

ayanna nayo

### **Education**

2019 MFA at Washington State University, Pullman, WA

2016 BA at Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

### **Solo & 2 Person Exhibitions**

2023 Gorgeous, Thrilling, Spectacle (with Lakela Brown), Hessel Museum of Art, Curated by Sidney Pettice, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

2019 Absence // Assemblage (with June T. Sanders), Paragon Cascade Gallery, Portland, OR

2018 Absence // Assemblage (with June T. Sanders), The Art Center, Richland, WA

2018 1st Year MFA Show, Gallery II, Pullman, WA

### **Group Exhibitions**

2025 Growing Pains: A Journey Through Girlhood, The Lower Eastside Girls Club, Manhattan, NY

2025 THE SPACE SHE HOLDS, AM:PM Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2025 BLOOM, Artful Walls Gallery, Harlem, NY [In collaboration with GROWN Magazine]

2024 How do I look, Elizabeth Moss Galleries, Portland, ME

2021 Roots Run Deep: A Contemporary Survey of African American Hair Culture, Brewhouse Gallery Pittsburgh, PA

2019 MFA Thesis Exhibition, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Pullman, WA

2019 escape. Stray Galleries, Pullman, WA

2019 BHM Showcase. Washington State University, Pullman, WA

2019 Social Space. Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Pullman, WA

2019 enTropic (curated by Krista Brand), Studio 84 Contemporary Art Space, Genesee, ID

2018 Rites and Rituals Pop up Exhibition. Gallery 2. Pullman, WA

2018 *Moscow Art Walk*. Habitat for Humanity. Moscow, ID

2018 Exchange Show. Ridenbaugh Gallery. Moscow, ID

2017 L U V. Stray Galleries. Pullman, WA

2017 HIATUS. Locker Gallery. Washington State University, Pullman, WA

2017 Shrug Show. Stray Galleries. Pullman, WA

2016 Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition. Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS

2016 Things on The Wall. Jackson State University. Jackson, MS

### **Publications**

Refinery 29 2022

NY Mag 2021

Raze Magazine 2021

Cool Hunting 2021

WESA.fm 2021

Origins Worldwide 2020  
Voyage LA 2020  
Moscow Pullman Daily News 2018

### **Professional Experience**

2022 Brooklyn Independent Middle School, Brooklyn, NY, Instructor of record, Art Elective  
2021 PLAYDAY, Long Island City, NY, Art Instructor, Ages 2-10  
2021 Artist Talk "Roots Run Deep: A Contemporary Survey of African American Hair Culture", Brewhouse Gallery Pittsburgh, PA OR (Virtual)  
2020 Pasadena Unified School District Professional Development seminar, "Art to better connect with students"  
2019 Paragon Cascade Gallery Permanent Collection  
2019 Artist Talk "Absence // Assemblage" Paragon Cascade Gallery, Portland, OR  
2019 Social Practice, "Give me a memory", Paragon Cascade Gallery, Portland, OR  
2019 Spring, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Instructor of record, 2D Foundations  
2018 Co-Curator, The Body: Power, Meaning, & Representation, Gallery II, Pullman, WA  
2018 Fall, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Instructor of record, 2D Foundations  
2017 Curator, LUV exhibition at the Stray Galleries, Pullman, WA  
2017, Spring, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Instructor of record, Introduction to Drawing

### **Awards**

Red Bull Arts Los Angeles Microgrant 2020  
Art Friends Spare Change Program Grant 2019  
Association for Faculty Women Outstanding Graduate Student Award 2018  
Art Friends Spare Change Program Grant 2018  
Siler Graduate Fellowship in Fine Arts 2018  
Siler Graduate Fellowship in Fine Arts 2017