vanessa german Wins $250K Heinz Award for the Arts
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She’s got an exhibition titled THE RAREST BLACK WOMAN ON THE PLANET EARTH coming along at Mount Holyoke College Art Museum in October.

The self-taught American multi-practice visual artist vanessa german scoops up the 2022 Heinz Award. Self-styled “citizen artist” of the highest order, german’s female-form sculptures, assemblages, poetry, and installations proved a powerful and resounding voice against violence, homophobia, and hate.

german’s latest exhibitions brought her a new kind of appreciation across the art world. Her Miracles and Glory Abound 2019 travelling exhibition featured women pedaling the boats from Emanuel Leutze’s Washington Crossing the Delaware. More recently, she put up the Reckoning: Grief and Light (2021) at the Frick Pittsburgh and Sad Rapper show at the Kasmin gallery NY (2022). Her upcoming exhibition vanessa german—THE RAREST BLACK WOMAN ON THE PLANET EARTH, opens at Mount Holyoke College Art Museum in October.