

**John M. Williams**  
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**Distinctions:**

**Artist-in-Residence:** Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA  
April 2022 – March 2023

**Documentary:** *Autism and the Artist* May 2022 Edited by Emily Hogan

**Award of Distinction in Portraiture, *Sacagawea*, The Art of Autism, 2021**

**Award of Distinction, Talented Artist and Cultural Historian**  
The Folk Art Society of America, November 7, 2015

**First Place in Works on Paper** Art Abilities Exhibition, Bryn Mawr, PA  
November 2, 2012

**Exhibitions**

**2023**

*Fine Art Collage by John M. Williams*, solo show, Gallery444  
Provincetown, MA September 1-13

*Art in a Silent City: Mount Auburn's Artists-in-Residence*, Mosesian  
Center, Watertown, MA March 24 – May 5

**2022**

*More Than Words*, Belmont Gallery, Belmont, MA September-October

*Fine Art Collage by John M. Williams*, solo show, Provincetown, MA  
September 2-14

*John M. Williams Fine Art Collage*, solo show, Winchester Public Library,  
Winchester, MA June

*Bits & Pieces*, Belmont Gallery, Belmont MA March – April

## **2021**

*Nourish: Feast for the Eyes, Food for the Soul*, Belmont Gallery, Belmont MA October – December

*Art Heals: Transforming Ourselves and Our World*, Belmont Gallery, Belmont MA March – April Speaker at Opening Reception

## **2020**

*Facing You: A Portrait Show*, Belmont Gallery, Belmont MA December 2020 – February

*Sizzle*, Bromfield Gallery virtual exhibit, Boston MA August

## **2019**

*Fine Art Collage by John M. Williams* solo show Provincetown, MA Gallery 444 (August 23 - September 3)

*3 Artists* Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA (April 12 - 13)

*Spring Awakening* Belmont Gallery Belmont, MA (April 12 - May 16)

*Winchester Artists Network Exhibit* Winchester Public Library Winchester, MA (March 4 – 29)

## **2018**

*John M. Williams Collage* Exhibit and Presidential Speaker, Council for Exception Children MA. Marlboro, MA (November 16)

*Rhythm & Hues* Belmont Gallery, Belmont, MA (September 7 – October 12)

*Art in August* Winchester Artists Network, Winchester, MA (August)

*Fine Art Collage by John M. Williams* solo show, Provincetown, MA Gallery 444 (July 27 – August 8)

## **2017**

*Home* Belmont Gallery of Art (November 3 – December 1)

***Frances N. Roddy Open Competition*** Concord Art Association, Concord, MA Juror: Ali Ringenberg, Director Sloane Merrill Gallery, Boston, MA (September 8 – October 13)

***Reflections on Leadership – Portrait Collages by John M. Williams*** solo show at Winchester Public Library, Winchester, MA (September 1 – 29)

***Fine Art Collage by John M. Williams*** solo show, Provincetown, MA Gallery 444 (July 28 – August 9)

***Work by Autistic Artists*** Museum of Work and Culture, Woonsocket, RI (March 13 – April 21)

***Art in Bloom*** Belmont Gallery of Art, Belmont, MA (March 30 – May 5)

## **2016**

***Spectrum - Artists of AANE*** Peabody, MA ArcWorks (September 8 - October 21)

***Fine Art Collage by John M. Williams*** solo show, Provincetown, MA Gallery Voyeur (July 28 - August 2)

***Family Ties*** Belmont, MA Belmont Gallery of Art, (April 3 - May 8)

***Cuban Art*** Washington, DC Engage Cuba Offices, (2016)

## **2015**

***3 Artists*** Cambridge, MA Lesley University (April 1 - 30)

***History Comes to Life*** Naples, FL The Depot Museum (April 1 - May 31)

***The Art of John Williams*** Fort Myers, FL Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (February 6-24)

***Art Ability Exhibition and Sale*** Malvern, PA Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital (November 2, 2014 - January 25, 2015)

## **2014**

***Animal Art*** Belmont, MA Belmont Gallery of Art (September 14 - October 17)

*Myths and Legends* Solomon, MD Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center (February 7 - May 4)

*Collage Art by John M. Williams* Permanent exhibit Lexington, MA Lurie Center for Autism (Massachusetts General Hospital) (April ongoing)

*Art Ability Exhibition and Sale* Malvern, PA Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital (November 2, 2013 - January 26, 2014)

### **2013**

*Pieces of History - The Collage Art of John M. Williams* Solo exhibit Washington, D.C. Off-Rhode Studio (September 14-28)

*Seeing with a Different Eye* Watertown, MA Artist Collaborative Gallery Ongoing exhibition

*Art Ability Exhibition and Sale* Malvern, PA (November 2, 2012-January 29, 2013) **Awarded 1st Prize in Works on Paper** Jurors: Adeline Vlas (Philadelphia Museum of Art), Alida Fish (University of the Arts, Philadelphia), Tu Hunyh (Curator, Philadelphia City Hall)

### **2012**

*A New Perspective on the Civil War* – solo exhibit Winchester, MA Winchester Public Library (January 4-31)

*Outsider Art Show* New York, NY Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (January 27-29)

*Works by John Williams* – solo exhibit Outsider Folk Art Gallery Reading, PA (March 2-31)

*Slotin Folk Fest* Atlanta, GA Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (August 18-19)

*Seeing with a Different Eye* Boston, MA Boston University (October 13, 2012)

## **2011**

*Outsider Art Show* New York, NY Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (February 11-13)

*Visions of the Past* Peabody, MA ArcWorks Center for the Arts (March 3-31)

*Painting with Paper* – solo exhibit Burlington, MA Frameworks (May 19-June 30)

*Three Ring Circus* – Highlights from the William and Ann Oppenheimer Folk Art Collection Curator: Kathy Johnson Bowles, Longwood Center for the Arts, Longwood University, Farmville, VA (September 9, 2011 – January 6, 2012)

*See You, See Me -- The Art of the Portrait* Juror: Jennie Summerall Belmont, MA Belmont Gallery of Art (September 30-November 13)

*SOFA Exhibit* Chicago, IL Represented by Outsider Folk Art Gallery (November 4-6)

## **2010**

*Lincoln in Exeter: A Sesquicentennial Celebration* Exeter, NH (March)

*Changing Lives and Perceptions* Lynnfield Town Meeting House, Lynnfield, MA (April 24-25)

*War and Peace, Images of Conflict and Resolution in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* Lynn, MA LynnArts, Inc. (August 28-October 9)

## **2009**

*Salem Arts Festival* Salem, MA (June 5-7)

*Seeing with a Different Eye II* John Hancock Hall, Boston (October 3)

## **2008**

*Seeing with a Different Eye* - traveling exhibit sponsored by the Asperger's Association of New England (January – June)

Venues:

Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center - Cambridge, MA (January 7-February 1)

Concord Free Public Library - Concord, MA (April 2 – April 30)

Honan-Allston branch of the Boston Public Library - Allston, MA (May 3-May 31)

The Massachusetts State House - Boston, MA (June 3 – 13)

***Members Juried II Exhibition*** – Concord Arts Association Concord, MA  
Juror: Fabio J. Fernandez, Exhibition Gallery Manager, The Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston (February 14 – March 16)

***Senior Student Art Show*** UMASS Lowell - Lowell, MA (May)

***Perspectives*** - A collaboration of ArcWorks and the Asperger's Association of New England - The Gallery at Southside Danvers, MA (October 1 – February 1 2009)

***A Different Vision, Changing Lives and Perspectives*** - sponsored by ArcWorks - The Gallery at Grosvenor Park Salem, MA (September)  
The Salem Cinema Salem, MA (December)

**2007**

***Arches Fifth Biennial Student Print Exhibition*** – juried show sponsored by Arches Paper Company and The Boston Printmakers  
808 Gallery at Boston University (February 18 to April 1)

***Seeing with a Different Eye – Art by Adults with Asperger's Syndrome***  
Exhibit sponsored by the Asperger's Association of New England  
John Hancock Building - Boston (September 28)

**Collections** (partial list)

***Ray Charles***, Harriet Finkelstein Folk Art Collection, Boston

***General Thomas J. Jackson, General Robert E. Lee, Louis Armstrong***

William and Ann Oppenheimer Folk Art Collection, Richmond, VA

***John Brown, The Gathering Storm*** Paul Yandura Collection W. Virginia

***General George B. McClellan*** private collection Chicago

***General P. G. T. Beauregard*** private collection Chicago

*Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimack* private collection Chicago  
*Michael Collins, The Last Shah* private collection Massachusetts  
*The Great Wall of China, Who Wrote the Plays?* private collection Los Angeles

## **Publications**

*Interview on Inspirations Matters*, online forum, June 6, 2019  
<https://www.inspirationmatters.org/Interviewshow.aspx?name=John%20M.%20Williams&id=150&totalrec=8&Alpha=J>

*Winchester Star*, "Williams: Follow your passions, nurture interests," article about local artist John Williams, WHS Class of 2001, March 2019, pp. 1,7

*Art & Life with John Williams* *BostonVoyager* (online), December 2018

*Winchester Star*, "A Way of Seeing," article on AANE Artist Collaborative, featuring John Williams, May 4, 2017, p. 1

*Winchester Star*, "Light It Up Blue," article celebrating World Autism Month featuring photos of John Williams, April 13, 2017 p. 1

*Artscope*, "Gallery Voyeur Reaches Out - A New Idea Pops Up in Ptown," September/October 2016, pp. 65-66

"From the Perspective of a Person With Autism Spectrum Disorder," article by John M. Williams, *Primer on Autism Spectrum Disorder* Edited by Christopher J. McDougle, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 475-483.

*Esterio Spotlight*, "Conveying His Sense of the World Through Art" by Doris Lemcke February 15, 2015

*The News Press, Fort Myers, FL*, "Artist with Asperger's Syndrome Finds Calm in his Collage Portraits" by Charles Runnells February 6, 2015

*Drawing Autism* Edited by Jill Mullins, republished in paperback by Akashic Books, 2014. *Pharoah* featured on cover

*Lurie Links, Painting with Paper: Making Order out of Chaos* Cover article, The Newsletter of the Lurie Center for Autism Volume I Summer 2014

*East City Art Reviews: Pieces of History at Art Enables' Off-Rhode Gallery* by Eric Hope September 23, 2013

*Huffington Post, John Williams, Outsider Artist, Creates Moving Historical Collages* by Priscilla Frank April 13, 2013

*UMASS Lowell Magazine, "Close-up Class of 2008: Channeling Art"* Winter 2011

*Folk Art Messenger, "Profile of an Artist: John Williams"* Summer 2010

*Elko Daily Free Press, "People with Autism Find Outlet in Artwork"* June 15, 2010

*Boston Globe "Book Features Artists with Autism"* May 23, 2010

*Drawing Autism* Edited by Jill Mullin, Mark Batty Publisher, 2009  
Contains images by John M. Williams

Catalog for exhibit, "*Seeing with a Different Eye*" 2008

*Boston Globe.* "With multitude of visions, artists work and live outside lines" by Joel Brown November 27, 2008 p. 6 Globe Northwest

### **Educational Brochure**

President Lincoln's Cottage, Washington, D.C. Brochure: 2014-2015 School Programs Grades K-12. Features *Abraham Lincoln* portrait by John M. Williams (18 x 24" on back of brochure)

### **Speaking Engagements**

*My Collage Process* Arlington High School Diversity program, April 2023

*Art Heals: Transforming Ourselves and Our World*, Belmont Gallery, Belmont MA March – April 2021 Speaker at Opening Reception

Journalists fellowship panel discussion on autism, Babson College, Wellseley, MA, sponsored by Larry Tye, author and journalist, April 29, 2019 and April 30, 2018.

*The Role of Art in My Life*, Winchester Rotary presentation, Winchester, MA April 18, 2019

*John M. Williams Exploring and Understanding the World: The Role of Art in My Life*, Presidential Speaker, Council for Exceptional Children (MA) Marlboro, MA, November 16, 2018

*My Collage Process*, Collage workshop, BRIO Integrated Theatre, March 17, 24, 2018 and March 5, 2016

*My Art Process* Lesley University Symposium on Autism Spectrum Disorders April 11, 2015

*ArtTalk* Sydney & Berne Davis Art Center February 10, 2015

## **Education**

University of Massachusetts - Lowell Bachelor of Fine Arts 2008

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