



GALERIE MYRTIS
FINE ART & ADVISORY

Education

- 2012 MFA, Honors, Interdisciplinary, Art Institute of Boston, Boston MA
2005 JD, Cum Laude, University of Florida, College of Law, Gainesville, FL
2002 BFA, Cum Laude, Painting, Florida State University, FL

Select Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 Forthcoming: Solo Exhibition, University of Tampa Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 2024 “Survey: The West” Traveling Exhibition, Raymond James Museum of Western Art, St. Pete, FL
- 2023 “dis-tance II,” Gallery 221, YBOR, Tampa, FL, Curator Amanda Poss
“Hurricane,” Baker Museum, Florida Contemporary Exhibition, Naples, FL, Organized by Artis—Naples
- 2022 “Survey: The West” Traveling Exhibition, Ogden Contemporary, Ogden, UT
- 2021 “American Roots,” Ringling Museum of Arts, Sarasota, FL
“dis-tance,” Gallery 221, Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL, Curator Amanda Poss
- 2020 “VANTAGE POINT,” Pompano Beach Cultural Center, Pompano, FL
- 2019 “Floss,” SNAP! Gallery, Orlando, FL
“Penumbra: Corridor of Ambiance,” Tempus Gallery, Tampa, FL

- 2018 "UNLOADED," Orlando Museum of Fine Art, Orlando, FL, Curator Coralie Claeysen-Gleyzon
- "Ya La'Ford: GLYPHS," Florida Craft Art Gallery, St. Pete, FL
- 2017 "Hurricane," 10th Annual Festival Angelica, Los Angeles, CA
- "The Human Pattern," Articles Gallery, St. Pete, FL
- "A Gathering of Voices," Rosenthal Gallery, Fayetteville, NC
- "VIBRATIONS: Ancestral Voices," YEELAN Gallery, Miami, FL
- "Intersections," SNAP! Gallery Downtown, Orlando, FL
- "Ours," Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ, Curator Victor L Davson

Select Group Exhibitions

- 2023 "Florida Contemporary," Baker Museum, Naples, FL, Curators Courtney McNeil & Rangsook Yoon
- 2022 "AFROFUTURE." CADA, Miami Design District, Miami, FL, Curator Ludlow E. Bailey
- 2020 – 21 "Skyway 20/21: A Contemporary Collaboration," Traveling Exhibition, The Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL; The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL; the Tampa Museum of Art; and the University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL, Curators Ola Wlusek, Christopher Jones, Keith D., Claire Tancons, and Linda L. Monda
- 2018 "The End." Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs, FL
- "Without Stopping," National Black Arts Festival, Westside Cultural Arts Center, Atlanta, GA, Curator Jonell Jaime Logan

GALERIE MYRTIS
FINE ART & ADVISORY

2017 "Skyway: A Contemporary Collaboration," Tampa Museum & Ringling Museum of Arts, St. Petersburg, FL, Curators Joanna Robotham and Seth Pevnick

"Ekphrastic." WADA Contemporary Arts, St. Petersburg, FL

Select Public Art Commissions

2024 UPSIDES, 15' Sculpture, MOXY, Marriot

2023 The Radius, Stainless steel sculpture 7'x12'
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL

2023 Ties That Bind, Large-scale Architectural Sculpture,
32' x 225' aluminum panels, St. Pete Museum of
History, St. Pete, FL

2022 Boulevard Flow, Stainless steel sphere 10'x15'
geometric landscape and stone pathway, Tampa
Housing Authority, Tampa, FL

2022 Eternal RING, Large-scale mural 24'x45' with
stainless 7' led ring sculpture, Gallery 3100
Development, St. Pete, FL

2021 Love Shines, Mural with LED sculpture, 17'x
35', Smith & Associates Beach Drive Office, St. Pete,
FL

2021 Blue Jays Way, Geometric cityscape logo 17'x14'
Toronto Blue Jays Player Dev. Complex, Dunedin, FL

2021 Equality, geometric baseball diamond w led backlit
equality lettering, 32' x 8' Toronto Blue Jays Player
Dev. Complex, Dunedin, FL

2021 Racer's Zone, Indy Car Installation, 19'x6' for
McClaren Indy Car, St. Pete, FL

2021 Tornado Corridor, Mural with LED backlit letter

GALERIE MYRTIS
FINE ART & ADVISORY

- 9'x25' Trinity School for Children, Tampa, FL
- 2021 Burn Out, INDY-500 raceway installation, 15'x'15' room with audio, Indianapolis, IN
- 2020 Community Footwork, large-scale mural 10'x65', Tampa Bay Rowdies Soccer Team, St. Pete, FL
- 2020 Community Woven, large-scale mural 17'x 47' Warehouse Arts District, St. Pete, FL
- 2020 City-Rise, 17'x15' Mural, Community Foundation, St. Pete, FL
- 2020 REFLECTION 10' x 17' Mural, City of Tampa, Tampa, FL
- 2020 Entangled Edison Bulb Monument, Stainless steel sculpture, City Walk, Fort Myers, FL
- 2020 Water Frontier, Large-scale Mural 19' x 67' Strategic Property Partners, Tampa, FL
- 2020 Palm Beach Post Bus Shelter, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2019 RELATED, "Exposed." Public Artwork Sculpture, George Perez Collection, Miami, FL
- 2019 BC Gram Elementary, "Undivided." Community Public Art Social Justice Project Installation, St. Pete, FL
- 2019 Woodson Elementary, "Signals." Community Public Art Social Justice Project, Installation, Tampa, FL
- 2019 AL Lang Soccer Stadium, "Together we." Sculptural Mural, Public Artwork Commission, St. Pete, FL
- 2018 NIKE, "Unspoken." Architectural Mural Installation, Headquarters.

GALERIE MYRTIS
FINE ART & ADVISORY

- 2018 City of St. Petersburg 85' Tunnel, "CINCO.", Large-Scale Outdoor Environment (Architectural Light), St. Pete, FL
- 2018 Jan Moran Public Library, "Woven." Community Public Art Social Justice Project, Installation, Pompano Beach, FL
- 2018 Fairmount Elementary, "360 Degrees" Community Public Art Social Justice Project, Installation, St. Pete, FL
- 2017 University of South Florida, "Golden Dimension" Entire Building Mural, Public Artwork Commission, Downtown, St. Pete, FL
- 2017 HYATT Mural, "The Peninsula." Public Artwork Commission, Downtown, St. Pete, FL

Select Bibliography

<https://www.kuer.org/arts-culture-entertainment/2022-06-08/ya-lafords-survey-the-west-exhibition-seeks-the-soul-of-utahs-landscapes>

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2023/04/12/tampa-bays-boom-can-development-art-mix-ask-ya-laford/>

<https://dailyutahchronicle.com/2022/03/19/ya-laford-ogden-contemporary-art-residency/>

<http://artistsofutah.org/15Bytes/index.php/ya-laford-ogden-contemporary-arts-in-augural-artist-in-residence-traverses-utahs-artistic-landscape/>

<https://southwestcontemporary.com/ya-lafords-survey-renews-perspectives-of-the-american-west/>

https://stpetecatalyst.com/artist-laford-unveils-courageous-twelve-monument-design/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20Spark%202011-19-2022&utm_content=Daily%20Spark%202011-19-2022+CID_951ac4be0caee408f649c45289e92f2&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Artist%20LaFord%20unveils%20Courageous%20Twelve%20monument%20design

GALERIE MYRTIS
FINE ART & ADVISORY

<https://www.83degreesmedia.com/features/Ya-La-Ford-Boulevard-Flow-public-art-unveiled-in-Tampa-West-River-110822.aspx>

<https://theweeklychallenger.com/st-petersburg-museum-of-history-announces-ya-laford-as-artist-behind-final-expansion-piece/>

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/ya-laford-to-create-public-art-for-history-museum-expansion/>

<https://lesley.edu/stories/ya-laford>

<https://www.tampabay.com/life-culture/2021/06/22/the-st-petersburg-museum-of-history-is-expanding/>

<https://www.tampabay.com/life-culture/2021/04/22/st-petersburg-artist-will-paint-an-indycar-at-grand-prix/>

<https://hamptonsarthub.com/2017/05/26/reviews-art-review-ya-levy-laford-finds-unexpected-connections-in-sublimation/>

<https://artisnaples.org/baker-museum/exhibitions/2022-23/florida-contemporary>

<https://www.tampabay.com/life-culture/arts/visual-arts/2021/01/19/ya-laford-explores-space-with-distance-in-tampa/>

Awards and Honors

- 2024 Moving the Margins: Artist in Residency Program, Jacksonville, FL
- 2023 Rossignol Selected Artist Partnership, Isere, France
- 2023 Spartanburg Methodist College Women's History Honor, Spartanburg, SC
- 2023 Courageous 12 Integration Memorial Tribute Sculpture, St. Pete, FL
- 2022 Blanche Armwood Legacy Award, National Alumni Spelman, ATL
- 2022 Ogden Contemporary Arts Solo Artist in Residency, Ogden, Utah
- 2021 Indy 500 Activation, NASCAR & VUSE, Selected Artist, Speedway, IN
- 2021 Grand Prix & McLaren Project: Selected Arts, St. Pete, FL
- 2019 HELIX, Weizmann Institute Experience, YEELLEN Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2019 Selected Hillsboro County School Board, Public Art Commission, FL
- 2018 Florida Prize Artist Exhibition, Orlando Museum of Fine Arts, Orlando, FL
- 2018 STUDIO HONORS Awardee, St. Pete, FL
- 2018 Awarded RFP USF, Public Art Project, St Pete, FL
- 2018 Community Impact Award, VSPC, Visit, Clearwater, FL

GALERIE MYRTIS
FINE ART & ADVISORY

- 2017 Selected Artist site specific Large Scale Indoor Mural, Macbeth Voodoo Intersections, Studio 620, St. Pete, FL
- 2017 Skyway: A Contemporary Collaboration Tampa Museum of Art
- 2017 Pompano Beach, Community Artist 2-Year Artist Residency, Pompano Beach FL
- 2017 United Nations Gender Equality, Interactive Installation, St. Pete, FL
- 2017 Artist in Residency, Atelier of Alexandria, Egypt
- 2017 Cuba Exchange, Art of Living Foundation, Havana, Cuba

Select Patrons/ Collectors

Jorge Perez

St Petersburg History Museum

Tampa Museum of Fine Arts

Ringling Museum

Jeff & Penny Vinik

Bill & Melinda Gates

St Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts

Clark Atlanta University

Maya Angelou Collection

Boston Public Library

Janet Jackson

NIKE

NFL

Rossignol

Capital One

McLaren Automotive

GALERIE MYRTIS
FINE ART & ADVISORY