

**KELLY SINNAPAH MARY**

1981 Born in Saint-François, Guadeloupe  
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**EDUCATION**

2005 IUFM Visual Arts, University Antilles Guyana, Schœlcher, Martinique  
2004 License Visual Arts, University of Toulouse II le Mirail, Toulouse, France  
2002 Discipline Arts, University of Toulouse II le Mirail, Toulouse, France

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *Tout germe encore dans la nuit des terres*, James Cohan, Paris, France  
*The Book of Violette*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
2023 *Kelly Sinnapah Mary*, curated by Andil Gosine, Aicon, New York, NY  
*The Fables of Sanbras*, curated by Sour Grass, Kunstinstituut Melly, Rotterdam, Netherlands

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *A World Far Away, Nearby, and Invisible: Territory Narratives in the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*, El Espacio 23, Miami, FL  
*DON'T LOOK NOW*, organized by Art at a Time Like This, Nathalie Karg Gallery, New York, NY  
*Venus Noire*, Le Hall de La Chanson, Paris, France  
*THE EARTH, THE FIRE, THE WATER, AND THE WINDS – For a Museum of Errantry with Édouard Glissant*, Instituto Tomie Ohtake, São Paulo, Brazil  
*NON-RESIDENCY*, Jaipur Centre for Art, Jaipur, India  
*All About 25*, James Cohan, New York, NY  
*The Plantation Plot*, ILHAM Gallery, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
2024 *Sunlight on the Sea Floor*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
*The Appearance: Art of the Asian Diaspora in Latin America & the Caribbean*, Americas Society, New York, NY  
*Surrealism and Us: Caribbean and African Diasporic Artists since 1940*, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX

- 2023 *Very Small Feelings*, curated by Akansha Rastogi and Diana Campbell, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India & Samdani Art Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2022 *A Natural Turn*, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
*everything slackens in a wreck*, curated by Andil Gosine, Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, NY  
*Voies-Voix Résilientes (Resilient Voices-Pathways)*, Art Souterrain Festival, Place Victoria, Montréal, Canada
- 2020 *Mais le Monde est une mangrovié*, curated by Chris Cyrille, Galerie Jeune Creation, Paris, France
- 2019 *Present Passing*, curated by Natasha Becker & Patrick Flores, Osage Foundation, Hong Kong
- 2018 *Désir Cannibale*, curated by Jean Marc Hunt, Fondation Clément, Martinique
- 2017 *No Commission*, curated by Nicola Vassell, The Dean Collection, Miami, FL  
*L'élargissement des fantasmes*, Maelle Galerie, Paris, France
- 2016 *Echos imprévus: turning tide*, curated by Tumelo Mosaka and Johanna Auguiac, Mémorial ACTe, Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe  
*Vision archipélique*, curated by Tumelo Mosaka and Johana Auguiac, Fondation Clément, Martinique
- 2015 *Field notes: Extracts*, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, New York, NY
- 2014 *Caribbean: Crossroad of the World*, Pérez Art Museum, Miami, FL  
*Flow: Economies of the Look and Creativity in Contemporary Art from the Caribbean*, curated by Elvis Fuentes, IDB Cultural Center Art Gallery, Washington DC

## BIENNIALS

- 2021 *34th Bienal de São Paulo: Though it's dark, still I sing*, São Paulo, Brazil

## SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Fondation Clément, Le François, Martinique  
KADIST, San Francisco, CA  
Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

## AWARDS

CPGA-Villa Albertine *Étant donnés* Prize

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- 2023 "Spotlight: Kelly Sinnapah Mary Explores Personal History and Ancestry In Her First U.S. Solo Show," *Artnet News*, December 21, 2023.
- 2022 Aruna De Souza, "From the Wreckage of Caribbean Migration, a new kind of beauty," *The New York Times*, June 15, 2022.  
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- 2020 Natasha Gural, "George Floyd's Death and Systemic Racism Spark Creative Breakthroughs for Artists," *Forbes*, Jun 9, 2020.
- 2019 Andil Gosine, "Désir Cannibale: Kelly Sinnapah Mary's Notebook of No Return," *Asian Diasporic Visual Cultures and the Americas* 5, 1-2 (2019): 11-30.
- 2018 "Creole portraits for photographic masks," *Art Absolument* (2018).
- 2017 Dominique Brebion, "Hotmilk by Kelly Sinnapah Mary," *Aïca Caraïbe du Sud*, January 2, 2017.

- 2016 Gabrielle Jamela Hosein and Lisa Outar (editors), “Art, Violence, and Non-return: An Interview with Guadeloupean Artist Kelly Sinnapah Mary,” in *Indo-Caribbean Feminist Thought: Genealogies, Theories, Enactments* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).
- 2015 Martha Schwendener, “Review: ‘Fields Notes’ uses Visual Art to explore Caribbean Heritage,” *The New York Times*, September 10, 2015.