

MoMA PS1

Vaginal Davis: Magnificent Product

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

JONATHAN BERGER, American, b. 1980

Naked on my Ozgoad: Fausthaus - Anal Deep Throat

2024-ongoing

Cast aluminum, eyeshadow, custom-made lamps, speakers, and velvet cushions; ink with nail polish, eye shadow, blush, lip stain, cheap perfume, witch hazel, glycerin, medicine, eye liner, eyebrow pencil, and mascara; nine-channel sound installation; vintage editions of L. Frank Baum's Oz books; and *Middle Sex* (2024)

Dimensions variable

With contributions from Shadi Farid, Richard Gabriel Gersch, Salome Gersch, Hands On Press, Kathleen Hanna, Daniel Hendrickson, Adam Horovitz, Ricardo Montez, Miss Joan Marie Moossy, Maria Norrman, Uzi Parnes, Susanne Sachsse, José Segebre, Angela Seo, Carmelita Tropicana, and Ela Troyano

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

That Fertile Feeling

1983

Video (color, sound)

8 min., 27 sec.

Directed by Keith "Gomorra Wednesday" Holland and John "Quasi" O'Shea

Courtesy the artist and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

The White to be Angry

1999

Video (color, sound)

19 min., 22 sec.

Courtesy the artist and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

"Maddog" DuPlantier Cinerama Dome Theatre Screening Room

2025

Schminkstifte, liquid eyeliner, eyebrow pencil, bronzer, lip stain, glycerin, Witch Hazel, Wasservermalbar, Nagellack, nail gel on Museum mail card, Aqua Net Extra Super Hold Unscented Professional Hairspray
Sheet: 5 1/2 x 7 7/8" (14 x 20 cm)

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Hofpfisterei

2024/2025

Photocopier, overhead projector, catwalk, archival material, zines, and sound installation with an episode of CHEAP Funk

Dimensions variable

Courtesy the artist; Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi, Berlin; Marc Siegel; Moderna Museet, Stockholm; and Jeff Briggs

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Vaginal Davis Reading and Performance at A Different Light Bookstore in New York City

1992

Hi-8 video (color, sound)

69 min., 13 sec.

Courtesy Glenn Belverio and Video Data Bank, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

The Wicked Pavilion: The Fantasia Library

2021

Mixed-media installation

Dimensions variable

Moderna Museet, purchase 2023 funded by The Anna-Stina Malmberg and Gunnar Höglund Foundation

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

The Wicked Pavilion: Tween Bedroom

2021

Various ephemera used in Vaginal Davis' performance *Twee & Sympathy* (2007–2014), original diary with details by Fertile La Toyah Jackson (1990), Afro Sisters performance invitations (1983 and 1984), stiletto heels with collage overlay, dress by Crepe Suzette aka Susan Matheson, Victorian children's bed on "Lazy Susan" platform, Penis Sculpture by Sharon Gault (1977), and audio installation created with Susanne Sachsse

Dimensions variable

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Xochiquetzal, The Precious Feather Flower Goddess of Beauty and Art
2021

Nail polish, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, coco-nut oil, lip stain, mascara, blush, nail varnish, eyeshadow, make-up pencils, hair spray, perfume, and metallic acrylic on board
22 × 28" (55.9 × 71.1 cm)

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Untitled (Present Penicative)
2001

Mixed media on cardboard

12 1/4 × 6 5/16" (31.1 × 16 cm)

Courtesy the artist and Participant Inc

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Marquess de Penbroke
1997

Mixed media

18 1/2 × 9 13/16" (47 × 24.9 cm)

Collection Frank Rodriguez

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Ina Claire
1994

Mixed media on premade canvas

10 1/4 × 8 1/4" (26 × 21 cm)

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Oshun African Goddess of Love and Sweet Water

2021

Nail polish, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, coconut oil, lip stain, mascara, blush, nail varnish, eyeshadow, make-up pencils, hair spray, perfume, and metallic acrylic on board

28 × 22" (71.1 × 55.9 cm)

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Anne de Pisseleu d'Heilly

2015

Mixed media

15 1/4 × 11 1/4" (38.7 × 28.6 cm)

Courtesy the artist and New Discretions

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Madame de Pompadour

2015

Mixed media

12 3/8 × 10 13/16" (31.4 × 27.5 cm)

Courtesy the artist and New Discretions

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Madame du Barry

2015

Mixed media

12 3/8 × 10 13/16" (31.4 × 27.5 cm)

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Valeska Gert and Harper Lee

2013

Princess Marcella Borghese eye shadow, Wet n Wild nail polish, Sally Hansen nail tip polish, Afro Sheen Hair Conditioner, Aqua Net Ultra Strength Hair Spray, pommade, glycerin and glue on Cornflakes box

14 × 16 15/16" (35.5 × 43 cm)

Collection Emily Gaynor

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Mamba's Daughter-Fredi Washington

2017

Mixed media

9 × 7" (22.9 × 17.8 cm)

Collection Thor Perpiles

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Pearl Bailey

2017

Mixed media

9 × 7" (22.9 × 17.8 cm)

Collection Rev. Stevin Azo Michels

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Brenda Sykes

2017

Mixed media

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Susan Kohner-Imitation of Life

2017

Watercolor paper, nail varnish, glycerin, witch hazel, mascara, eyebrow pencil, Jean Nate perfume, Afro Sheen hair conditioner, hair spray, and pomade

9 × 7" (22.9 × 17.8 cm)

Collection Lynne Jacobs

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Encolpius of the Satyricon

2016

Mixed media

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Courtesy the artist and Adams and Ollman

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Gito of the Satyricon

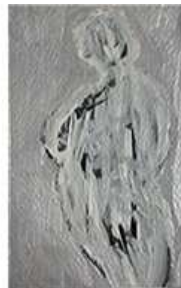
2016

Mixed media

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Courtesy the artist and Adams and Ollman

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Diana Sands

Mixed media

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Laurette DeRepentigny, Mother of Peyton Place

2016

Tempera, watercolor pencil, nagellack nail varnish, coconut oil, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, witch hazle, and Jean Nate perfumer on matchbook cover

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Courtesy the artist and Adams and Ollman

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Juliet Prowse

2018

Nail varnish, rouge, glycerin, witch hazel, mascara, blush, hydrogen peroxide, lip stain, lip gloss, Nasen spray, cocoa butter, Iberogast, lavendel duftol, olbas oil, perfume, and Aqua Net extra super hold

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Collection David Hoberman

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Jullian Eltinge as Vesta Tilley

2018

Watercolor pencil, nail varnish, lip stain, eye shadow, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, witch hazel, coconut oil, cocoa butter, perfume, hairspray, Anacin Fast Pain Relief Tablets, Excedrin Migraine & Headache Tablets, Lydia E. Pinkham Women's Compound and Health Tonic

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Collection Judi Roaman

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Perverse Assemblages

2017

Watercolor pencil, nail varnish, lip stain, eye shadow, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, witch hazel, coconut oil, cocoa butter, perfume, hairspray, Anacin Fast Pain Relief Tablets, Excedrin Migraine & Headache Tablets, Lydia E. Pinkham Women's Compound and Health Tonic

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Collection Laura Steward

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Blackberries of 1932

2018

Mixed media

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Collection Jakob Augstein and Anna Ballestrem

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

This For Zahed

2018

Watercolor pencil, nail varnish, lip stain, eye shadow, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, witch hazel, coconut oil, cocoa butter, perfume, hairspray, Anacin Fast Pain Relief Tablets, Excedrin Migraine & Headache Tablets, Lydia E. Pinkham Women's Compound and Health Tonic

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Collection Jeanne Masel

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Bathilde Amédee

2019

Mixed media

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Courtesy the artist and Adams and Ollman

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Argus of the Haircut 100 Hairy Eyeballs

2018

Mixed media

13 11/16 × 10 1/2" (34.8 × 26.7 cm)

Collection Jakob Augstein and Anna Ballestrem

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
Maya Deren Ritual in Transfigural Time
2018

Glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, coconut oil, perfume, watercolor pencil, eye shadow, rouge, foundation, nail enamel, lacquer, polish, Datura, Hanamelis Wasser, Mandrake, Henbane, hairspray and Iberogast on found paper
13 3/4 × 10 1/2" (34.9 × 26.7 cm)
Collection Kaj-anne Pepper

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
Oriane
2019
13 1/4 × 10 9/16" (33.7 × 26.8 cm)
Courtesy the artist and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
Maggie Song of the Fibonaccis
2020
Mixed media
12 5/8 × 10 7/16" (32.1 × 26.5 cm)
Courtesy the artist and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
Hecate
2021
Nail polish, glycerin, hydrogen peroxide, coconut oil, lip stain, mascara, blush, nail varnish, eyeshadow, make-up pencils, hair spray, perfume, and metallic acrylic on board
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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Zora Neale Hurston

2020

Mixed media

12 5/8 × 10 7/16" (32.1 × 26.5 cm)

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Diz McNally Out of Control

2021

Mixed media

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
HAG—small, contemporary, haggard
2012

Wood, sheetrock, vinyl letters, cardboard, pink light bulb, one-channel sound installation, paintings on cardboard, matchboxes, letterheads, envelopes, makeup, glycerin, tempera, watercolor pencil, food coloring, mascara, and nail polish

Courtesy of the artist; Adams and Ollman, Portland; Amy Adams & Keith Wilkins; Cindy Sherman; Dan Herschlein; George W. Price; Glenn Ligon; Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi, Berlin; Kim Tucker; Lia Gangitano; Neal Baer; Nick Paparone; New Discretions, New York; Participant Inc., New York; Renaud Proch

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
Lesbiana Domesticity Wallpaper
2012

Hand silkscreened wallpaper

Dimensions variable

Courtesy the artist and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
Timberlake
2012

Sourdough and preservatives

80 × 26" (203.2 × 66 cm)

Courtesy the artist and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969
Dirty Mariah (Lower Mesopotamia 40 B.C.)
2012

Sourdough and preservatives

50 × 30" (127 × 76.2 cm)

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Sucking Her Unborn Cock - Archivist Headache Wall

1970s-present

Mixed media

Dimensions variable

The photographs on the wall have been shot by various photographers, including Rick Castro, Michael Childers, Hector Martinez, Frank Rodriguez, Bibbe Hanson, Ann Summa, John Aes-Nihil, Paul Ashley, Albert Sanchez, Jeffreyland Hilbert, Steve Lafreniere, Ted Soqui, Lawrence Elbert, Katja Perry, Julie Fowles, Sean Carrillo, and Annette Frick.

Special thanks to Jonathan Berger, Hector Martinez, Frank Rodriguez, Lia Gangitano, Bibbe Hanson, and Sean Carillo.

Courtesy the artist, Hector Martinez, and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi, Berlin

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

Carla DuPlantier of The Controllers

2021

Makeup pencils, mascara, eye shadow, liquid eyeliner, blush, lip stain, Max Factor foundation, tempera paint with metallic sheen, witch hazel toner with mandrake, ballpoint and nail sstick, hydrogen peroxide, glycerin, watercolor pencils, expired over-the-counter medications such as Anacin, Excedrin and Lydia E. Pinkham Health Tonic, coconut oil, nail polish, lacquer paint, perfume, and Aqua Net Extra Strength hairspray on found paper

Image: 2 × 1 1/2" (5.1 × 3.8 cm)

Palm Springs Art Museum, museum purchase with funds provided by Nicole Panter Dailey

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

¡Cholita!

1995

Video (color, sound)

6 min., 45 sec.

Directed by Michele "Meesh" Mills

Courtesy the artist and Galerie Isabella Bortolozzi

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GLENN BELVERIO, American, b. 1966

One Man Ladies

1994

Hi-8 Video

28 min., 57 sec.

Courtesy Glenn Belverio and Video Data Bank, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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NELSON SULLIVAN, American, 1948–1989

Glen Meadmore, Vaginal Creme Davis, and RuPaul at The Pyramid Club

1987

Video (color, sound)

5 min.

Courtesy The Estate of Nelson Sullivan, Robert Coddington, David Goldman, and Kinolibrary

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VAGINAL DAVIS, American, b. 1969

The Last Club Sucker

1999

Video (color, sound)

32 min., 41 sec.

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CHEAP

Choose Mutation

2024/2025

Billboard made of silver-leafed MDF, scaffolding, silicone, motors; wooden poles with silver-leafed horn speakers; speaker boxes made of cement, mesh wire and fabric; newspaper; photographs (2001 and 2002/2024), inkjet prints on Tecco matte paper; and HD video

Color, sound: 57 min.

Courtesy the artists

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ANNETTE FRICK

Susanne (Tiermaske)

2002/2024

Inkjet print on Tecco matte paper

78 3/8 × 55 7/8" (199.1 × 141.9 cm)

Courtesy the artist and ChertLüdde

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ANNETTE FRICK

Marc und Daniel

2002/2024

Inkjet print on Tecco matte paper

78 3/8 × 63" (199.1 × 160 cm)

Courtesy the artist and ChertLüdde

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ANNETTE FRICK

Vaginal (Arsch)

2002/2024

Inkjet print on Tecco matte paper

78 3/8 × 54 3/8" (199.1 × 138.1 cm)

Courtesy the artist and ChertLüdde

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ANNETTE FRICK

Tim (Insektenkopf)

2002/2024

Inkjet print on Tecco matte paper

78 3/8 × 59" (199.1 × 149.9 cm)

Courtesy the artist and ChertLüdde

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ANNETTE FRICK

Marc und Wilhelm tanzen im CHEAP Klub

2002/2024

Inkjet print on Tecco matte paper

78 3/8 × 63" (199.1 × 160 cm)

Courtesy the artist and ChertLüdde

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ANNETTE FRICK

Susanne vor Projektion

2002/2024

Inkjet print on Tecco matte paper

78 3/8 × 59 7/8" (199.1 × 152.1 cm)

Courtesy the artist and ChertLüdde