

Okikioluwa Akinfe

b. 1999; lives and works in London, UK

ARTIST STATEMENT

Okikioluwa Akinfe, (born 1999) is a London-based artist who received her BA from the Slade School of Fine Art. Her practice centers on creating an alternative to the conventional archive, encompassing 'The Black lens,' a subversive tool for avoiding stereotypes by demonstrating their absurdity. The authenticity involves the othered experience as refocusing the position of the white Gaze to a Black Gaze. The figures within the paintings are visible and un-visible, investigating placing/unplacing ghostly Black figures in landscapes, within their own realities, on their own terms. A space in world-building for these figures to exist in a non-social geographical space, paused in their own time agency, resting, in the perseverance of time.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

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| 2022 | <i>ERA</i> , The Crypt Gallery, London, UK
<i>What Now?</i> , PM/AM Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
<i>1-54 African Art Show</i> , DaDa Gallery, Paris, France
<i>Issue 1</i> , DaDa Gallery |
| 2021 | <i>Wrist Game</i> , @wristGame, Instagram
<i>Bigger Pleasures</i> , All Mouth Gallery/The Auction Collective, online
<i>Commodities</i> , The Molasses Gallery, London, UK
NAFAS TOUNES, online fundraiser
She Curates x Art on a Postcard auction |
| 2020 | <i>When Spiders Unite</i> , They Can Take Down a Lion, Daniel Raphael Gallery, London, UK
<i>All These Gestures</i> , Bowes Parris Gallery, Online
<i>'W2 2UH'</i> , All Mouth Gallery, online
<i>QUIXOTIC</i> , Ramp Gallery, Hamilton, NZ |
| 2019 | <i>Set The Borders On Fire!</i> , KuvA & Slade School of Art students, Finland
<i>WC2</i> , Sworders London, UK
<i>Spaceships. Dungeon. Zoos</i> , Barrington studios, London, UK |

AWARDS/ RESIDENCY

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| 2022 | Freeland's Painting Prize |
| 2021 | Cob x PLOP summer residency |
| 2019 | Stansbury Scholarship Prize |
| 2018 | Eileen Hogarth Award, Royal Drawing School 2018 |

EDUCATION/ TRAINING

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| 2017-2018 | The Royal Princes Drawing School Foundation year |
| 2018-2022 | Slade School of Fine Art - BA Fine Art |
| 2022-2023 | Royal College of Art - MA Painting |

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