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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.

Featured Image: Photograph of vanessa german at the Joseph Allen Skinner Museum, December 1–2, 2021 and February 23, 2022. Photo Laura Shea

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