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Born in Milwaukee, WI Based in Houston, TX

Education

University of Arkansas (AR). MFA - Studio Art, Photography, May 2022 University of Houston (TX). BFA - Photography & Digital Media, May 2019

Awards, Grants, Fellowships & Residencies

2025 - Teaching Artist Cohort, Museum Fine Arts Houston, TX

2024 - CAMHLAB Residency, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX

2023 - Artist Studio Residency, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX

2023 - The Idea Fund, The Andy Warhol Foundation, Houston, TX

2023 - Artist Residency, Visible Records, Charlottesville, VA

2022 - Silver Eye Silver List, Philadelphia PA

2021 - Individual Artist Fellowship, Arkansas Arts Council, Little Rock, Arkansas

2019 - First Prize, Citywide African-American Artists Exhibition, Museum Fine Arts, Houston/

Texas Southern University Gallery, Houston, TX

Teaching & Mentorship

2023 - Art & Design Professor; San Jacinto College (South)

2023 - Adjunct Instructor of Record; Drawing ARTS-1316 San Jacinto College

2023 - Adjunct Instructor of Record; Computer Imaging ARTS-3374 University of Houston

2023 - Artist Mentorship Program; Project Row Houses

2022 - Adjunct Instructor of Record; Computer Imaging ARTS-3374 University of Houston

Lectures & Workshops

2023-Current – Workshop; "Cuts & Glue: We Are All Collages", Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX

2025 - Collage Workshop, LAR Gallery, Houston, TX

2024 – Artist Lecture; "Do You Mind If I Play Something For You", Macalester College, St. Paul MN

2024 - Artist Lecture; "Do You Mind If I Play Something For You", University of Houston

2024 - Art Summer Camp; Project Row Houses, Houston, TX

2023 - Workshop; Art League Houston, Houston, TX

2023 - Photography Art Camp; The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative, Charlottesville, VA

2022 - Workshop; "CollageSHOP", Fayetteville Public Library, Fayetteville, AR

2021 - Workshop Tour; "CB to You Mobile Art Lab", Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR

2021 - Artist Lecture; "Deep Cuts", University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA

2021 - Workshop; "CollageSHOP", Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR

2021 - Artist Lecture; "Deep Cuts", Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

2020 - Artist Lecture; "Deep Cuts", University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

2020 - Artist Lecture; "Deep Cuts", Society for Photographic Education, South Central

2020 - Workshop; "CollageSHOP", Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO

2020 - Abolitionist Art Kit; An Imaginative Response to Reality, Grade School Commission

- 2025 October, *Faces in the Crowd* mural, MNPS Visual & Performing Arts Building, Nashville, TN
- 2025 October, Open Source mural, Edgehill Branch Library, Nashville, TN
- 2025 September, Garrison mural, Moody Arts Center, RIce University, Houston, TX
- 2024 April, A Friendly Game of Basketball, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2023 October, American Ingot, Lone Star College (North Harris), Houston, TX
- 2023 February, Sankofa Project: Contest mural; Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2023 April, *Tay Butler: The Triangle*, Performance & Installation, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston. TX
- 2022 June, At First Nothing Is, Reeves Art & Design, Houston, TX
- 2022 April, NBA: No Anti-Blackness Allowed, Sculpture Studio, University of Arkansas
- 2021 August, *We Are Still Searching* installation; Yardworks Louise J. Moran Fine Arts Courtyard, Houston, TX
- 2020 2021; *McGov*, Creative Health Collective Mural installation, McGovern Park, Milwaukee, WI
- 2019 August; RE. Migrant I & II, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX
- 2019 February; American Geographic, William R. Jenkins Library, Houston, TX

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 June, Terms & Conditions, The University Museum at Texas Southern, Houston, TX
- 2025 February, Cheese Grits: Tay Butler & Brittany Lauback, San Jacinto College, Texas
- 2024 October, CAMHLAB: Tay Butler & Lovie Olivia, Houston First, Houston, TX
- 2023 September, *Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage*, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
- 2023 July, Lone Star Constellations: Young Stars Rising, The University Museum at Texas Southern, Houston, TX
- 2022 February, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston & Houston Rockets 75th Anniversary Poster Remix Night, Houston, TX
- 2021 September, In Place of an Index, Texas Biennial, Fotofest, Houston, TX
- 2021 July, Slowed and Throwed: Records of the City through Mutated Lenses, ArtPace, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 March, underCURRENT/overVIEW, Fine Arts Gallery, Fayetteville, AR
- 2020 November, Nature/Technology II, The Canvas, New York, NY
- 2020 March, Slowed and Throwed: Records of the City through Mutated Lenses,

Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston TX

- 2020 February, Oracles of the Other, Modified Arts, Phoenix AZ
- 2019 November, *Show Me Your Shelves*, The African-American Library at The Gregory School, Houston TX
- 2019 July; "Jefferson Pinder: Fire and Movement", Diverse Works, Houston TX
- 2019 June; *Citywide African-American Artists Exhibition*, Museum Fine Arts, Houston/Texas Southern University Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2019 June; Found: Incorporations of Collage, Communication Gallery, Madison, WI
- 2018 December; *Black Power Station: Somewhere I Read Installation*, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX

Featured Bibliography

2025 - Flat Files magazine, Issue 5, cover and essay, https://www.flatsfilm.com/product/flat-files-issue-5/2YOYRQTJF3GNJ4DZN355TC44?

cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category_id=5

2024 - Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage, Frist Art Museum

2022 - True Colors (Or Affirmations in a Crisis), Zora J Murff, Apeture New York, NY

2021 - The Photographers Green Book Vol. 1, Photographer's Green Book

2021 – Common Practice: Basketball & Contemporary Art, Rizzoli International New York, NY

2019 – Book (self-published), RE.Migrant, Center for Photographers of Color, University of Arkansas

Press

2025 - Oxford American; *Tay Butler: Blackness, Representation & Reclaiming Legacies*, https://oxfordamerican.org/oa-now/tay-butler-blackness-representation-and-reclaiming-legacies

2024 – Houston Defender: *Butler's Art Journey: From Milwaukee to Houston, Pursuing Dreams* https://defendernetwork.com/people/dn-news-profiles/artist-tay-butler-houston/2023 - Sacred: *Multi-Disciplinary Artist Tay Butler on Hyperinvisibility* https://

sacredhoopsbook.com/playbook/tay-butler-on-hyperinvisibility

2023 - Coca Cola Beverages; Community Canvas: Tay Butler https://cocacolaswb.com/communitycanvas/

2022 - Houstonia: *A Houston Based Contemporary Artist You Should Know* https://www.houstoniamag.com/arts-and-culture/houston-contemporary-artist-tay-butler 2021 - Crystal Bridges wraps up 10 year anniversary celebrations https://

www.5newsonline.com/article/news/local/crystal-bridges-wraps-up-ten-year-anniversary-celebrations/527-6cf5461e-512f-4e61-b963-a0d8d8f3b011

2021 - Houstonia: Gulf Coast Artists Shine in the 2021 Biennial https://

www.houstoniamag.com/arts-and-culture/2021/08/gulf-coast-artists-2021-texas-biennial 2021 - WTMJ - TV (Milwaukee), Local Artists team up with Medical College of Wisconsin to educate communities about COVID-19 https://www.tmj4.com/lifestyle/black-history-month/local-artists-team-up-with-medical-college-of-wisconsin-to-educate-communities-about-covid-19

2021 - 032c, Slowed and Throwed: DJ Screw, Community and Collage https://032c.com/slowed-and-throwed-part-2

2020 - Contemporary Art Museum, Houston: In Conversation: Slowed and Throwed https://youtu.be/-ut4QJNNp-w

2020 - Dear Adam Silver, Episode 47: Tay Butler on Repurposing as Justice https://open.spotify.com/episode/2jZ8dFBTHniQwLFUFkp6ls

2020 - LensScratch, *Focus on Collage: Tay Butler*, http://lenscratch.com/2020/11/collage-week-tay-butler/

2019 - ContemporaryAnd *Tay Butler: Connecting to the Past* via Fiction https://www.contemporaryand.com/magazines/tay-butler-connecting-to-the-past-via-fiction/