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Devin B. Johnson, *Serenade*, 2022

Did I find you, or you find me? There was a time before we were born—the ground, the sky and everything in-between came together. This earth, these streets, these walksapes are sponges of experience, relaying memory texturally, haptically. Feet on the ground, head in the sky, my sight, my touch, my emotions and memories are constructed of the same basic elements of everyone else's. I'm not the first to wander these streets—I won't be the last—but these feelings are mine alone.

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Devin B. Johnson obtained his BA in Fine Arts from the California State University of Channel Islands (2015) and received a Masters of Fine Arts at Pratt Institute (2019). He was selected for *Forbes* 30 Under 30 Art and Design (2022), was included in *Cultured's* "Young Artists 2021," and was one of sixteen artists from around the world selected for the inaugural year of the Black Rock Senegal residency (2020). His work is collected by the Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; Longlati Foundation, Shanghai; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Pond Society, Shanghai; the Rubell Museum, Miami; and many others. Recent exhibitions include *My Heart Cries, I Set Out an Offering for You*, Nicodim Los Angeles (2021, solo); *Long Walk*, Galeria Nicodim, Bucharest (2021, solo); *Melody of a Memory*, Nicodim Los Angeles (2020, solo); *When You Waked Up the Buffalo*, Nicodim Los Angeles (2020); Hollywood Babylon: A Re-Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome, Jeffrey Deitch, Nicodim Gallery, AUTRE Magazine, Los Angeles (2020); Atmosphere of Certain Uncertainty, Residency Gallery, Inglewood (2019, solo); and Incognito, ICA LA, Los Angeles (2019).

Los Angeles based interior designer **Oliver M. Furth** is a fixture in international design and cultural communities. Furth is renowned for his knowledge and expertise in both historical decorative arts, and contemporary collectible design. Furth has been featured in countless publications, nationally and abroad, and recognized on the most coveted Best Design Lists including: Elle Decor's A-List, The Hollywood Reporter's 'Most Influential Interior Designers', and Architectural Digest's prestigious AD100.

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Devin B. Johnson

° Born 1992, Los Angeles, California, United States

Lives and works in Brooklyn, New York

Education

2019 MFA, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York

2015 BA in Fine Arts, California State University of Channel Islands, Camarillo

Solo Exhibitions

2022 *Between Ground and Sky*, Nicodim New York

Devin B. Johnson, Pond Society, Shanghai (forthcoming)

2021 *My Heart Cries, I Set Out an Offering For You*, Nicodim Los Angeles

Long Walk, Galeria Nicodim, Bucharest

2020 *Melody of a Memory*, Nicodim Los Angeles

2019 *Atmosphere of Certain Uncertainty*, Residency Art Gallery, Inglewood

Selected Group Exhibitions

2022 *Dak'Art*, Dakar Biennale, Dakar (forthcoming)

2021 *Clay Pop*, Jeffrey Deitch, New York

2020 *When You Waked Up the Buffalo*, Nicodim Los Angeles

Hollywood Babylon, Jeffrey Deitch, Nicodim, AUTRE Magazine, Los Angeles

2019 *Skin Stealers*, Nicodim Los Angeles

Trans World, Galeria Nicodim, Bucharest

Trans World, Nicodim Los Angeles

Island, RAMP Gallery, London

2018 *Winter in America III*, mom's favorite space, Venice

Incognito, ICA LA, Los Angeles

The New Contemporaries, Residency Art gallery, Los Angeles

2017 *More ____ for the Masses*, DTAtelier, Los Angeles

Peaches: A black internet experience, Superchief Gallery, Los Angeles

Griot's Ark: A Living Room Activation, Space 15 Twenty, Los Angeles

2016 *Sweet(suites)*, Groundspace Project, Los Angeles

2015 *Neo-Mythology*, BG gallery, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica

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- 2014 *Spectrum-Gestalt*, BG gallery, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica
The Red, The White, The Bold, CSU Channel Islands, Camarillo
Display LA Showcase, curated by DisplayLA, Los Angeles
- 2013 *Sudden Impact*, 1111ACC Gallery, Los Angeles
- 2012 *21st Century Sex*, Bleicher Gallery, Los Angeles

Residencies

- 2020 Black Rock Senegal, Dakar

Collections

Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection, Miami
Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
Longlati Foundation, Shanghai
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles
Marval Collection, Milan
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
Pond Society, Shanghai
Rubell Museum, Miami