

# ATLANTA CONTEMPORARY

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## Atlanta Contemporary announces *She Is Here*

**On View:** August 22, 2020 – January 31, 2021

**Public Opening:** Saturday, August 22 through Sunday, August 23 – Hours TBD

**Tue–Sat** 12pm–5pm

**Sun** 12pm–4pm

**Mon** Closed

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**ATLANTA** – July 14, 2020 – Atlanta Contemporary Art Center (Atlanta Contemporary) is pleased to announce the artists participating in the Studio Artist Program Retrospective Group Show. With a roster of 20 multigenerational, multicultural and multidisciplinary female artists - *She Is Here* intentionally defies existing norms for art institutions where recognition and inclusion of women is underwhelming. *She Is Here* fosters women working with women, and women supporting women.

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The Artists were selected from alumni and existing participants from the Studio Artist Program (2001-2020) in sync with the organizational shift from Nexus to Atlanta Contemporary Art Center. The artists and art selection unfolded organically. Common themes blossom and intertwine. Each artist plants her seed in the collective garden, where impressions of identity, femininity, home, motherhood, mothering, domesticity, spirituality, ritual, body image, aging and interconnectedness reappear and overlap.

“On March 13, Atlanta Contemporary temporarily closed our galleries to ensure the health and safety of our guests. Our pivot to virtual exhibitions and digital programming *Changes The Way We All See Art*,” says executive director, Veronica Kessenich. “Almost 120 days later – with a new HVAC system and visitor guidelines – we have re-opened. While the impacts of COVID-19 are still to be determined, *She Is Here* emphasizes the history, relevancy, and resiliency of art and artists to Atlanta Contemporary and our community. Art IS essential – and the work done by Kristen and Daricia affirms this truth.”

*She Is Here* will be the first exhibition at Atlanta Contemporary following the impact of COVID-19, shelter in place order and social distancing. New artwork is informed by the wave of the pandemic, as well as the substantial shifts in race relations and massive social and political divides. *She Is Here* for reflection. *She is Here* for peace. *She is Here*.

The exhibition is co-curated by **Kristen V. Cahill**, Independent Curator and Curator at The Lola and **Daricia Mia DeMarr**, Independent Curator and co-founder of Black Women in Visual Art.

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## The full list of artists is as follows:

Ann Rowles  
Born Oceanside, California  
Lives Atlanta, GA

Cecelia K. Kane  
Born Jersey City, NJ

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Lives Peacham, Vermont

Christina A. West  
Born Owosso, Michigan  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Dayna Thacker  
Born Frankfurt, Germany  
Lives Birmingham, Alabama

Hannah Tarr  
Born Atlanta, Georgia  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

In Kyoung Chun  
Born Seoul, South Korea  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Jaime Bull  
Born Cincinnati, Ohio  
Lives Athens, Georgia

Jane Foley  
Born New Orleans, Louisiana  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Jenene Nagy  
Born The Bronx, New York  
Lives Riverside, California

Jill Frank  
Born Atlanta, Georgia  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Kelly Taylor Mitchell  
Born Trenton, New Jersey  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Lillian Blades  
Born Nassau, Bahamas

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Lives Atlanta, Georgia

MaDora Frey  
Born Conyers, Georgia  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Nikita Gale  
Born Anchorage, Alaska  
Lives Los Angeles, California

Pam Longobardi  
Born Glen Ridge, New Jersey  
Lives Brookhaven, Georgia

Sarah Emerson  
Born Port Huron, Michigan  
Lives Roswell, Georgia

Shara Hughes  
Born Atlanta, Georgia  
Lives Brooklyn, New York

Sheila Pree Bright  
Born Atlanta, Georgia  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Sonya Yong James  
Born Knoxville, Tennessee  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

Teresa Bramlette Reeves  
Born Athens, GA  
Lives Atlanta, Georgia

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Atlanta Contemporary engages the public through the creation, presentation and advancement of contemporary art. Founded in 1973 as Nexus, a grassroots artists' cooperative, Atlanta Contemporary has since become one of the southeast's leading contemporary art centers. We play a vital role in Atlanta's cultural landscape by

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presenting over 100 consequential artists from the local, national, and international art scenes through our various exhibition and project spaces each year. We are one of the few local art organizations that commission new works, paying attention to artists of note who have not had a significant exhibition in the Southeast. We organize over 100 diverse educational programs annually including Contemporary Kids, Contemporary Cocktails, Contemporary Talks, and more! Atlanta Contemporary provides on-site subsidized studio space to working artists through the Studio Artist Program, removing cost as a barrier to the creative process. Visit [atlantacontemporary.org](http://atlantacontemporary.org) to learn more.

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**IMAGE CAPTIONS:**

Teresa Bramlette Reeves  
*If flowers could sing, 2019*  
Watercolor on paper, botanical reproduction  
10 x 8 inches

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