



VAGINAL DAVIS

1969 Born in Los Angeles
Lives and works in Berlin

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 Come On Daughter Save Me, INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, New York
The Magic Flute, 80SWE, NYU, New York
Bring Your Own Body, Cooper Union, New York
Flirtation Walk-The Ho Stroll, Rod Bianco Gallery, Nada Art Fair, Miami, FL
Spring Awakening, Etherington Art Gallery, Kingston, Ontario
Key Figures, Adams & Ollman Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2014 All Things Yayoi Kusama First Lady of the Polka Dot, Lamp Gallery, Sheros, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 HAG, Participant Inc., New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 Clifford Owens, INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, New York
Key Figures, Adams & Ollman, Portland, OR
- 2014 Group Exhibition, Lamp Gallery, Sheros, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 Nu Age Hustle, Momenta Art, Brooklyn, NY
Vaginal Davis & The Philadelphia Wireman, Adams & Ollman, Portland, OR
- 2012 Bloodyminded, curated by INVISIBLE-EXPORTS, The Wye, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 Stuart Sherman: Nothing Up My Sleeve, curated by Jonathan Berger, Participant Inc., New York
- 2009 SMELL IT!, curated by Dietmar Schwärzler, Kunsthalle Exnergasse, Vienna, Austria
RE:akt! | reconstruction, re-enactment, re-reporting, curated by Domenico Quaranta, National Museum of Contemporary Art Bucharest, Romania also at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art Rijeka, Croatia
Spill Performance Festival, London also at Peter Scott Gallery, Lancaster University, UK
- 2008 The Way That We Rhyme, curated by Taraneh Hemami, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 Womanizer, curated by Julie Atlas Muz and Kembra Pfahler, Deitch Projects, New York
- 2006 Chinese Synthese Leberkase, Kunsthaus Bregenz, Austria
Not For Sale, New York University, New York
- 2005 Founders Day: Jack Smith and the Work of Reinvention, New York
- 2004 Fade (1990-2003): A Survey of African American Artists Working in Los Angeles, curated by Malik Gaines, Craft & Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Visions of Excess and the Philosophy of Gifts-A Tribute to George Bataille, Akisoma Institute of Contemporary Art Kodali Castle, Ljubjana, Slovenia
- 2002 Queer(ing) Warhol: Examining Andy Warhol's Queer(ed) Performances, Riverside, CA 2001 Beyond Origins, Hellenic American Union, Athens, GR
- 2000 Large Format Poloroids, Thread Waxing Space, New York
- 1998 Fluxus Tribute Beck & Al Hensen: Playing With Matches, Thread Waxing Space, New York
Outfest Gay & Lesbian Film Festival at Directors Guild, Los Angeles, CA
- 1996 Nirvana: Capitalism & the Consumed Image Series, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA

PERFORMANCES

- 2015:
- The Magic Flute, 80 Wye Gallery NYC Nov 2015
 - Queer Lisboa/African Diaspora Lisbon July 2015
 - Come On Daughter Save Me -Invisible Exports Gallery New York City, Nov 2015
 - Afri Papi, DiasporaFestival Internacional de Cinema Queer Queer Lisboa, July 5, 2015
 - Twee & Sympathy Utopias Art Festival/Turbines Curatorial Collective, Kingston Ontario Canada, March 2015

- Some Other Spring- Center for Contemporary Art Glasgow, Scotland March 215
- Perverse Assemblages/Queering Heteronormative Orders Inter/Medially Carl von Ossietzky Universitaet Oldenburg Jan 2015

2014:

- Visuelles Dekolonisieren Congress and Workshop Ort Filmstudio HBK Braunschweig Nov 6 2014
- Hörspielforum NRW 2014 | Eine Veranstaltung der Film- und Medienstiftung NRW Koln Sept 26, 2014
- Performance Studies Dept Pratt Institute Jan 27, 2014 Brooklyn NY
- Physique Tutorial: VD's BM -Vaginal Davis is Speaking From the Perineum New York University NYC Jan 28, 2014
- Wolf Moon Gathering/Girls Against God -MoMA PS 1 NYC Jan 26,2014

2013:

- Chew Disco-Homotopia Festival 10 Liverpool UK Nov 8, 2013
- Lesbi Tropicalia-Tea & Sympathy Tribute to Helio Oiticica Palmengarten MMK Museum fur modern Kunst Frankfurt am Main Sept 11 2013
- Listen Up Feminist Festival Sept 21, 2013
- Ephemeropterae - Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary July 19,2013 Vienna, Austria
- Living Archive Festival June 13, 2013 Berlin
- DECOLONIZING THE "COLD" WAR / BE.BOP 2013. BLACK EUROPE BODY POLITICS BE.BOP, May 23 2013, Ballhaus Naunynstrasse Berlin
- Adams and Ollman, "Vaginal Davis and Philadelphia Wireman", May 3-June 1, 2013
- Decolonizing the "Cold" War / BE.BOP 2013 Black Europe Body POLitics, performance-lecture, May 23, 2013
- Arsenal Institute For Film and Video Kunst "Mammying the Archive" RSFS-We Must Have Music, Living Archive Project-Archive Work as a Contemporary Artistic and Curatorial Practice
- The School of the Art Institute Chicago "Sassafras, Cypress & Indigo"
- Allegra La Viola Gallery, NYC "I Killed My Father, I Ate Human Flesh, I Quiver With Joy: An Obsession with Pier Paolo Pasolini" Feb 22-March 23

2012:

- Kunstlerhaus Mousonturn Frankfurt "Camp/Anti-Camp-VD is SFTD" Nov 30-Dec 1
- New York University Performance Studies "No One Leaves Delilah: A (W)rap on Race Nov 16
- Participant Inc. Gallery NYC "HAG: small, contemporary, haggard", Nov 7-Dec 16
- Invisible Exports at The Wye Berlin "Bloodyminded" Sept 15-30
- Royal Festival Hall, Southbanke Centre London "Tenderloin-Das Lied Von Der Glocke" Antony&™s Meltdown Festival Aug 1-14
- Humboldt Universitat Berlin"Wir Haben Kein Zimmer Fuer Auslander" Radical Cross-Currents in Black Berlin, July 27
- Kaserne Basel Tanz Theatre "Communist Bigamist-Two Love Stories" Art Basel June 13,14
- Hebbel Am Ufer/HAU2 Berlin "Camp/Anti-Camp-Queer Guide to Everyday Life VD is SFTD"April 19-21
- Forum Freies Theater Duesseldorf "Communist Bigamist-Two Love Stories Feb 3,4
- Getty Art Center Los Angeles "My Pussy is Still in Los Angeles(I Only Live in Berlin)" West of Rome/Pacific Standard Time Festival Jan 29

2011:

- Center de Cultura Contemporania de Barcelona"Memory Island" Xperimenta 11:Contemporary Glances at Experimental Cinema Nov 4-6
- Goldsmith University London "Framing the Freakazoid"
- Trashing Performance/This is Performance Matters/Live Art Development Agency Oct 30-Nov2
- Getty Center Los Angeles "Art, Music, Sex, Action-Trespass Parade & Festival" West of Rome/Pacific Standard Time Oct 3
- Tate Modern, London "Memory Island-VD Trashes TM" Oct 29
- KW Museum/Kunst-werke Institute For Contemporary Art, Berlin "Piss Gottin Hat Angst for unsicherheit "After the Butcher Made in Berlin Festival July 2
- Kampnagel, Hamburg "Die Untoten Life Sciences & Pulp Fiction Congress & Mise-en-Scene" May12-14
- Barbican Centre, London "The Whoracle et Delphi" Spill Festival Performance Tarot April 18-24
- Martin-Gropius Bau Museum,Berlin "When The Curtain Falls" March 18-May30
- Invisible - Exports Gallery "Notes on Notes on Camp" April 2-May 8th New York City
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles "dejecta/protecta" Jan 22nd

2010:

- Staedelschule "VD on EG- Vaginal Davis does Eugenie de Guerin- French Diarist" Oct 28th Frankfurt, Germany
- Rotovz Exhibition Salon, Maribor Art Gallery Re:Akt Re:Construction Re:Enactment Re:porting curated by Domenico Quranta October 21-Nov 19th Maribor, Slovenia
- UCLA Queer Arts Conference "Sassafras, Cypress & Indigo" Oct 9th Los Angeles
- Kino Arsenal, Curators' Summer School-What 80 Million Items Want, "What 80 Million Women Want," August 25, 2010, Berlin
- Hector-Peterson-Oberschule/Hebbel am Ufer, "Tony Montanas Ritt der Walküren," (director, with Senol Sentürk), July 1-4, 2010, Berlin
- Performance Space 122, "Vaginal Davis is Speaking from the Diaphragm," 2009 Ethyl Eichelberger Award Performance, May 13-23, New York City
- Centre d'Art Contemporain - Genève, "Contagious!" (film by Pauline Boudry & Renate Lorenz), June 11-August 15, 2010, Geneva
- Performance Space 122, "Hippo Narcissus," Semiospectacle: A Literary Revue/Columbia University, March 22, 2010, New York City
- Berlinale: 60th Internationale Filmfestspiele. "Intermission Green" (performance), Forum Expanded, February 17, 2010, Berlin
- Berlinale: 60th Internationale Filmfestspiele. "The Dream of Norma" (film by Telémacos Alexiou), Forum Expanded, February 11-21, 2010, Berlin

2009:

- Hebbel am Ufer. "The Bad Breast, or the Strange Case of Theda Lange," directed by Bruce LaBruce, December 10-13, 2009, Berlin; also at Brut Theater, December 16-19, 2009, Vienna
- Hebbel am Ufer. "Personal Counseling-Cooling Down Passion (or: the end of self-improvement)," performance, "On the Scene of Intimacy. A Phantasmagoria," film, Mobile Academy/Excellence Cluster, Languages of Emotion, December 3-5, 2009, Berlin
- Hebbel am Ufer, "Plattenspieler," with Thomas Meinecke, November 28, 2009, Berlin
- Performa 09. "Reparations & Retardations," November 16, 2009, New York City
- LIVE FILM! JACK SMITH! Five Flaming Days in a Rented World, "Memory Island," October 30, 2009, Berlin
- Kunsthaus Bethanien. "Frau unter Einfluss," Pheonix Radio: Politik queer-feministischer Räume, October 16, 2009, Berlin
- Kino Arsenal, Curators' Summer School, "Hippo Narcissus," August 29, 2009, Berlin
- Hebbel am Ufer, "Daddy," as part of the Family: Your Nanny Hates You festival, June 17-20, Berlin
- Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Donna Regina. "The History of Ecstasy" (with Ron Athey), June 6, 2009, Naples
- Kampnagel. "Advance Capitalism Interspecies Hoodoo," Girl Monster (curated by Chicks on Speed), April 22, 2009, Hamburg
- Neumarkt Theater, "Macho Family Romance," directed by Bruce LaBruce, April 3-5, 2009, Zurich
- Arco '09 Madrid-Feria, Internacional De Arte Contemporaneo. "Flesh for LuLu: Taking the High Road to Sexual Failure," as part of the 7th International Contemporary Art Expertos Forum, February 14, 2009, Madrid
- Berlinale: 59th Internationale Filmfestspiele. "Berlin Babylonia Gorgon--Babbling on with Gossip, Song and Dance," Forum Expanded, February, 2009, Berlin
- Hebbel am Ufer. "Fornication No! Theocracy Yes! Conjuring Voice in the Spirit," Politics of Ecstasy Festival, January 27, 2009, Berlin
- KW Institute for Contemporary Art. Wilhelm Hein's "You Killed The Underground, or the Real Meaning of Kunst Bleibt, Bleibt (Expanded Cinema Version)," January 25, 2009, Berlin
- Arsenal Institut für Film und Videokunst. "Rising Stars, Falling Stars." Monthly performative film presentation, focusing on silent films. 2007-present, Berlin

2008:

- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" DW Griffith Biograph Tribute-Kino Arsenal /Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek Sept 28, 2008 Berlin, Germany
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Sunscreens Summer International Film Festival-Arsenal Experimental, Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek , Germaine Dulac Moonlit Rooftop Garden Benefit Aug 30, 2008 Berlin
- "The Ginger Concubine" Bistroteque August 5, 2008 London, England
- "Pink Mass" Tate Modern Stuart Comer,curator August 2, 2008 London
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Hans Richter Tribute Kino Arsenal /Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek July 26, 2008 Berlin
- "Standing in the Way of Control" Gossip at Columbia Halle July 7, 2008 Berlin

- "The Arrogance of Youth" Klubszene Jungen Project, Youth at Risk-Kinder Und Jugend Theaterfestival, Hebbel Am Uffer June 22, 2008 Berlin
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Mabel Normand Tribute Kino Arsenal/Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek June 7, 2008 Berlin
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Hans Richter Tribute Kino Arsenal/ Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek May, 2008 Berlin
- "Porno Adorno-F*ck Like the F*cking Blacks" Le Palais De Tokyo April 9, 2008 Paris, France
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Queen Kelly-Stroheim/Gloria Swanson Tribute, Kino Arsenal/Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek April 19, 2008 Berlin
- "CHEAP Blacky" Donau Festival, Stadtsaul April 24-26, 2008 Krems, Austria
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Pearl White's Perils of Pauline Tribute Kino Arsenal/Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek May 24, 2008 Berlin
- "You'll Know What To Do" Raumerweiterungshalle May, 2008 Berlin
- "CHEAP Max und Moritz" Theater An Der Parkauer May 31-June 3, 2008 Berlin
- "Bilitis-A Feminist State" The Way That We Rhyme, Women, Art & Politics -Yerba Buena Museum & Art Center March 25, 2008 San Francisco, CA.
- "Colonize Me" The Way That We Rhyme, Women, Art & Politics -Yerba Buena Museum & Art Center March 29, 2008 San Francisco
- "The CHEAP Uber Alles Outsider Art Awards" CHEAP Gossip Studio Installation, 58th Internationale Filmfestspiele, Forum Expanded Section of the Berlinale Film Festival Feb 13, 2008 Berlin
- "You Too Can Be Like Us-Ruth Fischer, The Post Political Art Band" Re-Education Festival HAU2 Jan, 2008 Berlin

2007:

- "Sextette-An Erotic Playground" Queer Zagreb Replaying The Balkans Art Festival-Klub Global Dec 21, 2007 Zagreb, Croatia
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Germaine Dulac Salute Kino Arsenal/Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek Dec 16, 2007 Berlin
- CHEAP Max und Moritz -Theater an der Parkauer Dec 1-6, 2008 Berlin
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Salute to Man Ray and Louis Delluc Kino Arsenal/Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek November 21, 2008 Berlin
- "CHEAP Blacky" HAU 2 November 12-18, 2007 Berlin
- "CHEAP Max und Moritz" Theater an der Parkauer Nov 3-5, 2007 Berlin
- "TB toVD-Revolution Should Taste Like Cum" FM Queer/FM4-WUK October 20, 2007 Vienna, Austria
- "Rising Stars, Falling Stars" Salute to Louise Brooks and G.W. Pabst Kino Arsenal/Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek Oct 21, 2007 Berlin
- "Whoregasm" Porn Film Festival Nachtbar at Lux & Trixter October 24, 2007 Berlin
- "Blame Canada" Peres Projects Sept 29, 2007 Berlin
- CHEAP Max und Moritz Theatre an der Parkauer Sept 12-15, 2007 Berlin
- "CHEAP Max und Moritz" Command Performance for the Bundespresident at Schloss Bellvue August 5, 2007 Berlin
- "VD as VB Edgeist, Earthspirit #27-29 10827" City of Women Festival Galerie Kapelica/Aksioma Institute of Contemporary Art June 21, 2007 Ljubljana, Slovenia
- "The Madonna of Laibachdorf" City of Women Festival Alcatraz Galerie June 18, 2007 Ljubljana
- "Beware the Holy Retarded Whore" McGill University March 16, 2007 Montreal, Canada
- "Woman Under the Influence" Gallery Articule March 17, 2007 Montreal
- "Lord Love a Duck" La Centrale Galerie Powerhouse March 19, 2007 Montreal
- "Si J'Etai Blanche" Simone de Beauvoir Institute March 22, 2007 Montreal
- "Bilitis-A Feminist State" Womanizer-Deitch Projects January 11, 2007 NYC

2006:

- "CHEAP Silvester"-Ruth Fischer Monsterland. An Interactive Installation HAU2 Dec 31, 2006 Berlin
- "That Cold Day in the Park" Alternative Art Fair International Nov 10, 2006 Toronto, Ontario-Canada
- "CHEAP Nothing's Going To Stop Me On My Path To Glory" Steirischer Herbst Festival Campshow Steirmark Sept 20-Oct 15, 2006 Graz, Austria
- "Tom Cruise Loves Women, The Women and Tom Cruise" Homo-A-Go-Go Queer Arts Festival July, 2006 Olympia, Washington
- "Bricktops Takes Manhattan" Siberia May, 2006 NYC
- "Where Art & Life Collide" Festival of Subcultural Performances May, 2006 New York University, NYC
- "Tom Cruise Loves Women, The Women and Tom Cruise" Ohio State University April 2006 Athens, Ohio
- "Weimar, New York" Joe's Pub March 27, 2006 NYC

- "Beware the Holy Retarded Whore" 'making LOVE queering SEX' Sager Symposium Swarthmore College March, 2006 Swarthmore, PA

2005:

- "VD as VB Black & White Women and Men Together Again Forever 483-8070" Roselee Goldberg's First Biennial of New Visual Art Performances-Participant Inc. Gallery Nov 19, 2005 NYC
- "Vaginal Davis Film Retrospectacle" Northwest Film Forum Jan 20, 2005 Seattle, Washington
- "Orifice Descending" New Moves Festival/National Review of Live Art Feb 5-10, 2005 Glasgow, Scotland
- "CHEAP Makeover" Poker Im Osten Festival Oct 2, 2005 HAU2 Berlin
- "CHEAP It Happened to Me: A Revolutionary Horror Ride" with Vaginal Davis Poker Im Osten Festival Hebbel Am Uffer Sept 23-24, 2005 Berlin
- "VD as VB Black & White Women and Men Together Again Forever" Platinum Experimental Section/Outfest Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Red Cat at Disney Hall, July 13, 2005 Los Angeles
- "Beware the Holy Retarded Whore" Theorizing Queer Visualities Conference; University of Manchester April 15, 2005 Manchester, England
- "The Maladjusted Rule" Queer Up North Festival Contact Theater May 7, 2005 Manchester, England
- "Orifice Descending" Hayward Gallery May 10, 2005 Manchester, England
- "Beware the Holy Retarded Whore Ein Electronic-Cinema Abend" Kino
- Arsenal/Freunde Der Deutschen Kinemathek Sept 30, 2005 Berlin
- "VD as VB Guggenheimy Bikini Show" Poker Im Osten Festival HAU 2 Oct 2, 2005 Berlin
- "CHEAP Silvester Sexual Repulsives Art Bachanalia" Kollektive CHEAP with Vaginal Davis featuring performances and installations by Bruce La Bruce, Vaginal Davis, Peaches, Joel Gibb of the Hidden Cameras, Franka Potenta, Roddy Frame of Aztec Camera, Katarzyna Kozyra, Velvet Hammer Burlesque, Max Riemelt, Wilhelm Hein and post political art band Ruth Fischer featuring Ibadette and Michael Halves of Super 700 HAU 2 Dec 31, 2005 Berlin

2001-2002:

- "Pleather-The Dorian Corey Story" Spicy Beef Curtains at the Parlour July, 2002 Hollywood
- "CHEAP Jewelry" Reich und Berühmt Festival - Praeter May 9-12, 2001 Berlin
- "Theocracy, Yes! Fornication, No!" Reich und Berühmt Festival - Podevil April, 2001 Berlin
- "The Life of Juanita Castro" Reich und Berühmt Festival Podevil May, 2001 Berlin
- "Sucking Her Un-born Cock" Reich und Berühmt Festival-Volksbruner June 9, 2001 Berlin
- "Intimacy & Tomorrow(Stupidity, To-day)" C'est Vauxhaul! Festival Duckie June, 2001 London

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 Finley, Karen. Aroused: A Collection of Erotic Writing, published by Thunder's Mouth Press, 2001.
 Gehman, Pleasant. Underground Guide To Los Angeles, published by Manic D., 1999.
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 Ludd, Deran. Wheeler, Alice. Jones, Jim. Good To Go: Short Stories West Coast Style, published by Zero Hour, 1994.
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