TOYIN OJIH ODUTOLA

Born 1985, Ilé-Ifè, Nigeria Based in New York, NY

2012 MFA in Painting and Drawing, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, California 2008 BA in Studio Art and Communications, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Solo Exhibitions

2024	"Ilé Oriaku", Kunsthalle Basel, Basel
2022	"New Work", San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
2021	"Toyin Ojih Odutola: A Countervailing Theory", Kunsten Museum of Modern Art in Aalborg, Denmark "Toyin Ojih Odutola: A Countervailing Theory", Hirshhorn Museum and Sculptura Garden, Washington DC
2020	"Toyin Ojih Odutola: A Countervailing Theory", The Curve, Barbican Centre, London "Tell Me A Story, I Don't Care If It's True", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York "Tell Me A Story, I Don't Care if It's True", Jack Shainman Gallery (Online virtual exhibition)
2018	"When Legends Die", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York "Toyin Ojih Odutola: The Firmament", Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire "Scenes of Exchange", 12th Manifesta Biennial, Orto Botanico di Palermo, Palermo "Toyin Ojih Odutola: Testing the Name", Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Museum of Art, Savannah, Georgia
2017	"Toyin Ojih Odutola: To Wander Determined", Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
2016	"A Matter of Fact: Toyin Ojih Odutola", Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, California
2015	"Of Context and Without", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York "Toyin Ojih Odutola: Untold Stories", Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis
2014	"Like the Sea", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
2013	"The Constant Wrestler", Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art (iMOCA), Indianapolis "My Country Has No Name", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
2011	"(MAPS)", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025	"The Time is Always Now", Philadelphia Museum of Art
2024	"Nigeria Imaginary", Nigerian Pavilion at the 60th Venice Biennale "The Time is Always Now", National Portrait Gallery, London

"Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys", Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn "A Superlative Palette: Contemporary Black Women Artists", Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture, Charlotte 2023 "Armina Howada Mussa, Toyin Ojih Odutola, Jennifer Packer, Jem Perucchini, Anika Roach, Lynette Yiadom-Boakye", Corvi-Mora, London 16th Biennale de Lyon, curated by Sam Bardaouil and Till Fellrath, Lyon 2022 "Elegies: Still Lifes in Contemporary Art", Telfair Museums, Savannah "Elegies: Still Lifes in Contemporary Art", Museum of the African Diaspora", San Francisco "Afro-Atlantic Histories", National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. "Unexpected Surfaces", Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania 2021 "Plural Possibilities & the Female Body", Henry Art Gallery, Faye G. Allen Center for the Arts, University of Washington 2020 "Defying the Shadow", RISD Museum, Providence, Rhode Island "i'm yours: Encounters with Art in Our Times", ICA Boston, Massachusetts "UBUNTU: Harry David Art Collection", National Museum of Contemporary Art Athens "Shifting Gaze: A Reconstruction of The Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art", Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia "Jean Francois Prat Prize, Sélection de l'édition 2020 Exhibition", Bredin Prat Foundation, Paris "Nine Lives", The Renaissance Society, Chicago "Duro Oluwo: Seeing Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art", Chicago 2019 "Driving Forces: Contemporary Art from the Collection of Ann and Ron Pizzuti", Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio "Nicolas Party: Pastel", The FLAG Art Foundation, New York "EMBODY", Mandeville Gallery, Union College, Schenectady, New York "I Am...: Contemporary Women Artists of Africa", National Museum of African Art (Smithsonian), Washington D.C. "Prospect", Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, California "Future Generation Art Prize @ Venice 2019", 58th Venice Biennale, Palazzo Ca'Tron, IUAV University, Venice "Plumb Line: Charles White and the Contemporary", California African American Museum, Los Angeles "Drawn Together Again", The FLAG Art Foundation, New York "Future Generation Art Prize Exhibition of Shortlisted Artists", PinchukArtCentre, Kiev "Show Me as I Want to Be Seen", The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco "Damn! The Defiant", Fredericks & Freiser Gallery, New York "Art on Paper 2019: The 45th Exhibition", Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro "Presence: Meditations on the Spelman College Collection", Spelman College Museum of Fine Art. Atlanta "Highlights From the Sweet Briar Collection", Pannell Gallery, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia 2018 "Pulse", Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas "Shifting Gaze: A Reconstruction of The Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art", Mennello Museum of American Art, Florida "For Opacity: Elijah Burgher, Toyin Ojih Odutola, and Nathaniel Mary Quinn", The Drawing Center, New York "In This Imperfect Present Moment", Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington

"Histórias Afro-Atlânticas (Afro-Atlantic Histories)", Museum of Art São Paulo (MASP), São Paulo (MASP), São Paulo (Random Search: Mining the Archives of Tamarind Institute", University of New Mexico, Albuquerque "Orientation: The Racial Imaginary Institute Biennial", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York "The Racial Imaginary Institute: On Whiteness", The Kitchen, New York "Legacy of the Cool: A Tribute to Barkley L. Hendricks", Massachusetts College of

2017 "Visionary: Viewpoints on Africa's Arts", National Museum of African Art (Smithsonian), Washington, DC

"Ethics of Depiction: Landscape, Still Life, Human", Oakland University Art Gallery, Rochester, Michigan

"Dialogues in Drawing", Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco

"A Painting Today", Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town

Art and Design, Boston

"Vanishing Points", James Cohan Gallery, New York

"Political Discourse", University Hall Gallery, UMass Boston, Massachusetts

2016 "Africa Forecast: Fashioning Contemporary Life, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia

"Material Issue", Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, Kentucky
"Stark Imagery: The Male Nude in Art", William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs,

Connecticut
"Making Her Mark", Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, Connecticut

"The Mecca", JCT Gallery, Toronto, Canada

"Black: Color, Material", Concept, Studio Museum Harlem, New York

2015 "Disguise: Masks and Global African Art", Seattle Art Museum, Washington "Disguise: Masks and Global African Art", Fowler Museum at UCLA, Los Angeles, California

"Disguise: Masks and Global African Art", Brooklyn Museum, New York "Interventions in Printmaking: Three Generations of African American Women", Allentown Art Museum of the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania

"SELF: Portraits of Artists in Their Absence", National Academy Museum of Art, New York

"Piece by Piece: Building a Collection", Selections from the Christy & Bill Gautreaux Collection, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri "Status Quo", Jack Shainman Gallery's The School, Kinderhook, New York "Breath/Breadth: Contemporary American Black Male Identity", Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia

"Young, Gifted, and Blac"k, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

"Black Eye", Curated by Nicola Vassell, Concept NV, New York
 "Other Ways; Other Times: Influences of African-American Tradition from St. Louis
 Collections", Philip Slein Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri
 "I See You", Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Art, Charlotte, North

"southXeast: Southeastern Contemporary Art", Schmidt Center Gallery and Ritter Art Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, School of the Arts, Boca Raton, Florida "Mise En Scène", Jack Shainman Gallery's The School, Kinderhook, New York "The Mosaic Project: Ojih Odutola & Panas", Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

"The Six Draughtsmen", Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts
 (MoCADA), Brooklyn, New York
 "Black Hair: Black Identity", Iona College Chapman Gallery, New Rochelle, New York

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	"Singular Masses: An Examination of Racial Identity", Hyde Gallery, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee "The Moment for Ink", Chinese Cultural Center, San Francisco, California "Ballpoint Pen Drawing Since 1950", Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, Connecticut "Seven Sisters", Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, California	
2012	"Fore and Gordon Parks: A Harlem Family 1967", Studio Museum in Harlem, New York "The Progress of Love", Menil Collection, Houston, Texas "Afro: Black Identity in America and Brazil", Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico "Falling Through Space Drawn by the Line", UB Art Galleries, University at Buffalo, New York	
2011	"The Black Portrait", Rush Gallery, New York, New York "Frontrunners: The San Francisco Foundation 2011 Murphy & Cadogan Fellowship Awards Exhibition", SOMArts, San Francisco, California "Geoffrey Chadsey, Toyin Ojih Odutola and Artifacts from Nagaland", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, Curated by Claude Simard "Ouroboros: An Exhibition & Reading", California College of the Arts Writer's Studio, San Francisco, Curated by Toyin Ojih Odutola and Nick Johnson "Selections on View", Contemporary Galleries, Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama	
2007	"Yale/Norfolk Summer Art Fellowship Student Exhibition", Norfolk, Connecticut	
Projects		
2021	Contributing Column, Elephant Magazine (ongoing)	
2014	"The Art Assignment", PBS Digital Studios	
Residencies		
2017-18	Lida A. Orzeck Distinguished Artist-in-Residence, Barnard College	
2016	Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, California	
2014	Tamarind Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico Flying Horse Editions, College of Arts & Humanities at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida	
2012	Tamarind Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico	

Flying Horse Editions, College of Arts & Humanities at the University of Central

Awards

2020	"Artist of the Year", Apollo Awards "Prix Jean-François Prat Lauréate", The Bredin Prat Foundation
2019	Induction to National Academy of Design
2018	"Rees Visionary Award", Amref Health Africa

Florida, Orlando, Florida

2011 "Murphy and Cadogan Fellowship Award", The San Francisco Foundation

2007 "Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship Grant", Yale School of Art Norfolk

Public Collections

Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, Texas

The Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois

Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland

Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama

Blenheim Art Foundation, Woodstock, United Kingdom

The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii

The Dean Collection, New York, New York

Frye Art Museum, Seattle, Washington

The Giuseppe lannaccone Collection, Milan, Italy

Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, Massachusetts

Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, Florida

Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York

Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, Mississippi

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, California

Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York

The National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

National Portrait Gallery, London, United Kingdom

New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Pizzuti Collection of Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio

Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, New Jersey

RISD Museum of Art, Providence, Rhode Island

Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence, Kansas

The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, New York

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

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