

SHENEQUA: Wove

On view: April 1, 2022 through May 22, 2022

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Tulsa, OK - 108 Contemporary is excited to showcase the work of SHENEQUA in a solo exhibition titled "SHENEQUA: Wove," April 1 through May 22, 2022. SHENEQUA, full name Shenequa Brooks, is an Artrepreneur based in Chicago, Illinois. SHENEQUA is a fiber and textile artist who received her Masters of Design in Fashion, Body, & Garment at School of the Art Institute of Chicago under the mentorship of Nick Cave. She is also the founder of Weave Your Dreams Into Reality Studios LLC which encourages women of color to achieve their dreams with workshops and one-on-one mentorship opportunities.

Artist's Statement:

An Afro-Caribbean multi-disciplinary Textile Artist, my family's cultural background, conversations with others, and Ghanaian experience influence my art practice. My art is born from the traditional craft of weaving and transitions into sculpture, performance, textile or "garment" pieces, and installations.

Weaving with synthetic hair and cotton is my way of visually communicating with others. These visual communications are like love letters and my baby sister T'Keyah Brooks is where it began. She would braid my hair for hours sitting on the couch while sitting on a pillow between her legs. It was an intimate experience shared between the both of us. We took care of each other, we listened to each other, and we talked to one another with love and compassion. Over the years, weaving the stories shared with family and friends one thread at a time expanded and became bigger than me. The conversation starts with me and continues with the viewer who engages with the work. Wove encapsulates the moments, experiences, conversations, writings, and traveling with others. I welcome you to join me on my trajectory of why, how, and where I Wove.

Join us for the **opening reception** of the exhibition which will take place on April 1, from 6-9 pm during the Tulsa Arts District's First Friday Art Crawl.

On Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM CST, we will be holding an in-person **artist talk** with SHENEQUA to talk about her processes and sources of inspiration for the work on view. The talk will be held at 108|Contemporary and is free and open to the public.

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108|Contemporary is a non-profit community arts organization that supports Oklahoma's contemporary fine craft artists by connecting them to audiences and opportunities through education, recognition, and exhibition programs. We envision a community where world-class craft and design exhibitions inspire and educate audiences of all ages.

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