



TALÉYA “JET” JOHNSON

ARTIST RESUME

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ABOUT

Innovative and self-driven visual artist with over 10 years of painting and entrepreneurial experience, 8 years of teaching experience, and a lifelong passion for the arts. Bringing about enriching and healing experiences through artistic expression. Represented by E&S Gallery.



EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD ATL)

MFA in Painting (2026-2028)

Maintaining 4.0 GPA

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)

2017- Summer 2021

BFA in Art Education

Maintained 4.0 GPA in the Art Education Department

Universidad Veritas

Study abroad for art credits Fall 2019 in Costa Rica 4.0

Pratt Institute

Fine Art Credit Summer 2016 in Brooklyn, NY



AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Factory Society Award for Best in Show at the March150 Exhibition (2022)

EXPERIENCE

Studio Manager at Muse Paintbar, VA (2024-2025)

- Conducted weekly and monthly inventory and orders for studio and kitchen
- Managed 14 artists in teaching training, customer service, and sales
- Hired artists to conduct paint and sip classes
- In addition to responsibilities in the section below

Artist at Muse Paintbar NH, MD (2022-2024)

- Taught and assisted paint and sip events ranging from 10-55 people
- Served customers wine, beer, and food items.
- Recreated paintings from Muse's diverse catalog

Freelance Artist and Vendor (2014-2025)

- Sold 100+ original works of art, art prints, and handcrafted crystal jewelry independently and at various art shows, markets, and galleries

Freelance Painting Parties (2018-2024)

- Hosted private events and taught painting techniques online and virtually
- Created unique example paintings and lesson plans
- Worked with groups ranging from 6-60+ years old
- Collaborated with local communities and organizations

K-12 Art Teacher in Virginia & Maryland (2017-2021)

- Taught virtual and in-person art classes ranging from 15-35 students
- Demonstrated my expertise in multiple different art media like drawing, painting, photography, digital media, etc.
- Created unit and lesson plans for diverse groups of students

Started the Art Exploration Program (2019)

- Began the art program with KinderCare at Alexandria, VA.
- Created, organized, and led art projects for children ages 1-6

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- People's Choice Award for March 150 Exhibition (2022)
- NAHA (North American Hairstyling Awards) Award Co-Recipient (2022)
- Supplemental Award for \$9,000 from VCU (2017-2021)
- Dean's List at VCU (2017-2020)
- Dean's Scholarship at VCU (2020)
- 3rd place for creative poster presentation at the Focus Inquiry Expo at VCU (2018)
- Black History in the Making Award for a monument design proposal (2018)
- Ram Scholar at VCU (2018)
- Maintained Honor Roll with a GPA 3.5 or Higher (2005-2021)



PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Gabriel, J., and Johnson, T. (2021). Disrupting discipline: Critical alternatives to behavior 'management' in the art room, presented at the Disability Studies and Art Education Conference, online, 2021.
- **JET Artist Talk Link: "Breaking Point"**



VOLUNTEER WORK

- United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) Volunteer, Capitol Heights, MD (2013-2025)

EXHIBITIONS

- **New Beginnings.** Group Exhibition. CHAW Gallery, Washington, DC (2026)
- **Phenomenal Women.** Group Exhibition. Moody Jones Gallery, Glenside, PA (2025)
- **The Harlem Fine Arts Show.** Showcasing as an independent artist. *Manhattan, NY. (2024-2025)*
- **Contrasting Beauty.** Group Exhibition curated by Levi Robinson and David Zambrano (Dez Customz). *Rockville, MD*
- **Juneteenth Celebration.** Outdoor Arts Festival. *Columbia, MD (2024)*
- **Out of Order.** Maryland Art Place. *Baltimore, MD. (2024)*
- **Face to Face.** Art Fluent. *Online Exhibition. (2024)*
- **Drawing Madness.** Conversations with Artist. *Online Exhibition. (2024)*
- **WOCAX (Women of Color Art Expo) 365.** The 3rd Inc. Group Exhibition. *Columbia, MD (2023)*
- **WOCAX.** The 3rd Inc. Group Exhibition. *Columbia, MD (2023)*
- **Lakefest.** Outdoor Arts Festival. *Columbia, MD (2023)*
- **March150.** Group Exhibition. Target Gallery. *VA (2022-2023)*
- **A Spectacular Black Girl Art Show.** Group Exhibition. *College Park, MD (2022-2023)*
- **Pancakes and Booze.** Group Exhibition. *Washington, DC (2022-2023)*
- **Fall Salon.** Group Exhibition. Target Gallery. *VA (2022)*
- **From Pain to Gain.** Independent Solo Exhibition. *MD (2022)*
- **JET Genesis.** Independent Solo Exhibition. *Washington, DC (2016)*
- **Ultramodern Art Exhibit.** Independent Solo Exhibition. *Double Tree Hotel, MD (2014)*

COMMISSIONS

- *Breakthrough 2026.* Anacostia Mural Festival, DC.
- *The Essence of Ashira 2025.* Oil paint and mixed media on canvas. Private Residence.
- *Yvonne 2023.* Oil and Acrylic on Canvas. Private Residence
- *Creative Heart 2022.* Acrylic on Canvas. Renny Vasquez Studios.
- *JuBell 2021.* Oil on Canvas. Private Residence
- *Accent Wall 2021.* E&E Hair Solutions
- *Simone 2021* Oil and Acrylic on Canvas. Private Residence
- *Pura Roca 2019.* Outdoor Mural. San Jose, Costa Rica.