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# **JOYCE J. SCOTT** Obama Monoprint Series

# BIOGRAPHY

**Dr. Joyce J. Scott** (b. 1948, Baltimore, MD) engages with the complexity of human nature and collective history by creating works that explore the dynamics between humor and horror, history and fantasy, and beauty and brutality. Best known for her use of the peyote stitch—an off-loom, free-form, glass bead weaving technique—Scott merges beads, blown glass, and repurposed objects with autobiographical, sociological, and political content to unapologetically confront racism, sexism, violence, inequality, and oppression, while also embracing splendor, spirituality, nature, and healing.

Born to sharecroppers descended from enslaved people in North Carolina, Scott's family migrated to Baltimore where the artist was born, raised, and continues to work. Scott hales from a long line of extraordinary makers and storytellers, adept at pottery, knitting, metalwork, basketry, and quilting. It was from her family that she cultivated the astonishing skills and expertise for which she is now renowned, and where she learned to upcycle materials as a forceful stage for social commentary and activism.

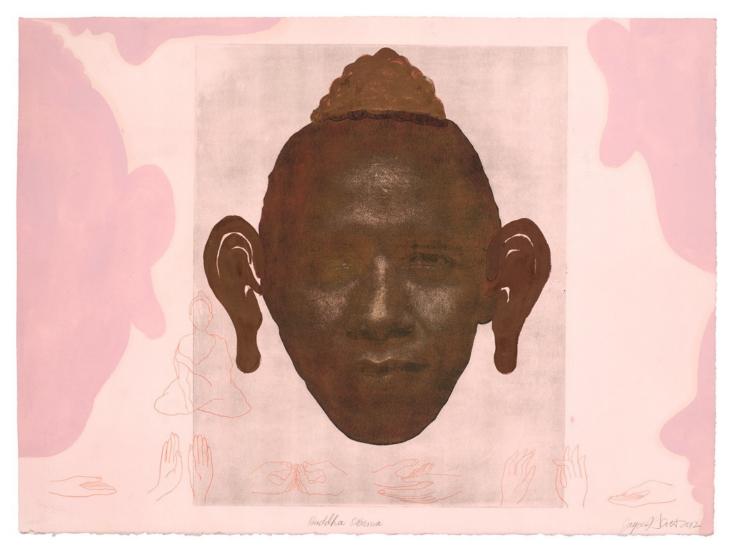
Early in her practice Scott worked with fiber, crafting clothing, jewelry, shoes, and quilts, as well as engaging in loomconstructed textiles. In the late 1970s, Scott began to investigate beads, to capture light and mix color independent of painting techniques. It was at that time that she learned the peyote stitch process from a Native American artisan who generously shared her methods. As Scott's practice evolved, she began to combine multicultural found objects into her beadwork. Concurrently, Scott also experimented with printmaking, performance art, vocals, and even comedy. Later, Scott liaised with glass artisans to create blown, pressed, and cast glass that she incorporated into her beaded sculptures. This allowed her to both shift the scale of her work and fulfill her desire to work collaboratively. In 1992, she was invited to the Pilchuck Glass School in Washington state and continued working with Baltimore glassblowers as well as with Paul Stankard and other celebrated glass fabricators.

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In 2000, Joyce J. Scott: Kickin' It with the Old Masters opened at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Co-organized with the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), the exhibition marked the first time a Black female artist was offered a solo exhibition at the museum. Other major solo shows include Maryland to Murano: The Neckpieces & Sculpture of Joyce J. Scott at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York (2014-15); Joyce J. Scott: Truths and Visions at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Cleveland (2015); and Joyce J. Scott: Harriet Tubman and Other Truths at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ (2018). The artist's work is also included in many private and public collections, including the Baltimore Museum of Art, MD; Brooklyn Museum of Art, NY; National Museum of Art, CA; Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY; The Smithsonian, Washington, DC; Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA; National Museum of American Art in Washington, DC; Johns Hopkins University, MD; Seattle Art Museum, WA; among countless others.

In 2024, Scott opens a major traveling 50-year retrospective co-organized by the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Seattle Art Museum. Scott has received myriad commissions, awards, residencies, and prestigious honors from organizations such as the National Endowment for the Arts, Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation, Anonymous Was a Woman, American Craft Council, National Living Treasure Award, Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's Caucus for the Arts, Mary Sawyers Imboden Baker Award, MacArthur Foundation Fellowship (2016), Smithsonian Visionary Artist Award, National Academy of Design Induction, and Moore College Visionary Woman Award, among others. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts from MICA, and a Master of Fine Arts from the Instituto Allende in Mexico. She has been awarded honorary doctorates from MICA, the California College of the Arts, and Johns Hopkins University.

Scott is represented globally by Goya Contemporary Gallery in Baltimore.



**Buddha Obama**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on Rives BFK paper Print: 22 x 30 inches Frame: 25.75 x 33.5 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore





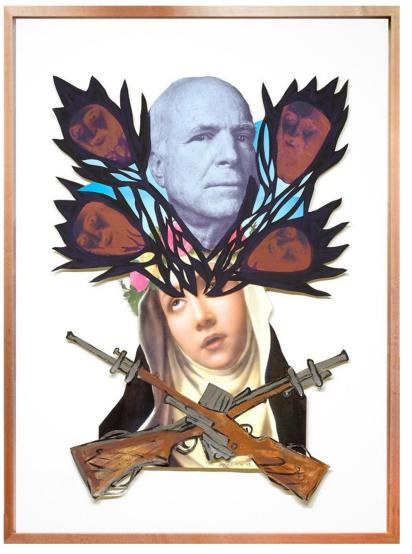
Oro Obama, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on Rives BFK paper 30 x 22 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore **Obama Ruby**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on Rives BFK paper 30 x 22 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

# **Obama Offset**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on Rives BFK paper Print: 30 x 22 inches Frame: 35 x 25.25 Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore



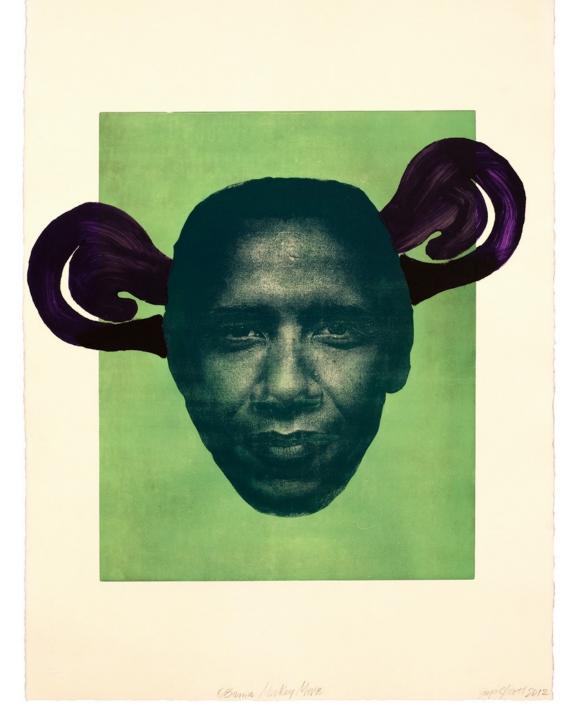


Candidate Obama, 2008 Screen print monotype, collage, repurposed objects Print: 36.5 x 28.5 inches Frame: 46.13 x 34.13 x 2.5 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios and Goya-Girl Press, Baltimore



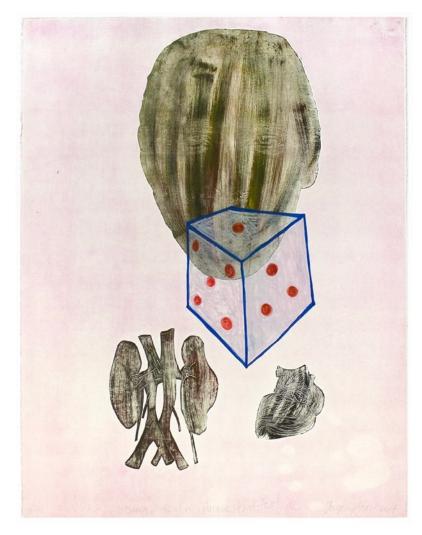
Candidate McCain, 2008 Screen print monotype and collage Print: 36.5 x 28.5 inches Frame: 46.13 x 34.13 x 2.5 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios and Goya-Girl Press, Baltimore

Detail of Candidate McCain, 2008



**Obama Mickey Mouse**, 2012 Monoprint from the *Obama Series* on Rives BFK paper Print: 30 x 22 inches Frame: 35 x 25.25 Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

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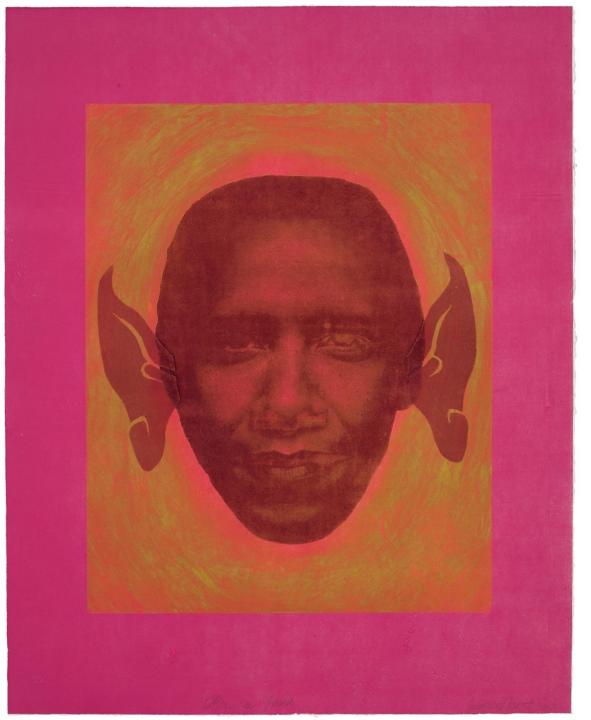
**Obama, Spleen, Reverse Heart, Fortune**, 2014 Monoprint from the Obama Series with oil pen, pencils on Rives BFK paper 30 x 22 inches Published by Goya Contemporary Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore



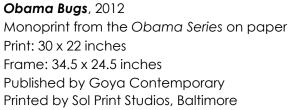
**Obama, Heart & Spleen**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on Rives BFK paper 30 x 22 inches Published by Goya Contemporary Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

**Obama Yoda**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on Rives BFK paper 30 x 22 inches Published by Goya Contemporary Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

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**Obama Purple Haze**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on paper Print: 30 x 22 inches Frame: 34.5 x 24.5 inches Published by Goya Contemporary Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

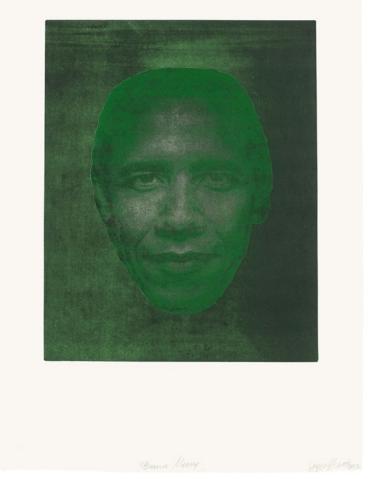


# **Obama Heart & Soul**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on paper Print: 22 x 30 inches

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**Obama/Episodes**, 2014 Monoprint from the *Obama Series* with oil pen on Rives BFK paper 30 x 22 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

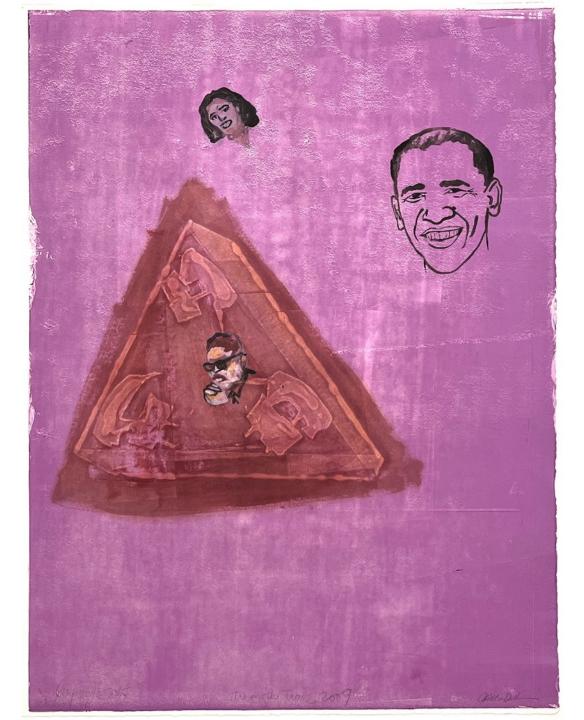


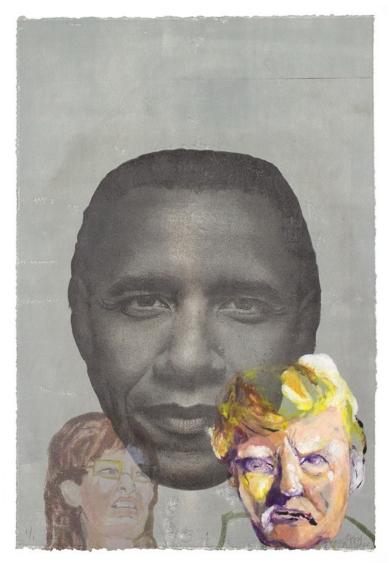


**Obama Money**, 2012 Monoprint from the Obama Series on paper Print: 30 x 22 inches Frame: 35 x 25.25 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore **Obama Purple**, 2012 Monoprint from the *Obama Series* on paper Print: 30 x 22 inches Frame: 34.5 x 24.5 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

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**Triangle Trade**, 2009 Monoprint from the *Obama Series* on paper 30 x 22 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore





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Monoprint from the Obama Series with hand painting on paper 22.25 x 15 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore



**Trying to Crucify Him**, 2014 Monoprint from the *Obama Series with* pencil on paper 25 x 19 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore



### Obama with Mickey Mouse Ears, 2009

Monoprint from the Obama Series on paper Print: 15 x 22 inches Frame: 19.75 x 26.75 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore





# **Obama, Mommy + Dad**, 2009 Monoprint from the Obama Series on paper 22 x 15 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

# **Obama as Buddha**, 2009 Monoprint from the *Obama Series* on paper Print: 22 x 15 inches Frame: 26.75 x 19.75 inches Published by Goya Contemporary, Baltimore Printed by Sol Print Studios, Baltimore

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