



AÏDA MULUNEH

BORN

1974 Ethiopia. Lives and works in Ababa, Ethiopia

EDUCATION

2000 BA in Film, Radio, and Television from Howard University

SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *The Homeless Wanderer*, Galleria Giampaolo Abbondio, Milan, Italy
On the Edge of Past Future, Jakopič Gallery, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2024 *Aida Muluneh, This is where I am*, Louisimone Guirandou Gallery, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Aida Muluneh: ON THE EDGE OF PAST FUTURE, Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2023 *This is where I am*, Public Art Fund, New York, Boston, Chicago, US. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
AIDA MULUNEH: The Duality of One, Windsor Gallery, Abuja, Nigeria.
AIDA MULUNEH: The Art of Advocacy, Efie Gallery, Dubai, U.A.E
- 2022 *Aida Muluneh: Water Life*, Textile Museum of Canada, Toronto, Ontario
- 2021 *Wings that Soar*, David Krut Projects. NYC, U.S.A.
- 2020 *Still I Rise: አሁንም እንሳለሁ!*, Fondation Donwahi, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Nobel Peace Center, Oslo, Norway
Homebound: A Journey in Photography, Sharjah Art Museum, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (Online)
- 2019 *Water Life*, Somerset House, London, UK
Water Life, David Krut Projects, New York, NY
- 2018 *The Distant Gaze*, Fondation Donwahi, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
World is 9, David Krut Projects, New York, NY
Reflections of Hope: Aida Muluneh in the Aga Khan Park, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, Canada
Aida Muluneh: The Memory of Hope, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- 2017 *Viviane Art: Aida Muluneh*, Calgary, Canada
- 2016 *The World Is 9*, David Krut Projects, New York, NY
- 2013 *So Long Letter*, Gallery Tomoca, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2012 *Dreams And Delusions*, Asni Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2011 *Ethiopia Past/Forward*, Christiansand Kunstforening, Christiansen, 2011
- 2006 *Ethiopian Light*, Contemporary African Art Gallery, New York

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Art Basel, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
In Their Hands, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Reframing Neglect: African Tour, Modern Art Museum, Gebre Kristos Desta Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Time Heals, Just Not Quick Enough, Efie Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Nationhood: Memory and Hope, Impressions Gallery, Bradford, United Kingdom
Rhythm in Time, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
ART SG 2025, Giampaolo Abbondio Gallery, Singapore



- A WORLD IN COMMON: Contemporary African Photography*, C/O Berlin Foundation Berlin, Germany.
- 2024 *Entangled Gaze*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
FOG Design + Art Fair, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Second Nature: Photography in the Age of the Anthropocene, The Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, U.S.A.
Ethiopia at the Crossroads, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
Bamako Dreams 30, The National Museum of Photography. Rabat, Morocco.
AIDA MULUNEH AND MERYL MCMASTER: Ebb and Flow, The Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
Bamako Dream: Xposure, International Photography Festival, Sharjah, UAE
A World in Common: Contemporary African Photography, Tate Modern exhibition at Wereldmuseum Rotterdam, Netherlands
Ethiopia at the Crossroads, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD
AD Middle East, Ayam Gallery with Efie Gallery, Jubail Island, Abu Dhabi
- 2023 Paris Photo, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Paris, France
A World in Common: Contemporary African Photography, Tate Modern, London, England
Expo Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL
AIPAD, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022 The Photography Show, Presented by AIPAD, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
- 2021 Editions, VIVIANE ART, Calgary, Alberta
Defying the Shadow, RISD Museum, Providence, RI
- 2019 UNTITLED, Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
Paris Photo, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Paris, France
IncarNations: African Art as Philosophy, Bozar Centre for Fine Arts, Brussels, Belgium
Summertime..., Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Spring Selections, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
UNTITLED, San Francisco, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Winter Selections, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 UNTITLED, Miami Beach, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
EXPO Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL
Summertime..., Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
In Their Own Form, MOAD Chicago, Chicago, IL
Daegu Photo Biennale 2018, South Korea
Festival La Gacilly: Photo, Baden, Austria
I love Africa, Festival La Gacilly-Baden Photo, Austria, 2018
The Photography Show, presented by AIPAD, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York City, NY
Spring Selections, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Being: New Photography 2018, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 2017 FNB Joburg Art Fair, David Krut Projects, Johannesburg, South Africa
Icons & Avatars, David Krut Projects, New York, NY
Festival Photo La Gacilly, LaGacilly, France
1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, David Krut Projects, New York, NY
The Islamic Treasures of Africa, Institut de monde Arabe, Paris, France
The AIPAD Photography Show, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Afriques Capitales, Mois de la Photo La Villette, Paris, France
Humanity Today, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 Expo Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL
Seattle Art Fair, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Seattle, WA
Summertime..., Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Portraiture: A Group Photography Exhibition, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA



- 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, London
Art Market San Francisco, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
For Freedoms, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York City, NY
Lucy's Iris. Contemporary African Women Artists, Musée départemental d'art contemporain de Rochechouart, Rochechouart, France
1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, David Krut Projects, New York City, NY
Artview Ethiopia Today, Kleinsassen, Germany
Dak'art Biennale, Dakar, Senegal
Marrakech Biennale
Cape Town Art Fair
El iris de Lucy, The Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León, León, Spain
Insider/ Outside Perspectives. David Krut Projects, Johannesburg
- 2015 Ikauru, University Of South Africa In Pretoria
Fantastic, Michaelis Art Gallery, Cape Town
Joburg Art Fair, South Africa
Turbine Art Fair
Heaven, Hell, Purgatory Revisited By Contemporary African Artist, National Museum Of African Art at the Smithsonian, Washington, DC
- 2014 Heaven, Hell, Purgatory Revisited By Contemporary African Artist, Savannah College Of Art And Design, Savannah, GA
Heaven, Hell, Purgatory Revisited By Contemporary African Artist, Mmk Museum Für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2013 Ethiopia, The Land Of Wonders, Eretz Israel Museum, Tel Vive, Israel
- 2012 The Art Of Memory, Italian Culture Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2010 Arte Invisible./ARCOmadrid, Madrid, Spain.
Al Bastakiya Art Fair Dubai "H*Tel Dystopia Room #25/55," Dubai, UAE
Always Moving Forward: Contemporary African Photography From The Wedge Collection, Toronto, Canada
- 2009 Center De Culture Contemporaine De Barcelone, Barcelona, Spain
7th Recontree Africanes De La Photographie – Bamako 2007, Art Beijing, Beijing, China
Nostalgia, Darb 1718 Contemporary Art Gallery, Cairo, Egypt
7th Recontree Africanes De La Photographie – Bamako 2007, Casa Africa, Gran Canaries
Human Condition, Festival Of Photography Nooderlicht, Groningen, The Netherlands
Ethiopia: Past/Forward, The Cultural Center Zuiderpershuis, Antwerpen/Anvers, Belgium
7th Recontree Africanes De La Photographie – Bamako 2007, African Museum Belgard, Belgrade, Serbia
2nd Pan-African Cultural Congress – Photography Exhibition, African Union Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2008 What Do You Think of Me, Lela Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Johannesburg Art Fair, Momo Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
World Photojournalism Festival 2008, The Tops, Shenyang, China
EU Africa Week In The Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
7th Recontree Africanes De La Photographie – Bamako 2007, Ifa Gallery, Berlin, Germany
More Than You Know, Foto Week DC, Washington, DC
- 2007 Angels of Light: Ethiopian Art From Walters Art Museum, Museum Of Biblical Art, New York, NY
Body of Evidence, National Museum Of African Art at the Smithsonian, Washington, DC
Photography And Mixed Media, Museum Volkenkunde, Leiden, The Netherlands
Ethiopian Millennium, Municipality Of The Hague, Leiden, The Netherlands
7th Recontree Africanes De La Photographie – Bamako 2007, National Museum Of Mali, Bamako, Mali

- 2003 Love Now: Black History Month Photography Exhibition, Nordstorm Stores Nationwide, United States
- Ethiopian Passages: Dialogues in the Diaspora, National Museum Of Africa Art at the Smithsonian, Washington, DC
- International Documentary Photo Project/Imagenes Havana, Fototeca Gallery, Havana, Cuba

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 Temsalte: Phenomenon Ethiopian Women
- 2013 Ethiopia: The Land of Wonders
- 2009 Ethiopia: Past/Forward by Aida Muluneh, Africalia
- 2003 Ethiopian Passages: Contemporary Art from the Diaspora

SELECT FILMS AND PRODUCTIONS

- 2009 "D-Focus: A dialogue on Images", Short Documentary, Past Forward films/Zeleman Production, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2008 "Ethiopia watch over me", Kenny Allan music video, Past Forward Films, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2007 "Good Grapes", Short documentary, Past Forward Films, San Francisco, CA
- "Identity", Vox Sambou music video, Past Forward Films, Port Au Prince, Haiti
- 2006 "Rassanbleman" Sara Renlick music video, Past Forward Films, Port Au Prince, Haiti
- Ryan Scott, Music EPK, Velour Records, New York, NY, USA
- 2004 "The Unhealing Wound" Feature length documentary, Past Forward Films, Cuba/Ethiopia

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Sam Presser Lecture, World Press Photo Festival, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018 "Crossroads of Afrofuturism in Fine Art," Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- 2015 "Cultural Producers Africa," Art Basel, New York, NY
- "Photography in Ethiopia and Guyana," International Curators Institute, New York, NY
- "Past/Forward: Photography in Ethiopia," Photography and Migration Conference, Colby College, Waterville, ME
- 2014 "The Artist and the Gallery Manager," Dak'Art 14 Roundtable, Dakar, Senegal
- "Africa Reimagined Creative Hub," Africa Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2013 "Arts for Development and Development for the Arts," British Council, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- "Across the board: Institutional Building," in conjunction with the Tate Modern, Accra, Ghana
- 2010 "Cities we own, Cities we belong to: Cultural Dynamics and Social Change in Contemporary African Cities," ARCO 2010, Madrid, Spain
- "Watching you, Watching Me," DFA Exchange program presentation along with Eva-Maria Ocherbauer of the New School of Photography in Berlin, Goethe-Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- "Medical Photography Workshop: A technical and theoretical workshop on the various usages of photography in the medical field," I-TECH ETHIOPIA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2009 "Re-branding the image of Africa," Africa Union Media Summit, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2008 "Amnesia: The idea, the process and the Artists," Nairobi Arts Trust, Centre for the Contemporary Art of East Africa Lecturer, Nairobi, Kenya



- “360 of Africa, Women, Culture and Entrepreneurship,” Selam African Festival, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2007 “Influences of history and culture on personal art,” Museum of Biblical Art Education Center, New York, NY
- 2006 “Culture and identity of Ethiopian Diaspora”, The Ethiopian-American Voice in the Legislative, Hosted by Congressman Mike Honda, San Francisco, CA, USA

SELECT CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2017 11th Edition of Bamako Encounters, Curatorial Advisory Committee
- 2016 Dakar Subbiennale, Dakar, Senegal
- 2014 Addis Foto Fest, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2013 “Angels and Demons” featuring Emanuel Tegene, Ethio Francaise Alliance
The passion of Brazilian Football featuring Gaberial Uchida, Taitu Hotel
“Chewata” exhibition featuring Ephrem Solomon and Emanuel Tegne, Italian Cultural Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
“Make Peace Happen: DRC and Mali conflict through Images,” OXFAM, African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Fana Wogi, Goethe Insitut and the Modern Art Museum
- 2012 “Café town” exhibition featuring Robel Temesgen and Emanuel Tegne, National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
“The Art of Memory” exhibition featuring Aida Muluneh and Emanuel Tegene, Italian Cultural Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Prêt-à-Partager IFA exhibition, Ethio Franciase Alliance
Fana Wogi, Goethe Insitut and the Modern Art Museum
Addis Foto Fest, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2011 “Contemporary and Traditional Japanese Pottery Exhibition,” Modern Art Museum Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
“Depth of feeling” Mulugeta Ayene photography exhibition, Ethio Francaise Alliance Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
“Ethio-France : Historical photographs and Contemporary Creation,” Modern Art Museum Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Fana Wogi, Goethe Insitut and the Modern Art Museum
- 2010 “Celebrating the Art and life of Gebre Kristos Desta through his Students,” Modern Art Museum Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Addis Foto Fest, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2009 ILO 90th Anniversary Pan-African Photography Exhibition, Greek Club, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AWARDS

- 2019 Scotiabank Photography Award, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 Catchlight Fellowship, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 Paul Huf Award (Nomination), Amsterdam, Netherland
CRAF International Photography Award, Spilimbergo, Italy
- 2007 European Union Prize, 7th Recontres Afrcaines de la Photographie, Bamako, Mali

SELECT COLLECTIONS

The Museum of Modern Art
Smithsonian National Museum of African Art
Hood Museum
Museum of Biblical Art
National Gallery of Victoria, Australia
Schomburg Center for Research on Black Culture
Toledo Museum of Art
Currier Museum of Art
Museum of Contemporary Photography Chicago
RISD Museum
Sindika Dokolo Foundation
Detroit Institute of Art
Purdue University