

Justin Allen

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Education

- 2023 MFA: Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2014 BA: The New School, New York, NY

Performances

- 2023 *Activation* - Ash Arder's Whoop House, Heatwaves Festival, Amant, Brooklyn, NY. August 11, 2023.
Foot Vox, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT. March 6 and 10, 2023.
Dweller techno festival, Paragon, Brooklyn, NY. February 25, 2023.
- 2022 *Frequency* with Yulan Grant and Ian Andrew Askew, Chocolate Factory Theater, Queens, NY. March 25-26, 2022.
- 2021 *Tapping My Toes*, Chocolate Factory Theater, Queens, NY. June 27, 2021.
- 2020 *Drums* with Savannah Harris, Chocolate Factory Theater (live stream), Queens, NY. October 15, 2020.
Bass with Taja Cheek, Chocolate Factory Theater (live stream), Queens, NY. October 8, 2020.
Guitar with S*an D. Henry-Smith, ISSUE Project Room (recorded), Brooklyn, NY. October 1, 2020.
Call with Yulan Grant and S*an D. Henry-Smith, The Shed (remote). June 28, 2020.
- 2019 *Explain Totality (version 7)*, JACK, Brooklyn, NY. November 15-16, 2019.
Explain Totality (version 4), The Shed, New York, NY. August 15, 2019.
Explain Totality (version 5), BAAD! Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance, Bronx, NY. June 14, 2019.
Collaboration with Devin Kenny, *A Night with Eric N. Mack and Friends*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY. April 4, 2019.
- 2018 Collaboration with Devin Kenny, *Fantastic Voyage*, Performance Space New York, New York, NY. December 14, 2018.
Explain Totality (version 3), *Camilo Godoy: Out of Control*, Recess, Brooklyn, NY. November 30, 2018.
Explain Totality (version 3), Movement Research, Judson Church, New York, NY. October 22, 2018.
Explain Totality (version 2), *Queer Trash: the Symposium*, ISSUE Project Room, Brooklyn, NY. September 22, 2018.
Beach Letter, Boffo Performance Festival, Fire Island Pines, NY. August 12, 2018.
What Are Our Questions? with Bleue Liverpool and Troizel Carr, Artists Space, New York, NY. March 22, 2018.
- 2017 *Explain Totality (version 2)*, Queer Abstract, Brooklyn, NY. September 15, 2017.
Explain Totality (version 1), Papi Juice, Brooklyn, NY. August 10, 2017.
Explain Totality (version 1), *One Last Ship*, Brooklyn, NY. June 17, 2017.
- 2014 *CLOUD*, with Yulan Grant, *Ur Head Is Mind*, AC Institute, New York, NY. August 14, 2014.

Studio Recordings

- 2022 *Ekphrastic Punk EP* with Black Boots, released March 4, 2022.
blackbootsband.bandcamp.com/album/ekphrastic-punk

Published Writing

- 2021 *Language Arts*, Common Field and Center for Afrofuturist Studies Convening 2021 publication.
Explain Totality (version 8), Movement Research Performance Journal, Issue #55, Spring 2021.
- 2020 Three poems, Dreginald, Issue Twenty, September 8, 2020.
Three poems, Tagvverk. May 13, 2020. tagvverk.info/2020/05/13/justin-allen/
The Memive, Lambda Literary. April 15, 2020. lambdaliterary.org/2020/04/lgbtq-archives/
- 2019 *The Archive: The Journal of the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art*, No. 67, Riya Lerner and Gonzalo Casals, eds.
- 2018 *a black boy skirts the mosh pit, excerpts*, Lateral Addition, Spring 2018. lateraladdition.org
Deadlines and Divine Distractions, Number Five. February 2018. divinedeadlines.com
NUNATS NEN-TUK NUTAKS DIPA (THE WRONG VOICE IS COMING OUT OF YOU): nak kēn ! skans in collaboration with Devin Kenny, *unbag, Issue 2: End*. January 2018.
- 2017 *Jonathan Lyndon Chase*, *The Archive: The Journal of the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art*, No. 61, Tom Saettel, ed.
- 2016 *In Time: On the Work of Yulan Grant, niv Acosta, and Jacolby Satterwhite*, *The Archive: The Journal of the Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art*, No. 59, Tom Saettel, ed.
- 2015 *Lace Parts*, ARTS.BLACK. November 4, 2015. bit.ly/2FCWalt
DC, Almost, THE TENTH ZINE ISSUE no. 2, Khary Septh, ed. (Brooklyn, NY: Pink Rooster Studio, 2015)
- 2014 *The Banal and the Profane: Justin Allen*, Lambda Literary. November 23, 2014. bit.ly/1NsJfGC
Wendy S. Walters: Interview, Mosaic Literary Magazine. November 22, 2014. bit.ly/1uC4sQX
The Firstborn of the Black Atlantis, Bureau of General Services – Queer Divisions' Future Perfect, Andrew Durbin, ed. (Publication Studio, 2014): 65-70.

Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *Liquidator: 1/2 of Yale Sculpture MFA '23*, Helena Anrather, New York, NY
Cousins, Yale Afro-American Cultural Center, New Haven, CT
Liquidator: Yale Sculpture MFA Thesis Exhibition, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2022 *Brought It Home: A Continuum*, Yale Afro-American Cultural Center, New Haven, CT
- 2021 *Fall 2021 First-Year MFA Show: Action Required*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
1-844-NOT-ZOOM, Vol. 7, Institute for Contemporary Art at Virginia Commonwealth University (remote)
OMNISCIENT: Queer Documentation in an Image Culture, Leslie-Lohman Museum, New York, NY

- LEAN, Kunsthall Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway
- 2020 LEAN, Performa (remote)
- 2018 *Here & Not Yet: The 2017-2018 Queer|Art|Mentorship Annual*, The LGBT Center, New York, NY

Readings

- 2021 Segue Reading Series, Artists Space, New York, NY. December 4, 2021.
Never Created, Never Destroyed, White Columns (remote), January 26, 2021.
here I am again (remote), January 24, 2021.
- 2020 *In Company With: Home-o-Erotic*, Company Gallery (remote), April 9, 2020.
- 2019 *Nomad Readings with Sean D. Henry-Smith and Justin Allen*, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY. October 5, 2019.
Open Mic with American Artist & Justin Allen, The New School, New York, NY. September 13, 2019.
- 2018 *Here & Not Yet: Time-Based Art Showcase*, LGBT Center, New York, NY. November 16, 2018.
Brown Paper Zine and Small Press Fair, Barnard Hall, New York, NY. July 1, 2018.
In Some Far Place, Many Light Years in Space, I'll Wait for You, Cubitt Artists, London, UK. May 5, 2018.
Typhoon coming on: An evening with Sondra Perry, Justin Allen, Sable Elyse Smith and Diamond Stingily, Serpentine Sackler Gallery, London, UK. April 6, 2018.
Queer B-Cademy, Kampnagel, Hamburg, Germany. February 21-23, 2018.
unbag Issue 2: End Launch Party, Printed Matter, Inc., New York, NY. January 11, 2018.
- 2017 Readings organized by Pati Hertling, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, NY. September 14, 2017.
The Center for Afrofuturist Studies Presents: Justin Allen, Public Space One, Iowa City, IA. August 18, 2017.
A. K. Burns's Listening Party: Poetry and Record Release for Leave No Trace, New Museum, New York, NY. April 20, 2017.
Justin Allen, Rin Johnson, Diamond Stingily, Deborah Willis, Artists Space, New York, NY. February 21, 2017.
Justin Allen & Diamond Stingily, The Poetry Project, New York, NY. January 27, 2017.

Residencies

- 2020 ISSUE Project Room, Brooklyn, NY
- 2017 Center for Afrofuturist Studies, Iowa City, IA

Grants, Commissions

- 2022 Chocolate Factory Theater, 2022 Season Commission, New York, NY
- 2021 Jerome Hill Finalist Grant
- 2020 The Shed Up Close Commission, New York, NY
- 2019 2019-20 Franklin Furnace Fund Grant

The Shed Open Call Commission, New York, NY
2018 Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grant

Fellowships

2022 Yale Department of African American Studies Teaching Fellow, New Haven, CT
Yale Schwarzman Center Digital Media Fellow, New Haven, CT
2021 Yale Center for Collaborative Arts and Media Studio Fellow, New Haven, CT
2017 2017-2018 Queer | Art Fellow, New York, NY

Awards

2012 Second Place, The Vera List New School Art Collection Writing Awards, New York, NY
2010 National Silver Medal, Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards of 2010, New York, NY

Panels, Talks

2024 Artist talk, SUNY Purchase MFA students (remote). January 26, 2024.
2023 *PW Broadcast Presents: Queer Punks*, Pioneer Works, Brooklyn, NY. December 10, 2023.
2021 *Justin Allen in Conversation with Pamela Sneed*, Leslie-Lohman Museum of Art (remote), October 1, 2021.
Artist talk, Whitney Museum Teen Program (remote). July 7, 2021.
Artist talk, Drexel University (remote). May 12, 2021.
Artist talk, University of Cincinnati (remote). March 19, 2021.
2020 *Engaging LGBTQ+ Communities in Relevant and Sustainable Ways*, New York City Museum Educators Roundtable Annual Conference (remote). May 11, 2020.
2019 *What We Say and How We Say It: Audio and Verbal Description that Consider Social and Historical Context*, New York City Museum Educators Roundtable, Columbia University. May 13, 2019.
Artist talk, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. April 22-24, 2019.
Artist talk, Cooper Union, New York, NY. April 17, 2019.
2018 Queer Trash: the Symposium, ISSUE Project Room, Brooklyn, NY. September 22, 2018.
2016 International James Baldwin Conference 2016, American University, Paris, France. May 27, 2016.
2015 Social Medium: Art-Making with Social Media, a Conversation with Yulan Grant and Camilo Godoy (moderator), CUE Art Foundation, New York, NY. September 29, 2015.
Studio Squared: Zine Workshop, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY. February 5, 2015.

Press

2021 Peter Libbey, "Chocolate Factory Announces First Season at Its New Home" New York Times. August 27, 2021. [nyti.ms/3gFfJmu](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/27/arts/dance/chocolate-factory.html)
Siobhan Burke, "A Celebratory and Scrappy Farewell (and Hello) in Queens" New York Times. June 30, 2021. [nyti.ms/3qEqyZs](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/30/arts/dance/chocolate-factory.html)

- Heather Jones, "This Was Not Made for You" Texte Zur Kunst. June 2021. bit.ly/3ivheFx
Art in America. May/June 2021.
- Art Gallery Shows to See Right Now, New York Times. March 3, 2021. nyti.ms/3bi6Tsh
- 2020 Daily News, Poets & Writers. April 16, 2020. bit.ly/3epBDqV
- 2019 Coming up today, New York Times. August 15, 2019. nyti.ms/2HcJIQJ
- 2017 Jack Fossett, "Queer | Art Announces 11 LGBTQ Fellows For Annual Mentorship Program" Out. October 9, 2017. bit.ly/2zdC0Ae
- 2016 Antwaun Sargent, "Can a New Website Save Black Arts Criticism?" The Creators Project. January 13, 2016. bit.ly/2c6hEhp
- 2015 Cassandra Alcide, "Zine Culture: Better Than Blogs?" Swagger: New York. August 24, 2015.

Professional Experience

- 2023- Communications and Marketing Coordinator, Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, CT
- 21-23 Gallery Teacher, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 17-21 Assistant to Access and Community Programs, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- 2016 Technical Director, BAAD! Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance, Bronx, NY
- 2015 Programs Assistant, CUE Art Foundation, New York, NY
- 2014 Programs Fellow, Creative Time, New York, NY
- 2013 Public Programs and Community Engagement Intern, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY