SENGA NENGUDI

Born 1943 Chicago Lives and works in Colorado Springs

Education

1971	California State University, Los Angeles
1967	Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
1966	California State University, Los Angeles

Awards & Honors

2019	2019 Honoree: Artist Award, Bonfils Stanton Foundation, Denver
2014	Art Matters Grant, New York
2013	Arts Advocacy Award, Arts Business Education Awards, Pikes Peak Art Council, Colorado Springs
2011	Artist in Residence, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
2010	Lifetime Achievement Award, Women's Caucus for the Arts, New York
2009	Panelist, Black Women, But Are They Feminist?, College Art Association, Los Angeles
2008	Panelist, Modern Art in L.A.: African-American Avant-Garde, 1965-1990, Getty Center, Los Angeles
2006	Artist in Residence, Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia
2005	Anonymous Was A Woman Award, Philanthropy Advisors, New York
	Biennial Award, Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation, New York
	Finalist, Ordway Prize, Penny McCall Foundation, New York
	Invitational Artist Residency, "Kamp Kippy" Acadia Summer Arts Program, Mount Desert Island
2002	Website of the Week Awarded to www.mountainmovingday.org, Artwomen.org
2001	Panelist, The Black Aesthetic: 1960-2001, University of California, Riverside
	Guest Speaker, The State of Feminism in Visual Culture, Colorado University, Colorado Springs
2000	Visiting Artist, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore
1997	Visiting Artist, School of Art & Art History, University of Illinois, Chicago
	Visiting Artist, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore
1996	Guest Curator, Guest Whisper! Stomp! Shout! A Salute to African American Performance

Art Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs

1994 Distinguished Service Award, Board of Regents, University of Colorado1991 Co-President, Performing Arts for Youth Organization, Colorado Springs

- 1986 Co-Curator with Charles Abramson, 1+1=3, Gallery 1199, New York
- 1974 Set Designer, *Dead Center*, Sounds in Motion Dance Co. New York Grant (Sculpture), Creative Artists Public Service Program (CAPS), New York State Council on the Arts
- 1965 Orchesis Dance Scholarship

Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 Senga Nengudi, Lenbachhaus, Munich (forthcoming)
- 2018 Senga Nengudi, Henry Moore Institute, Leeds; will travel to Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh (forthcoming 2019)
 - Senga Nengudi, Sprüth Magers, Berlin
 - Head Back & High: Senga Nengudi, Performance Objects (1976 2015), Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore; will travel to Art + Practice, Los Angeles
- 2017 Senga Nengudi, ICA Miami, Miami Senga Nengudi, Focus, The Armory Show 2017, New York
- 2015 Senga Nengudi, The Back Room, Dominique Lévy Gallery, New York Senga Nengudi: Improvisational Gestures, University of Colorado Colorado Springs Gallery of Contemporary Art; traveled to Henry Art Gallery, Seattle (2016), Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans (2017); DePaul Art Museum, Chicago (2017); USC Fisher Museum of Art (2018, forthcoming)
 - Inner Symphony, Packard Hall, Colorado College, Colorado Springs
- 2014 Senga Nengudi: Alt, White Cube, London
 - Senga Nengudi, Galerie Anne de Villepoix, Paris
 - Senga Nengudi: The Material Body, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver
 - Senga Nengudi: The Performing Body, Redline Art Center, Denver
- 2013 Performances 1976 81, Thomas Erben Gallery, New York
- 2012 Lov U, Warehouse Gallery, Syracuse University, Syracuse
- 2007 Warp Trance, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia
- 2005 Asp-RX, Thomas Erben Gallery, New York
- 2004 *Prospect Lake,* Phototroph Gallery, Colorado Springs (under the pseudonym Propecia Leigh)
- 2003 R.S.V.P. Retrospective, Thomas Erben Gallery, New York
- 2002 Watch!, Wooten Studio/Gallery, Colorado Springs
- 2001 Masking It, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs Widefield, Wildfield
- 1998 Rapunzel's View, Gertrude's Restaurant, Colorado Springs (under the pseudonym Propecia Leigh)
- 1997 Populated Air, Thomas Erben Gallery, New York
- 1996 Wet Night, Early Dawn, Scat-Chant, Pilgrim's Song, Thomas Erben Gallery, New York
- 1981 Vestige: The Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus' S.D. Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York
- 1978 Nylon Mesh Series Recent Work, Woods Gallery, Los Angeles
- 1977 Recent Work, Woods Gallery, Los Angeles Répondez S'il-vous-plaît, Just Above Midtown Gallery, New
- 1971 Senga Nengudi, California State University at Los Angeles, Los Angeles

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 American African American, curated by Arnold Lehman, Phillips, New York
- 2018 West by Midwest, curated by Charlotte Ickes, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago Outliars and American Vanguard Art, National Gallery, DC, curated by Lynne Cook; traveled to High Museum of Art, Atlanta; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles
- 2017 Soul of a Nation, Tate Museum, London; will travel to Crystal Bridges, Bentonville; Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn
 - An Incomplete History of Protest: Selections from the Whitney's Collection, 1940 2017, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
 - VIVA ARTE VIVA, 57th International Art Exhibition, La Bienale di Venezia, Venice *Midtown*, Lever House, New York
 - We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965 85, Brooklyn Museum; travels to California African American Museum, Los Angeles; Albright–Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo; Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
 - POWER, Sprüth Magers, Los Angeles
- 2016 Whatever moves between us also moves the world in general, Murray Guy, New York Circa 1970, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
 - The Romance of Certain Old Clothes: Sheryl Sutton, My Sister, Senga Nengudi, and the Rest, curated by Hilton Als, The Artist's Institute, New York
 - Masterworks from the Hirshhorn Collection, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
 - Hard Edged: Geometrical Abstraction and Beyond, California African American Museum, Los Angeles
 - Revolution in the Making: Abstract Sculpture by Women, 1947–2016, Hauser Wirth and Schimmel, Los Angeles
- 2015 Improvisational Gestures, Galleries of Contemporary Art, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs; also traveled to Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle (July October, 2016); Contemporary Arts Centery, New Orleans (March June, 2017); DePaul Art Museum, Chicago (September December, 2017); and USC Fisher Museum, Los Angeles (January April, 2018)
 - Tony Conrad, Senga Nengudi, Toshiko Takaezu, Essex Street Gallery, New York
- 2014 Artevida, Casa França Brazil, Rio De Janeiro
 Brides of Anansi, Spelman College Museum of Fine Arts, Atlanta
 Looking Back: The Eighth White Columns Annual, White Columns, New York
 African American Artists and Abstraction. National Museum of Fine Arts in Hayana, Hayana
- 2013 Blues for Smoke, Whitney Museum, New York; traveled to Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
- 2012 Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art, Contemporary Art Museum Houston, Houston: traveled to Grey Art Gallery, New York University, New York; Studio Museum in Harlem, New York; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Contemporary Galleries: 1980 Now, MoMA, New York Alles Neu, Neuer Kunstverein Aschaffenburg, Aschaffenburg
- 2011 Now Dig This Art & Black Los Angeles 1960-1980, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; traveled to MoMA PS1, New York

Under the Big Black Sun, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles

Los Angeles Goes Live: Los Angeles Performance Art, 1970-1983, LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions), Los Angeles

Places of Validation, Art & Progression, California African American Museum, Los Angeles Civic Virtue: The Impact of the Municipal Art Gallery and the Watts Towers Art Center, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles

Dance/Draw, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston; traveled to Tang Museum, Saratoga Springs

Women Embodied, Sangre de Cristo Art Center, Pueblo

- 2010 Threads, Eli Klein Gallery, Beijing
- 2009 Gallery 32 and Its Circle, Laband Gallery, Loyola-Marymount University, Los Angeles
- 2008 Second Lives: Remixing the Ordinary, Museum of Art & Design, New York S&M: Shrines & Masquerades in Cosmopolitan Times, 80 Washington Square East Gallery, New York

R.S.V.P. Senga Nengudi with a Response by Rashawn Griffin), Studio Museum in Harlem, New York

Cinema Remixed & Reloaded: Black Women Artists and the Moving Image Since 1970, Part II, Spellman College, Atlanta; traveled to Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston

- 2007 Role Play: Feminist Art Revisited 1960-1980, Galerie Lelong, New York
 WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles;
 traveled to Women's National Museum of Art, Washington; MoMA PS1, New York
- 2006 L.A. Object & David Hammons Body Prints, Jack Tilton Gallery, New York Strange Powers, Creative Time, New York
- 2005 Clothesline: Art, Clothing, Identity, Santa Fe Art Institute, Santa Fe RxArt, RX Art Ball, New York Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art Since 1970, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston
 - Ephemeral Threads, Noyes Museum of Art, Oceanville
- 2004 54th Carnegie International 2004-5, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh NonToccare La Donna Bianca, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin
- 2002 Parallels and Intersections: Art/Women/California 1950-2000, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose
- 2001 Love Supreme, La Criee Centre D'Art Contemporain, Rennes
- 2000 Sixteen Pieces: The Influence of Yoruba on Contemporary Artists, The Brickhouse, London
- 1998 Out of Action: Between Performance and the Object, 1949-1979, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
 - Photography Show, Gallery of Contemporary Art, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 1997 Resonances, Galerie Art'O, Paris
 Interior Life, Rush Art Gallery, New York
- 1996 Gallery Artists, Thomas Erben Gallery, New York
 Incandescent (Part of Now-Here), Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek
- 1995 Art Multiple, Thomas Erban Gallery at Art Fair, Dusseldorf
 Notation on Africanism, Archibald Arts, New York
 Homecoming, 25th Anniversary Exhibition, Watts Towers Art Center, Watts
 Sapphire Show, Gallery 32, Los Angeles
 Three Artists, Gallery Central 1015, Los Angeles
- 1993 Artists Space: 25th Anniversary Show, Artists Space, New York

- Color, Printed Matter Bookstore at DIA, New York; in conjunction with: New Observations, No. 97 (September/October 1993)
- 1990 Shaping the Spirit: The African-American Art of Charles Abramson, Senga Nengudi, and James Phillips, Capp Street Project/AVT, Experimental Projects Gallery, San Francisco
- 1988 Art As A Verb: The Evolving Continuum, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York; traveled to Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore
- 1985 Carnival-Ritual of Reversal, Kenkeleba Gallery, New York
- 1982 Afro-American Abstractions, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles; traveled to Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo; Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin; and four others
- 1980 Remy Presents: Project Grand Central, Grand Central Station, New York
 Dialectics of Isolation: An Exhibition of Third World Women Artists of the United States,
 A.I.R. Gallery, New York
 Art Across the Park, Central Park, New York
 - Afro-American Art in the 20th Century: Three Episodes, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx; in collaboration with: Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning, Jamaica Afro-American Abstractions, MoMa PS1, New York
- 1979 Remains, Emile Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University, New York
- 1978 Freeway Fets, L.A. Freeway Underpass, Los Angeles
 The Process as Art in Situ, Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York
 Secrets and Revelations: African-American Women Artists, Woods Gallery, Los Angeles
 Black History Week Exhibit, San Bernardino College Art Gallery, San Bernardino
- 1977 Studio Z: Individual Collective, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach
 The Concept as Art, Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York
 California Black Artists, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
 The Whitney Counterweight, James Yu Gallery, New York
 Space/Matter, Women's Interart Center, New York
- 1976 Newcomers 1976, Barnsdall Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdall Park, Los Angeles Group Show, Cinque Art Gallery, New York
- 1971 Eight Afro-Americans, Musée Rath, Geneva
- 1970 Sapphire Show, Gallery 32, Los Angeles
 Three Artist, Gallery Central 1015, Los Angeles

Performances

- 2012 *re.act.feminism,* Galerija Miroslav Kraljević, Zagreb; traveled to Museet for Samtidskunst, Roskilde
 - Walk Tall, Billy Wilder Theatre, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; in collaboration with: Maren Hassinger and Ulysses Jenkins
- 2011 Video Studio Playback, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
 Clifford Owens Anthology, Museum of Modern Art, New York; in collaboration with: Truth
 and Sweep
- 2010 Remembering Parker, This Long Century, Online Art Magazine
- 2006 Side by Side, Nomadic Nights Series, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Paris; in collaboration with: Maren Hassinger
- 2002 Mountain Moving, Day-Ritual: Celebration Women's History Month, www.mountainmovingday.org (ongoing)

- 2001 Developed personas "Propecia Leigh," "Harriet Chin," and "Lily Bea Moor" for other media explorations (ongoing)
- 1999 Walk a mile in my shoes

 Mail Art and Long Distance Conceptual Exercises; in collaboration with: Maren Hassing
- 1998 Developed persona of "Propecia Leigh" for photography work (ongoing)
- 1995 Lecture/Performance, The Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff
 Making a Scene of Ourselves The Black Arts: Nappy Ruminations on Life in America,
 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 1995 Singing the Circle: Four Women Creating Themselves (radio performance); in collaboration with: Kim Campbell, Stacy Dyson, Felicia Rose Caton Garcia and Jane Hilberry; sponsored by: Colorado College, Colorado Springs
- 1989 Double Think Bulemia, Mouth to Mouth: Conversations on Being (radio performance)
- 1988 A Series From A to Z, Mouth to Mouth: Conversations on Being (radio performance)
- 1986 Nature's Way, Contemporary Art Forum, Santa Barbara
- 1984 Four, Cotton Exchange, Los Angeles; in collaboration with: Chrono, Maren Hassinger and Ulysses Jenkins
- 1983 Chance Unfrozen, Other Visions Studio, Los Angeles; in collaboration with: Cheryl Banks and Roberto Miranda
 Spooks Who Sat By the Door, Long Beach Museum, Long Beach
- 1982 Blind Dates, White Dog, New York; presented by: Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York; in collaboration with: Blondell Cummings and Yasuno Tone Flying, Barnsdall Park, Los Angeles; in conjunction with: the opening of Afro-American Abstractions, Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdall Park, Los Angeles; in collaboration with Maren Hassinger, Ulysses Jenkins and Franklin Parker Men, Watts Towers Art Center, Watts
- 1981 Air Propo, Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York; in collaboration with: Cheryl Banks and Butch Morris
- 1980 C.C. Rider, Central Park, New York; in collaboration with: Charles Abramson Alive Performance, California State University, Los Angeles; in collaboration with: Maren Hassinger and Franklin Parker Bird, Jewish Home for the Aged, Reseda Get Up, Paper Mill, Los Angeles; in collaboration with: Houston Conwill, Maren Hassinger and Franklin Parker
- 1978 Ceremony for Freeway Fets, L.A. Freeway Underpass, Los Angeles; presented by: Brockman Gallery, Los Angeles; in collaboration with: David Hammons and Maren Hassinger
- 1977 Costume Study for Mesh Mirage, Studio Performance, Los Angeles Répondez S'il-vous-plaît, Just Above Midtown Gallery, New York Performance Piece – Nylon Mesh and Maren Hassinger, Woods Gallery, Los Angeles

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 Times, February 15
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