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POSTPONED: *Recoloration Proclamation: Flag, Funerals, Fires, and Future*  
A John Sims Project



BUFFALO, NY - **PLEASE NOTE:** Buffalo Arts Studio's scheduled exhibition, *Recoloration Proclamation: Flag, Funerals, Fires, and Future*, a John Sims Project has been postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19. Buffalo Arts Studio had planned to exhibit *Recoloration Proclamation*, Sims' 20-year multimedia project that explores the complexity of identity, cultural appropriation, and visual terrorism through Confederate iconography in the context of African-American culture.

A conceptual artist, writer, and activist, John Sims grew up in Detroit and now lives and works in Sarasota, FL. *Recoloration Proclamation* features recolored Confederate flags and large-scale installations that confront the Confederate flag in the context of white supremacy politics and visual terrorism, while also addressing the need for ritualistic healing. Sims believes that art is a vital element in the making of history, as well as a fundamental vehicle for envisioning a future that embraces a sense of hope, deeper "seeing" and expanded humanity.

For questions regarding this exhibition or any of Buffalo Arts Studio's future exhibitions, please contact Shirley Verrico, Curator.



John Sims, *The Urn*, 2018, metal and ashes



Artist John Sims (all photos courtesy of John Sims)

*High resolution images are available upon request*

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*Buffalo Arts Studio is a not-for-profit arts organization whose mission is to provide affordable studio space and regular public exposure for regional, national, and international artists through exhibitions, and to enrich the community with art classes, mural programs, and public art. Buffalo Arts Studio is located at 2495 Main Street, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14214. The gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

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