

LASHONDA COOKS

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Crafting a love song to self, family, community and culture in words and images.

SKILLS:

- Sketching and painting quick live drawing images in public and private venues
- Creating custom illustrations, sketches and paintings both in traditional and digital media to support client's needs, budget and vision
- Curating timely exhibits that reflect the times and create opportunities for myself and fellow emerging artists to share our lens and stories with the world and expand cultural archives
- Host arts and crafts workshops in Dallas-Fort Worth as a form of art therapy and incubator of creativity with community partners of all sizes and ages

AWARDS:

- *Small Black Museum Stipend, Carver Museum, September 2025*
- *Rising Star of Oak Cliff Fine Arts Society, August 2025*
- *Recipient of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture Grant, Spring 2025*
- *Live Painter for Dallas Arts District Party, April 2025*
- *Amon Carter Museum Community Artist, 2024-2025*
- *McDermott Fellow, DMA Junior Associates, 2024-2025 Season*
- *Best in Show, Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum Juried Art Show, 2024*
- *Denis Diderot Grant, Chateau D'Orquevaux Creative Residency, Oct 2023*
- *CACHR Hall of Fame Inductee, Feb 2023*
- *Best in Show, Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum Juried Art Show, 2021*
- *Recipient of Iota Phi Lambda Dorethea N. Hornbuckle Business Entrepreneur Award, April 2020*
- *Recipient of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs Cultural Projects Funding Grant, Fall 2018*

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS:

- *"Seachange XIII" Tactile and Sensory-Friendly Reproduction, Amon Carter, Fort Worth, TX 76107, Nov 2025*
- *"New Growth" Deep Ellum Spring banner campaign, Deep Ellum, TX, 75226, Spring 2025*
- *"Blue Series-48 mini wooden portraits" for One Eleven Consulting, Fort Worth, TX 76102, Feb 2025*
- *"Blues is Truth" Mural, Deep Ellum Blues Alley Muralist Awardee, May 2022*
- *"We are Forest" Forest Theater soft campaign launch mural, Dallas, TX, 75215, Nov 2021*
- *"Mayor's Rising Star Council DART Bus Stop Project Winner," Dallas, TX 75210, Jan 2019*

EXHIBITIONS:

Group Exhibition:

- *"Community Artists' Salon," Cedars Union, Dallas, TX, 75215, Feb 2026*
- *"DADA Tiny Art Show," Internationally Touring, 2026-2027*
- *"Cowboy Noire," 400H Gallery, Fort Worth, TX 76102, Feb 2026*
- *"City of Dallas Black History Month Exhibition," Dallas City Hall, Dallas, TX 75201, Feb 2026*
- *"Celebration of Black Culture," NFM, The Colony, TX 75056, Jan 2026*
- *"REAL F.R.I.E.N.D.S." Hopkinton Center For The Arts, Hopkinton, MA 01748, Oct 2025*
- *"My Black Joy is Black Activism," TCU Library, Fort Worth, June 2025*
- *"If These Walls Could Talk," Deep Ellum Community Center, Dallas, May 2025*
- *Fort Worth Art Fair, Art Tooth, Fort Worth, April 2025*
- *"Inaugural Echo," Perspective 6 Gallery, Dallas, March 2025*
- *"Spectrum" Juried Exhibition, Gallerium, Online*
- *Small Works Show, 440 Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, Nov 2024*
- *Fort Worth Art Fair, Sundance Square, Fort Worth, May 2024*

- “Lenora Rolla Show,” 400H Gallery, Fort Worth, Feb 2024
- “Small Works Show,” 400H Gallery, Fort Worth, Nov 2023
- Mayor’s Suite Exhibition, Dallas City Hall, March 2023
- “Hue,” Msanii Hous, Dallas, July 2022
- “Respite,” Pencil on Paper, Dallas, Feb 2022
- “Constuyendo La Paz Con El Lenguaje Del Arte,” Illamar Galeria, Peru, Oct 2021
- “Tears: Weaponized, Devalued, Reconciled?,” African American Museum, Dallas, March 2021
- “Hair Story: Myths, Magic and Methods of Black Hair,” African American Museum, Dallas, Nov 2020
- “As a Matter of Black: The Roaring 20’s,” MUCE Campus Miami, Feb 2020
- “We the People,” Mosesian Center for the Arts, Boston, Nov 2019
- “Identity,” Oak Cliff Cultural Center, Dallas, Nov 2019
- “The Masks We Wear” Community Exhibit, March 2019
- “Falling in Love with Me”, Grand Prairie, Feb 2019
- “Salute Life Miami,” WeWork Miami, Dec 2018
- “Art, Power, Respect,” Ponchavelli Studio at Drawing Board, Richardson, Sept 2018
- “100 for 100 Show,” Fort Works Art, Sept 2018
- “Four Women Art Show,” Brewing Arts Festival, Arlington, Sept 2018
- “Muses” Art Show, TVAA Gallery, Dallas, Aug 2018
- “Art Conspiracy,” Life in Deep Ellum, Dallas, June 2018

Two- Person Exhibition:

- “Sanctuary,” St. Matthew’s Cathedral Arts, Dallas, TX 75206, Jan 2022
- “Ownership Series,” Babson College, (with abstract artist Jamaal Eversley) Wellesley, MA, 02457, Feb 2018
- “Coming of Age Art Show,” Babson College, Hollister Gallery, (with abstract artist Jamaal Eversley), Wellesley, MA, 02457, Sept 2017

Solo Exhibition:

- “Teacup to God,” Golden BLK Candle Lounge Artist Residency, Dallas, TX 75207

PUBLICATIONS:

- “Amon Carter Museum invites artists in Fort Worth area to curate programs, workshops.” [KERAnews.org](https://www.keranews.org), August 2025
- “LaShonda Cooks explores identity and culture.” [360West Magazine](https://www.360westmagazine.com) July 2025
- “Amon Carter Museum of American Art introduces 2025 Carter Community Artists.” [NBCDFW.com](https://www.nbcdfw.com), Dec 2024
- “Meet LaShonda Cooks,” [CanvasRebel](https://www.canvasrebel.com), July 2022
- “Like father, like daughter: Pair Hosts First Joint Art Exhibit,” [Spectrum News](https://www.spectrumnews.com), March 2022
- “Hair Story Grabs History by the Hair,” [Dallas Observer](https://www.dallasobserver.com), Dec 2020
- “Hair Story Exhibit explores how Black Hair is more than mere follicles,” [KERA](https://www.kera.com), Dec 2020
- “Artists Explore the Roots of Black Hair Culture,” [D Magazine](https://www.dmagazine.com), Nov 2020
- “From her beautiful stories to her pointillistic painting style. Meet artist LaShonda Cooks,” www.damienartsmag.com, Feb 2020
- “An artist and an Entrepreneur,” [Babson Thought & Action](https://www.babsonthought.com), Sept 2019
- “Conversations with the Inspiring LaShonda Cooks,” [Voyage Dallas](https://www.voyagedallas.com), Jan 2019
- “Native Dallas Artist Creating Positive Impact at Babson College,” Dallas Post Tribune, Oct 2017
- “CityLine: Coming of Age,” [WCVB](https://www.wcvb.com), Sept 2017
- “Alumni Joint Exhibition: A Coming of Age,” www.blogs.babson.edu, Sept 2017
- “Alumni LaShonda Cooks, Jamaal Eversley exhibit art at Babson College,” [Wicked Local](https://www.wickedlocal.com), Sept 2017
- “A Brush with Happiness,” [Babson Magazine](https://www.babsonmagazine.com), August 2017