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## EDUCATION

1992 Foundation Studies, Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS + PROJECTS

- 2024 Gilbane Inc, Mural Artist, [‘Sovren’](#), 6000 SQ FT exterior mural (largest public artwork in PG County), West Hyattsville, MD  
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Featured Artist, [‘Sightlines: Chinatown And Beyond’](#) museum exhibition, produced by Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, curated by Adriel Luis and Sojin Kim, Washington, DC, Sept 2024-Nov 2025  
DC DGS, Featured Artist, interior mural installations at modernized DC public schools Garfield Elementary and John Francis Education Center, Washington, DC
- 2023 PG County Public Schools, Featured Artist, large-scale interior mural installations at Hyattsville Middle, Hyattsville Maryland, and Colin Powell Academy, Ft Washington MD  
Amazon HQ2 Artist-In-Residence, [‘Pollinator’s Promise’](#), large-scale interior mural installation, Arlington VA  
Art In Embassies/US Department of State, Featured Artist, [‘Amazon Love Letter’](#), on loan to US Ambassador Jessica Davis Ba, American Embassy, Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire
- 2022 Shaw Women’s Mural Festival, Featured Artist, Washington, DC  
National Museum for Women in the Arts, the first of three featured Artists for [“The Lookout Project”](#): commissioned artwork to be printed in large scale and installed over entire western building façade, April-July, Washington, DC
- 2021 Phillips Collection, Featured Artist, [“Centennial Logo Reimagination Project”](#), Washington, DC  
Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Featured Artist, [“Postcards with he\(ART\)”](#) project in support of global refugees, Washington, DC  
Mount Rainier Public Library, Featured Artist, interior mural collection, Mount Rainier MD
- 2020 Hotel Zena, Featured Artist, exterior facade mural + painting commission, Thomas Circle, Washington, DC  
DC Commision on the Arts & Humanities, Featured Artist, [“Legacy of Resilience”](#) collaborative exterior mural collection commemorating 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage, Anacostia Washington DC, October 15  
DC DGS, Featured Artist, interior mural installations at Houston Elementary and Jefferson Academy, Washington, DC  
Signal House, Featured Artist, “Seasons Collection” 5-piece exterior soffit mural collection, Union Market Washington, DC
- 2019 Apple, ‘StoryMakers Festival’, featured artist, led ‘Today At Apple’ ArtLab session, also featured muralist/presenter for Block Party, Carnegie Library, Washington, DC  
MuralsDC Project, Lead Mural Artist, Washington, DC (also for additional seasons: 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017 + 2018)
- 2018 Starbucks, Featured Muralist, M Street Georgetown flagship store, Washington, DC  
Group Exhibition, ‘Caffeinated’, Exhibiting Artist, Curated by Max Mueller, Hyattsville MD, June 30
- 2017 Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, [‘AE’KAI’ pop-up CultureLab exhibition](#) (curated by Adriel Luis), Featured Artist, Honolulu, Hawai’i, July 7-9



- Pow!Wow!DC Mural Festival, Featured Artist: ["Water Protectors"](#), Collaborative mural with MASPAZ, Washington, DC
- Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage 50th Anniversary Folklife Festival, ["Rasa-Mixta Art Installation"](#), Featured "On The Move" Artist with multiple activations in collaboration with MASPAZ, Washington, DC
- Smithsonian Freer/Sakler Galleries 'Illuminasia' grand reopening festival, Featured Artist/Live paint performance, Washington, DC, October 14-15 ([Video recap, begin at 4:24](#))
- 2016 Urban Walls Brazil, 'Annapolis Design District Mural Festival', Featured Artist, Annapolis, MD
- Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, ["CROSSLINES" pop-up CultureLab exhibition](#)' (curated by Adriel Luis), Featured Artist in collaboration with MASPAZ, Arts & Industries Building, Washington, DC, May 28-29
- Roots-Raíces: Exhibition at Gallery 788 featuring street artists from Buenos Aires/USA, Baltimore, MD
- Palette22, Artist-In-Residence and Featured Muralist, Shirlington, Va
- 2015 AFROPUNK Festival, Featured Artist/Live paint performance (Gold Stage), Brooklyn, NY, October 3-4
- Redd's Wicked Ale X AFROPUNK ["Most Wicked"](#) event, Featured Artist/Live paint performance, performances by Thundercat, Living Color and Black Alley, Howard Theater, Washington DC August 6
- Group Exhibit, 'SOHY Skate Show', Guest Curator and Exhibiting Artist, Hyattsville MD
- 2014 Wat-Aah's 'Taking Back The Streets' group exhibit, EYEBEAM, NYC
- 'I Like My Chocolate Dark: Re-Examining Washington, DC As The Chocolate City', group exhibit, Art Space Gallery, Mt. Rainier, MD
- Wat-Aah's 'Taking Back The Streets' group exhibit, Longview Gallery, Washington, DC
- 'Ladies F1rst: An All-Woman Graffiti And Street Art Show', The Fridge Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2013 'Skate Your Fate' group exhibit, The Fridge Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2011 G40 II: Art Summit, group exhibition and live paint performance, ArtWhino, Washington, DC
- 2010 'City Art Interpreters: The Evolution of Urban Street Artists', group exhibit, Richmond, VA
- Amnesty International Human Rights Art Festival, Live paint performance, Silver Spring, MD
- 'G40: Art Summit', exhibition and Live paint performance, ArtWhino, Crystal City, VA
- 2009 'Lost & Found: 15 years of the 2DK L.A.B.', graffiti/street art exhibition, Washington, DC

#### TEACHING + RESIDENCIES

- 2019 **Artolution/La Sierra Artist Teaching Residency.** Lead Artist/Educator for mural art program with displaced middle-school aged youth in Buritaca, La Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Colombia
- 'La Belle Hip-Hop' Women's International Festival,** featured mural artist for women's international hip-hop festival featuring Dynasty, Shadia Mansour, Medusa, Audry Funk, etc, also Lead Instructor for multi-generational graffiti workshop, Brussels, Belgium
- TRUE Skool/Milwaukee Center for Creative Arts and Hip Hop Culture, "A Celebration of Women in Hip Hop" teaching residency,** along with cohorts Aja Black and Amirah Sackett, supported by The Joyce Foundation, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 **Miami Dade College, 'Hip Hoppa-Locka' Teaching Residency.** Graffiti and painting instructor for middle school students at the Arts Academy of Excellence, in Opa-Locka FL. Presented to students and live-painted at Miami Dade College campus
- 2017 **Words, Beats and Life, Inc, 'Magnets of Creativity' cultural exchange program.** Wheatpaste Workshop Instructor and Muralist at: Pakistani American Cultural Center, Arts Council of Pakistan, and Commune Artist Colony in Karachi, Pakistan



#### SELECTED APPEARANCES, PANELS, INTERVIEWS + PRESS

- 2022 Lauren McCaffrey, Washingtonian: [“A Four-Story Mural Will Soon Cover DC’s National Museum of Women in the Arts”](#), February 22  
Jacopo Prisco, CNN Style: [“Decoding the messages tucked away in one 'politically significant' city's street art”](#), May 31  
Kelsey Ables, Washington Post Weekend Section: [“How 7 Artists See the Big Picture”](#), Cover Story, October 22
- 2021 Monica Alford, District Fray: [“Artist MISS CHELOVE Creates for a Purpose”](#), Cover Story, Washington, DC, July 29  
Southeast Asian Talk (SEAT): [“Vibrant DC Indonesian American Muralist, Cita Sadeli \(MISSCHELOVE\) on Being Creative”](#), Interview, Washington, DC, July 29
- 2020 Modern Luxury DC, “The Style Issue”, [2-page spread in “Life Style” section](#), DC Mag, September  
Betsey Johnson, Hirshhorn Museum: [“\(At Home\) Friday Art Break: Artist Talk with MISS CHELOVE”](#), Interview, Washington, DC  
Smithsonian Anacostia Museum, Interview: [“#TakeTimeThursdays: Art. Inspiration. and Challenges During COVID with MISS CHELOVE”](#), Washington, DC  
National Education Association (NEA) Conference on Racial and Social Justice, Panelist: [“About Art, Culture and a New Tomorrow”](#), with panelists Marka27, Aniekan Udofia & Melani Douglass, Washington, DC, July 12  
Jennifer Anne Mitchell, Washington City Paper: [“How a New D.C. Mural Delivers Peace and Strength During the Coronavirus Crisis”](#), April 15  
Alison Beckwith, The Hyattsville Wire: [“Noted D.C. Muralist Found Her Love of Art Growing Up on Route 1”](#) April 25  
[ Video feature ] Sojin Kim, [“DC Wardscapes”](#), A [self-produced video focused on Ward 4](#) short for interactive project [“DC Music Map. A Community Soundtrack”](#), Smithsonian Center For Folklife And Cultural Heritage, November 8
- 2019 Sojin Kim, [“Writ Large: The Art of CHELOVE and MASPAZ”](#), Feature story/video interview, Smithsonian Center For Folklife And Cultural Heritage, April 24  
Restaurant Impossible [“New Roles. New Results”](#), Season 16, Episode 5, Food Network, mural artist, Alexandria, VA, September 23  
WAMU, [“What’s With Washington”](#), Featured Guest, interview and interactive art demo at live audience taping, NPR Headquarters, Washington, DC, September 23
- 2018 [ Video feature ] PBS Student Reporting Labs, [“Murals Breathe Lift Into Washington DC Communities”](#), Featured Artist, Washington, DC, July 31
- 2016 Michelle Thomas, Washingtonian Magazine: [“DC Street Art is Cool Again Thanks to These Graffiti Artists”](#), Washington, DC, January 19  
David Muse [“Passing By 23rd Street”](#), Charm City Streets, Baltimore MD, March 29  
David Muse [“23rd Street Mural Project”](#) Charm City Streets, Baltimore MD, March 29  
Creative Time Summit, [‘Making Murals in Washington and Tehran’](#), Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC October 16 Panelist along with artists Mehdi Ghadyanloo, Bill Warrell and Lisa Marie Thalhammer.
- 2015 Washington Post, [“Crossroads Mural”](#). Metro Section photo feature, May 14  
David Muse [“#SHIFTBALTIMORE”](#), Charm City Streets, Baltimore MD, June 15



Yanan Wang ["Art takes hold in one of downtown's last gritty spaces — but only for a while"](#), Washington Post, Style section, Washington, DC, June 24

[ Video feature ] ["CHELOVE and Chef KPE - Eccentric Instigators"](#), Born To Be Different series, Redd's Wicked Apple X AFROPUNK, August 21

2014 DC Historical Studies Conference, 'DC Murals; Spectacle and Story', Panelist along with Byron Peck, the City Museum at Carnegie Library, Washington, DC

[ Video feature ] Words Beats & Life, ["The Crossroads, Where Communities Meet"](#), Collaborative Mural Installation with Coby Kennedy & Pose2, June 15

2013 Sahar Sarshar, ["VOA Show 'ZirZameen' Explores Art and Activism"](#), VOA, Washington, DC, January 11

2012 Johnathan L. Fischer, ["What's in this Mural?"](#), Washington City Paper, Washington, DC, February 20

The Kojo Namdi Show ["Public Vandalism or Public Art?"](#), Panelist along with GAIA WAMU/NPR, Washington, DC, September 20

### COLLECTIONS

2017 Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, permanent collection

2016 Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, permanent collection

### AWARDS

2014 AIGA 50 Design Competition Winner, American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA), Washington, DC

1992 Dean's List, Corcoran School of Art

### PUBLICATIONS

2019 Words Beats & Life, Inc, "Words Beats & Life Global Journal of Hip-Hop Vol.7", Cover Art

2010 Words Beats & Life, Inc, "Words Beats & Life Global Journal of Hip-Hop "The Sex Issue" Vol.4", Cover and editorial art appears in bi-annual publication discussing the influence of gender and sexuality in Hip-Hop culture

2001 R. Gastman, "Free Agents: A History of Washington, D.C. Graffiti" Artist feature in R. Gastman's classic publication celebrating Washington, DC's early graffiti artists

### FILM + TV

2022 NOMAD with Carlton McCoy, CNN: ["Graffiti artist explains the process behind making epic murals"](#), Season 01, Episode 03, May 15

Sara T Gama, PBS Reel South: ["MISS CHELOVE: From Java to the Streets of D.C."](#), documentary short, August 18

2020 Restaurant: Impossible, Food Network: ["New Roles New Results"](#), Season 16, Episode 8, January

### EMPLOYMENT

2011-Current CHELOVE LLC, Owner, Washington, DC

2013-2014 Creative Director/Interactive Designer, Illustrator, Spreenkler Creative, Milwaukee WI

2000-2014 Co-Founder/Director, Proteinmedia, Inc, Washington, DC/Brooklyn, NY

1996-1998 Web Designer/Developer, PrimaNET, Hyattsville, MD