Both/And Not Either/Or, Contemporary Art Center Cincinnati, Cincinnati, USA

### 2002

2002 - Afro Temple, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, USA. Catalogue

2002 - Psychic Windows, Matrix Gallery, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, USA

2002 - Creation/Dissipation, Trafo Art Space, Budapest, H

#### 2000

2000 - Performance, Mandala of the B-Bodhisattva, Bronx Community College OM, Full Serve, New York, USA

2000 - Performance, The Art of Breaking, Downtown Arts Festivals, New York, USA

#### 1998

1998 - Performance, Slam, CBGB's, New York, USA

- 1998 Performance, Communication Breakdown, Gallery 2, Chicago, USA
- 1998 Performance, Dark Magus, CBGB's, New York, USA

## 1997

1997 - Performance, Cane Song Cycles, Sculpture Center, New York, USA

#### Group exhibitions

#### 2025

2025 - Desert X, Coachella Valley, Palm Springs, USA

2025 - Half a Life. Forms of Work in Art and History, Museum unter Tage, Bochum, D

#### 2024

2024 - Unravel: The Power and Politics of Textiles in Art, Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK

2024 - Unravel: The Power and Politics of Textiles in Art, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, NL

2024 - Line & Thread: Prints and Textiles from the 1600s to the Present, New York Public Library, New York, USA

2024 - Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st-Century Art and Poetics, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2024 - Signal, Rema Hort Mann Foundation, New York, USA

2024 - The Shape of Power: Stories of Race and American Sculpture, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC, USA

#### 2023

2023 - Democracy Collection: Advocacy through Art, curated by The United States Embassy in Portugal and Art in Embassies Program, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, P

2023 - Seeing Stars, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture, Charlotte, NC, USA 2023 - Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st Century Art and Poetics, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA

2023 - Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, USA

2023 - Thread Routes, MASSIMODECARLO, London, UK

2023 - In Brilliant Light, Wereldmuseum Leiden, Leiden, NL

## 2022

2022 - Temporary Atlas, Gallerie delle Prigioni, Treviso, I. Catalogue

2022 - The Art of Anxiety: Race, Sexuality and Disorder in Victorian Sculpture, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds, UK

2022 - Codeswitch, Speed Art Museum, Louisville, USA

2022 - The Colour of Anxiety: Race, Sexuality and Disorder in Victorian Sculpture, Henry Moore Foundation, Much Hadham, UK

2022 - Temporary Atlas: mapping the self in the art of today, Mostyn, Llandudno, UK

2022 - Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories, Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, USA

2022 - Heroic Bodies, Rudolph Tegners Museum, Dronningmølle, DN

2022 - (Still) Sculpturally Distanced, curated by Meriwether McClorey, Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO, USA

2022 - Art Basel Hong Kong, Hong Kong Convention Center, Hong Kong, PRC

2022 - West Bund Art & Design, Shanghai, PRC

## 2021

2021 - Black Art: in the Absence of Light, HBO Documentary, HBO

2021 - Garmenting: Costume and Contemporary Art, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA

2021 - ECLIPSE, Athens Biennale 7th Edition, Athens, GR

2021 - Artists For NYC, Hauser & Wirth, New York, USA

2021 - Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, USA

2021 - Mandala Lab - Where Emotions Can Turn to Wisdom, The Rubin Museum Of Art, New York, USA

## 2020

2020 - Flag Project, Rockefeller Center, New York, USA

2020 - Uptown, Wallach Art Gallery, New York, USA

2020 - High Anxiety, 22 London from the collection of Hedy Fischer and Randy Shull, Asheville, USA

2020 - Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, USA

2020 - Feedback, Jack Shainman Gallery, Hudson, NY, USA

2020 - Barring Freedom, travels to Mary Porter Sesnon Art Gallery, UC, Santa Cruz (October 2020) and San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA (October 2020), Shiva Gallery, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY, Curated by Rachel Nelson and Alexandra Moore (April 2021), USA

2020 - In Plain Sight, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, USA

2020 - Riffs and Relations: African American Artists and the European Modernist Tradition, The Phillips Collection, Washington D.C., USA

2020 - Duro Olowu: Seeing Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, USA

2020 - Say It Loud, The Denison Museum, Granville, USA

## 2019

2019 - Get up, stand up now, Somerset House, London, UK

2019 - Figuring the Floral, Wave Hill Cultural Center, New York, USA

2019 - Henzel Studio Collaboration, THE NEW Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2019 - Less is a Bore; Maximalist Art and Design, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, USA

2019 - Interchanges: Cross-Collection Conversations, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, USA

2019 - I Am Hip To My Hop. I Know Why I Move, Het HEM Museum, Amsterdam, NL

2019 - America Will Be! Surveying the Contemporary Landscape, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, USA

2019 - Can't Be Greedy... You gotta take some, and leave some, Het HEM Museum, Amsterdam, NL

2019 - In Plain Sight, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, USA

2019 - The Academic Body, American Academy, Roma, USA. Catalogue

2019 - Lines of Fracture, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, USA

2019 - Messengers: Artists as Witnesses, University of New Hampshire Museum of Art, Durham, USA 2019 - 20 and Odd: The 400 Year Anniversary of 1619, LeRoy Neiman Print Center Gallery, Columbia University, New York, USA

2019 - Unbroken Current, Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, USA

## 2018

2018 - International Contemporary Art Exhibition: Armenia 2018 (ICAE2018), Cafesjian Center for the Arts; Aram Khachaturian Museum; Armenian National Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet; Artists Union of Armenia; Hay Art Cultural Center; Armenian Center for Contemporary Experimental Art, Yerevan, AM

## 2017

2017 - Talking Pictures: Camera-Phone Conversations between Artists, The Met Breuer, New York, USA 2017 - Maker, Maker, curated by Paul Laster and Renee Ricardo, Children's Museum of the Arts New York, New York, USA

2017 - Person of the Crowd: The Contemporary Art of Flânerie, The Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, USA

## 2016

2016 - Broken Flag, Iceberg Projects, Chicago, USA

2016 - Draw: Mapping Madness, curated by Tomas Vu, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, USA

2016 - Africans in America, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, ZA

2016 - Hateful Things | Resilience, DePree Arts Center & Gallery, Hope College, Holland, USA

2016 - The Freedom Principle: Experiments in Art and Music, 1965 to Now, curated by Naomi Beckwith and Dieter Roelstraete, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, USA

2016 - Sanford Biggers & Ebony G. Patterson, moniquemelocheLES, New York, USA

2016 - Fresh Cuts, Eric Firestone Gallery, Easthampton, USA

2016 - Underlying Patterns, Deborah Ronnen Fine Art, Rochester, USA

2016 - All Tomorrow's Parties, Hathaway David Contemporary, Atlanta, USA

2016 - Commissions from Performa's Archives, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

2016 - The Nest, An Exhibition of Art in Nature, The Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, USA

## 2015

2015 - Piece by Piece, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, USA

2015 - The Freedom Principle, The Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, USA

2015 - SAIC 150th Anniversary Show, Sullivan Galleries, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA

2015 - Sanford Biggers & Xaviera Simmons, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, USA

2015 - She Sells Sea Shells By The Sea Shore, Eric Firestone Gallery, New York, USA

2015 - Bring in the Reality, Nathan Cummings Foundation, New York, USA

2015 - Wild Noise: Artwork from The Bronx Museum of the Arts and El Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, The Bronx Museum, New York, USA

2015 - POP Stars! Popular Culture and Contemporary Art, 21c Durham, Durham, USA

2015 - Inaugural Exhibition, Mémorial ACTe, Pointe a Pitre, GP

2015 - New Ways of Seeing: Cultural Hybridity and Aesthetic Liberty, curated by Jan Castro, Dorsky Gallery, New York, USA

2015 - Respond, Smack Mellon Studios, New York, USA

2015 - Constructed Histories, David B. Smith Gallery, Denver, USA

## 2014

2014 - Camera as Release, JP Morgan Chase Collection at Paris Photo, Paris, F

2014 - The Moment. The Backdrop. The Persona., Girls' Club, Fort Lauderdale, USA

2014 - Unbound: Contemporary Art After Frida Kahlo, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, USA

2014 - The Freedom Principle, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, USA

2014 - Metabolic Bodies, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, USA

2014 - Black Eye, curated by Nicola Vassell, 57 Walker Street, New York, USA

2014 - Draw: Mapping Madness, curated by Thomas Vu, Out Art Museum, Beijing, PRC

2014 - New Bed, Krowswork Gallery, Oakland, USA 2014 - Los Angeles Nomadic Division's Manifest Destiny Billboard Project, Los Angeles Nomadic Division, New Orleans, USA 2014 - Two Moons on the Shore, a Wind-Up Bird in Norwegian Wood: Haruki Murakami and

Contemporary Art, Contemporary by Golconda, Tel Aviv, IL

## 2013

2013 - Nu Age Hustle, Momenta Art, New York, USA

2013 - Missed Connection, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, USA

2013 - Serious Laughs: Art Politics, Humor, curated by Daniel Mason, Ulster Performing Arts Center, New York, USA

2013 - Wayfarer, Picture Windows in collaboration with Hank Willis Thomas, International Center for Photography, New York, USA

2013 - Strut Your Stuff, curated by Ina Wudtke, HAU 1 Hebbel an Ufer, Berlin, D

2013 - Rehearsals, Savannah College of Art and Design Museum of Art, Savannah, USA

2013 - Soft Pictures, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Torino, I. Catalogue

2013 - The Shadows Took Shape, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA

2013 - Americana, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, USA

## 2012

2012 - 8 Sculpture, Paula Cooper Gallery, New York, USA

2012 - Dark Flow Lurking, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, USA

2012 - A small world, The Jewish Museum, New York, USA

2012 - Trasmission LA: AV Club, Geffen Contemporary at MoCA, Los Angeles, USA

2012 - African American Art Since 1950: Perspectives from the David C. Driskell Center, David C. Driskell Center, College Park, USA

2012 - Contemporary Mandala: New Audiences, New Forms, Emory University Visual Art Gallery, Atlanta, USA

2012 - Exhibition for Ambassador John V. Roos, US Embassy in Tokio, Tokio, J

2012 - Performance, Mixtape by Moon Medicine, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA

## 2011

2011 - The Bearden Project, Studio Museum Harlem, New York, USA

2011 - 15 x 15, Rush Arts Gallery, New York, USA

2011 - Black Sound, curated by Ina Wudtke e Dieter Lesage, White Cube, Kunstquartier Benthanien, Berlin, D

2011 - Stargazers: Elizabeth Catlett in Conversation with 21 Contemporary Artists, Bronx Museum of Arts, New York, USA

2011 - Infinite Mirror, Syracuse University Art Galleries, Syracuse, USA

2011 - Sweetcake Enso, Village Zendo, New York, USA

2011 - Performance, Moon Medicine, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, USA

# 2010

2010 - 2010: Searching for the Heart of Black Identity, KMAC Contemporary Art Museum, Louisville, USA

2010 - Grains of Emptiness, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, USA

2010 - Signs of Life: Ancient Knowledge in Contemporary Art, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Luzern, CH

2010 - Resurrectine, Feldman Gallery, New York, USA

2010 - Reflection, Nathan A. Bernstein Gallery, New York, USA

2010 - Dead or Alive, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA

2010 - Who are you close to, Jane Kim / thrust projects, New York, USA

2010 - Progress Reports - Art in an Age of Diversity, Iniva, London, UK

2010 - Spirit Up! Event Notation and the Invocation of Spirit in Contemporary Art, CCS Bard, New York, USA

2010 - Performance, Forum Lounge: Sanford Biggers, Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara, USA

#### 2009

2009 - Dress Codes: Clothing as Metaphor, curated by Barbara Bloemink, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, USA

2009 - 30 Seconds Off an Inch, curated by Naomi Beckwith, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA 2009 - Americana, curated by Frank Wagner, New Society for Fine Arts, Berlin, D

2009 - Passages, Revisiting Histories: Sanford Biggers and Andrea Geyer & Simon J. Ortiz, curated by

Niels von Tomme, Lambent Foundation, New York, USA

2009 - Jack Wolgin Competition Finalists, Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA 2009 - Carnival Within, curated by Uta Grundmann, Sabine Russ e Gregory Volk, Uferhalle, Berlin, D 2009 - Hidden Cities, curated by Christian Marclay, Stephen Vittielo and Perrgrine Arts, Philadelphia, USA

2009 - Performance, Stranger Fruit, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

#### 2008

2008 - Prospect 1: US Biennial, Old US Mint, New Orleans, USA

2008 - Nippon in Black, Doshisha University, Kyoto, J

2008 - Unknown Pleasures, Aspen Museum of Art, Aspen, USA

2008 - Into the Trees, Art Omi, New York, USA

2008 - Shuffle, Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart, D

2008 - NeoHooDoo: Art for a Forgotten Faith, Menil Collection, Houston, USA

## 2007

2007 - For the Love of the Game: Race and Sports, curated by Franklin Sirmans e Rehema Barber, The Amistad Center for Art & Culture at the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, Hartford, USA

2007 - Illuminations, curated by Lucy Askew e Ben Borthwick, Tate Modern, London, UK

2007 - 3 Day Museum, Okinawa Museum, Okinawa, J

2007 - Performa 07, The Performance Art Biennial, New York, USA

2007 - Pretty Baby, Modern Art Museum, Fort Worth, USA

2007 - Black Light/White Noise, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, USA

2007 - Intelligent Design, Momenta, New York, USA

2007 - Urbanity, Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart, D

2007 - Paradise & Inferno: The Post Millennial Black Madonna, MoCADA & Skylight, New York, USA

2007 - MANUAL cc: Instructions for Beginners and Advanced Players, Kronika Gallery, Bytom, PL

## 2006

2006 - New York, Interrupted, PKM Gallery, Beijing, PRC

2006 - The Black Moving Cube: Black Figuration & The Moving Image, The Tate Britain, London, UK

2006 - Fountains, D'Amelio Terras, New York, USA

2006 - Twisted Roots, WPA/ Corcoran & DCAC, Washington DC, USA

2006 - Everybody Dance, The Elizabeth Foundation of the Arts Art Rock, Rockerfeller Center, New York, USA

2006 - Black Alphabet, Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw, PL

2006 - The Dalai Lama Portrait Project: The Missing Peace, The 100 for Tibet, Art Rock - Rockfeller Center, New York, USA

## 2005

2005 - D'Afrique d'Asie, Ethan Cohen Fine Arts, New York, USA

2005 - Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970, curated by Valerie Cassel, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, USA

2005 - The Here and Now, curated by Hamza Walker, The Renassaince Society, University of Chicago, Chicago, USA

## 2004

2004 - Join Us (Calls of Ecstasy from the Edge of Oblivion), Grand Arts, Kansas City, USA

#### 2003

2003 - Somewhere Better Than This Place, Contemporary Art Center Cincinnati, Cincinnati, USA 2003 - Black President: The Art and Legacy of Fela Kuti, curated by Trevor Schoonmaker, New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, USA

2003 - Shuffling the Deck, Princeton Museum of Art, Princeton, USA

2003 - The Commodification of Buddhism, curated by Lydia Yee, Bronx Museum, New York, USA

2003 - Black Belt, curated by Christine Kim, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA

#### 2002

2002 - Whitney Biennial 2002, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA

2002 - Family, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, USA

2001 - Freestyle, curated by Thelma Golden, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA

2001 - One Planet Under a Groove, Bronx Museum, New York, USA

2001 - Zoning, curated by Sofia Hernandez-Choy e Tumelo Musaka, The Project, New York, USA

2001 - Altoid's Curiously Strong Collection, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

2001 - Rapper's Delight, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, USA

## 2000

2000 - Full Service, Kenny Schachter, New York, USA

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### 2021

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Cascone, Sarah. "Artist Sanford Biggers Explains How Our Misunderstandings of Classical Sculpture Inspired His Rockefeller Center Takeover", *Artnet*, May 2021.

Scott, Chadd. "A Face Not Seen Before: Sanford Biggers 'Lady Interbellum' At SCAD Museum Of Art", *Forbes*, March 2021.

#### 2020

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Crawford, Amy. "Sanford Biggers' Quilts Carry Secret Messages", *Smithsonian Magazine*, September 2020.

Lloyd-Smith, Harriet. "Sanford Biggers is weaving new narratives into American history", *Wallpaper*, September 10, 2020.

Mitter, Siddhartha. "Cracking Codes With Sanford Bigger", *The New York Times*, 14th August 2020. Rodney, Seph. "In His New Works, Sanford Biggers Finds a Future Ethnography", *Hyperallergic*, 8th September 2020.

Tauer, Kristen. "First Survey of Sanford Biggers' Quilts on View at Bronx Museum", *Wwd*, September 10, 2020.

## 2019

Schneider, Tim. "'It Allows Them All to Freak Out': Artist Sanford Biggers on Collaborating With Visionary Musicians to Form an 'Afrofuturist Boy Band'", *Artnet*, April 2019.

#### 2018

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Laster, Paul. ""Dubbed "Under-Sung" by the New Yorker, Sanford Biggers is on a Roll", *Garage (VICE)*, February 2018.

## 2017

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"Akademie X, "Lessions in Art + Life" ", *Phaidon Press*, February 2015.

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#### 2014

"In Conversation with Sanford Biggers and Robb Pruitt", Art South Africa, June 2014.

"Miami Galleries are Jammed with Noteworthy Exhibitions", *The Miami Herald*, June 2014.

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Hirsch, Faye. "Sanford Biggers: Floating World", Art in Print, January/February 2014.

Lohr, Nikki. "Moon Medicin at Neuehouse", Gallerist/New York Observer, June 2014.

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