

## CHE LOVELACE

Born 1969, Port of Spain, TT

Lives and works in Port of Spain, TT

### Education

- 1994 L'Ecole Regionale d'Arts Plastiques de la Martinique, Fort-de-France, MQ
- 1990 Creative Arts Centre, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, TT
- 1985 Queen's Royal College, Port of Spain, TT

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Where The I Settles*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 *Cugoano250*, St. James's Piccadilly Church, London, UK  
*Nightsapes with Palms and Egrets*, Various Small Fires, Texas  
*Day Always Comes*, Corvi-Mora Gallery, London, UK  
*Che Lovelace: Bathers*, Nicola Vassell Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 *Presented as Natural*, Various Small Fires, Seoul, KR
- 2021 *From the Edge of the Rock*, Various Small Fires, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *a PLACE, a PERSON*, LOFTT Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2018 *New Paintings*, LOFTT Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2017 *Che Lovelace - Paintings*, Galerie Eric Hussenot, Paris, FR  
*Che Lovelace - Paintings*, Half Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 *8 Paintings*, Softbox Studios, Port of Spain, TT
- 2013 *Lovers*, Y Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2011 *Studio Swap*, Medulla Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2009 *Che Lovelace - Paintings*, Half Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008 *Che Lovelace - Paintings 2004-2008*, Trinidad and Tobago Art Society, TT
- 2006 *The Amateurs Poster Series*, High Square Art Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2004 *Tuesday*, The National Museum & Art Gallery of Trinidad and Tobago, TT
- 2000 *Swim*, Caribbean Contemporary Arts (CCA 7) , Port of Spain, TT
- 1998 *New Works*, Caribbean Contemporary Arts, Port of Spain, TT
- 1993 *Che Lovelace, Paintings*, Aquarella Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 1992 *Dog Paintings*, Aquarella Gallery, Port of Spain, TT

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists since 1940*, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX  
*Soulsapes*, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *A Whole History Still*, Rotunda Gallery, Red House, Port of Spain  
*Uncanny Interiors*, Nicola Vassell, New York, NY  
*The Natural World: Part II*, Alexander Berggruen, New York, NY
- 2021 *Resting Point of Accommodation*, Almine Rech, Brussels, BE
- 2019 *After*, Y Gallery, Port of Spain, TT  
*Still Life: An Ongoing Story*, Galerie Sébastien Bertrand, Geneva, CH  
*Get Up, Stand Up Now*, Somerset House, London, UK
- 2018 *Represent*, Thinkartworktt Studio, Port of Spain, TT
- 2017 *Playing Mas*, Vigo Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 *Turps Banana*, Vigo Gallery, London, UK  
*Trinidad and Tobago 50th Anniversary Exhibition*, Galería CAF, Caracas, VZ

- 2011 *Season of Renewal*, University of the West Indies, Kingston, JM  
*i*, Pertwee Anderson & Gold Gallery, London, UK  
 Volta Art Fair, New York, NY
- 2010 *Lovelace-Bowen*, Y Gallery, Port of Spain, TT
- 2007 *3rd Valencia Bieniale 2007*, Museo de Bellas Artes de Valencia, SP
- 2001 *La 4ta Bienal del Caribe: La Renovación*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Santo Domingo, DO  
*The Politics of Difference: Latin American & Caribbean Art in the 90s*, Museo de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, AR; El Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR; Museo Otero, Caracas, VE; Museo de Arte Carillo Gil, Ciudad de México, MX; The Cultural Center, Chicago, IL; Consorcio de Museos, Valencia, SP  
*13 Horas*, Sala Mendoza, Caracas, VE
- 1999 *Urban Life in the Caribbean*, Caliform, Santo Domingo, DO  
 Big River Workshop Exhibition, National Museum of Trinidad & Tobago, Port of Spain, TT  
*Identities Latin America and the Caribbean - A New Generation of Artists*, Passage de Retz Galerie, Paris, FR
- 1998 *VI Bienal Internacional de Pintura*, Cuenca, EC  
*Caribe. Exclusion, Framentacion y Paraíso*, Meiac Museum, SP  
*Ngoma International Artists Workshop Exhibition*, Makerere Art Gallery, Kampala, UG  
*New Paintings*, Gasworks Gallery, London, UK
- 1997 *Visions of Paradise*, National Museum of Curaçao, Curaçao, AN
- 1995 *Resisting Categories*, City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 1994 *II Bienal of Caribbean and Latin American Art*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Santo Domingo, DR
- 1992 *Rencontre des Artistes*, Sermac, Fort-de-France, MQ  
*Alternative Expressions*, CARIFESTA, Port of Spain, TT

## Projects

- 2010 Art for Haiti, auction in aid of Haitian earthquake relief (online)
- 2009 No Soul For Sale, in participation with StudioFilmclub, X Initiatives, New York, NY
- 2003-2011 StudioFilmClub, co-founded and hosted with Peter Doig, Laventille, Port of Spain, TT

## Publications

- 2023 Noel, Lesley-Ann. *Design Social Change: Take Action, Work Toward Equity, and Challenge the Status Quo*, Ten Speed Press, 2023.
- 2014 Archer, Melanie (ed.), Brown, Mariel (ed.), and Pearce, Marsha. *See Me Here: A Survey of Contemporary Self-Portraits from the Caribbean*, Robert & Christopher Publishers, 2014, pp. 14-25.
- 2012 *Season of Renewal: Celebrating 50 years of Independence and Caribbean Partnership*, *The Art Society of Trinidad and Tobago*, 2012, pp. 53.
- 2011 Walters, Adam. *Little Red Riding Hood*, Infinity Publishing, 2011.
- 2009 Archer, Melanie, Jacob, Andy, and Scott, Lawrence. *Che Lovelace: Paintings 2004–2008*, Robert & Christopher Publishers, 2009.
- 2004 Cozier, Christopher. *Che Lovelace (Art Gallery of Trinidad and Tobago June 8 - 20 2004)*, National Museum and Art Gallery of Trinidad and Tobago, 2004.

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- Fornoff, Marcheta. "'Existing between two worlds': Artists share inspiration behind new Modern exhibit," *Fort Worth Report*, March 8
- 2023 Kakar, Arun. "Phillips's 'New Now' sale rakes in \$8.3 million," *Artsy*, 28 September 2023,
- Bradley, Kimberly. "What does it take for a gallery to show at an Art Basel fair?," *Art Basel*, October 31
- Holmes-Miller, Cheryl D. "Five Essential Design Books to Decolonize Your Studio, *Library, and Classroom*," *PRINT*, October 31
- "Bishop of Willesden leads racial justice pilgrimage from Waterloo to Notting Hill," *London Post*, October 29
- Durón, Maximiliano. "What the World's Top Collectors Bought in 2023, From Art Historical Treasures to the Freshest Wet Paint," *ARTnews*, 2023, pp. 87
- Noble, Will. "Quobna Ottobah Cugoano: 18th Century Abolitionist Celebrated In Permanent Artworks," *Londonist*, September 27
- Khomami, Nadia, "London church unveils artwork to commemorate African-born abolitionist", *The Guardian*, September 20
- Dale, Penny, "Quobna Cugoano: London church honours Ghanaian-born freed slave and abolitionist", *BBC news*, September 20
- Evens, Jonathan. "The Art Diary September 2023 – Rev Jonathan Evens," *Artlyst*, September 12
- "Opening Reception: Che Lovelace's 'Nightscapes with Palms and Egrets'," *The Dallas Morning News*, September 9
- Torre, Berny. "'Forgotten figure of black British history to be honoured in central London church.'" *The Morning Star*, August 21
- Warren, Jess. "Piccadilly: Church commemorates forgotten black history figure," *BBC*, August 20
- Doughty, Melissa. "Che Lovelace paintings to honour abolitionist in London church," *Trinidad and Tobago Newsday*, August 8
- Basciano, Oliver, "Che Lovelace's Intimate Portrait of Modern Trinidad", *ArtReview*, June 9
- "St James's Church Piccadilly to commemorate forgotten figure in history of Black Britain," *The Diocese of London*, July 27
- Emily, Olivia. "This New London Artwork Will Commemorate A Forgotten Figure In Black Britain's History," *Country & Town House*, July 27
- "ART EXHIBITION: CHE LOVELACE'S 'BATHERS'," *Repeating Islands*, April 7
- Rodney, Seph. "What to See in N.Y.C. Galleries in April", *The New York Times*, April 5
- "Nicola Vassell exhibits a series of paintings by Che Lovelace," *ArtDaily*, March 22
- Scott, Chadd. "Che Lovelace paintings of Trinidad," *See Great Art*, March 8
- Doughty, Melissa, "Che Lovelace celebrates the bather in New York exhibition," *Trinidad and Tobago Newsday*, March 8
- Gonzalez, Elaine. "Che Lovelace: Bathers Opens at Nicola Vassell," *Sugarcane Magazine*, March 6
- 2022 Keenan, Annabel. "Miami Art Week Artillery Report: Day 1," *Artillery Magazine*, November 30
- "Che Lovelace now represented by Nicola Vassell Gallery," *ArtDaily*, November 26
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 Mondezic, Michael. "Che's drum call heralds arrival for Caribbean artistic works," *Trinidad Express Newspapers*, August 28  
 Jack and Olivia, "Che Lovelace", *Super!*, May 18  
 Lesser, Casey. "11 Newly Represented Artists from Tastemaking Galleries around the World," *Artsy*, April 26  
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 Eckardt, Stephanie. "In the Studio with Che Lovelace, the Painter Putting Trinidad on the Art-World Map", *W Magazine*, March 15  
 Py, Segolene. "Che Lovelace, painter of Trinidad's rhythm and colours," *Exhibition Crave*, January 27
- 2020 "CLR DUB," PREE, November 19
- 2018 Doughty, Melissa. "Che Lovelace's journey in art," *Trinidad and Tobago Newsday*, August 13  
 Doughty, Melissa. "Giving back to the arts," *Trinidad and Tobago Newsday*, July 20
- 2017 "Che Lovelace," *The New Yorker*, 13 February 2017, pp. 18.,  
 David Cave, "Travelling Through Art and Time," *Trinidad Express Newspapers*, January 21  
 "Che Lovelace," *Time Out*, January 9  
 Margaux d'Adhémar, "Visite virtuelle de l'exposition Che Lovelace", *Le Figaro*, January 7
- 2016 John, Deborah. "8 Paintings... an insight," *Daily Express*, November 25  
 "Lovelace shows '8 Paintings'," *Daily Express*, November 20  
 Lindo, Paula. "Lovelace shows new works," *Trinidad and Tobago Guardian*, November 16  
 "Che Lovelace exhibition on today," *Daily Express*, November 16
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 "Clay Jouvert a mud mas band," *Trinidad Express Newspapers*, January 23  
 "Echoes in Art," *Trinidad Express Newspapers*, January 3
- 2014 "Creating a Caribbean canvas," *Trinidad Express Newspapers*, April 27
- 2013 Pearce, Marsha. "Lovers of Art: An Interview with Che Lovelace," *ARC*, April 21  
 "Che Lovelace's LOVERS," *Trinidad Express Newspapers*, April 20  
 "Lit Fest heads to City Hall tomorrow," *Trinidad Express Newspapers*, April 8
- 2011 "Che Lovelace," *From the Desk Of*, May 31  
 "Studio Swap: New Projects by Che Lovelace," *Daily Express*, December 2
- 2010 "Bowen, Lovelace exhibition opens today," *Trinidad and Tobago Guardian*, June 13
- 2009 Bagoo, Andrea. "Che - the scene-shifter," *Trinidad and Tobago Newsday*, September 3  
 Finch, Charlie. "When the Paint Disappears," *Artnet*, April 27
- 2006 Laughlin, Nicholas. "Dancing with the devil," *Art Buzz*, ISSUE 77 JANUARY /FEBRUARY 2006

## Awards

- 2025 French National Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier)  
 1998 UNESCO-ASCHBERG Artists Bursary

## Residences

- 2000 CCA 7 International Artists Residency Programme, Port of Spain TT  
 1998 International Institute of Visual Arts (INIVA)/Gasworks, Artist in Residence, London, UK  
 1997 Ngoma International Artists Workshop, Triangle Arts Trust, Namasagali College, UG

**Public Collections**

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON, CA

Aïshti Foundation, Antelias, LB

Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA

X Museum, Beijing, CH