



# Joyce J. Scott: Messages

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For over 142,000 years, beads have played an important role around the world as the oldest form of personal adornment. Joyce J. Scott has revolutionized and transformed the potential of the ubiquitous bead as a relevant, contemporary art form. For over 51 years, wielding beads as a vision, she has devoted her aesthetic practice to waking up the world, expanding beadwork's boundaries, with powerful in-your-face social commentary. While addressing society's ills, her visual and performance conversations on cultural stereotypes and racial injustices, elucidate her vibrant brilliant works of art.

The publication **Messages** features Joyce J. Scott's dynamic images with scholarly essays from experts in their field, as well as museum curator's comments. Each individual provides deeper insights into the influences and extraordinary work of Joyce J. Scott, astutely capturing the essence and spirit of this icon of contemporary art.

With contributions by Jacqueline Copeland, Henry John Drewal, Valerie Hector, and Joyce J. Scott, and a foreword by Libby Cooper & Joanne Cooper.

**Joyce J. Scott** was born in Baltimore (US) in 1948. She studied at the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, the Instituto Allende, San Miguel Allende, Guanajuato (MX), and the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts (US). Scott has garnered numerous accolades for her significant contributions to the realm of visual arts, including a McArthur Fellowship (2016) and three honorary doctorates.

