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ANTHONY OLUBUNMI AKINBOLA

Anthony Olubunmi Akinbola is a first-generation American raised between Missouri and Nigeria.

Anthony Olubunmi Akinbola's practice carries a multifaceted approach to medium and composition, wherein he combines and contrasts varying elements of color to explore the intricacies of identity. By incorporating totemic materials, such as palm oil, hairbrushes, and durags - a garment used in the maintenance of African hair - Akinbola delves into concerns of consumption and commodification of Black culture. Upon closer examination of their historical and cultural significance, his works highlight these ready-mades as embedded within a greater narrative of the complex relationship between Africa and Black America.

Akinbola has had solo exhibitions at Sean Kelly, New York; Night Gallery, Los Angeles; Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna; Carbon 12, Dubai; John Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan; the Queens Museum, New York, and other galleries and institutions. His work has been featured in group shows at the Guggenheim, New York, NY; Hauser & Wirth, New York and Los Angeles; Pace Gallery, New York; and the Bernard A. Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw, among others. Akinbola's work is included in the permanent collections of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI; The Beth Rudin DeWoody Collection; The Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY; Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit, ME; Pizzuti Collection, Columbus, OH; and Zabłudowicz Collection, London, United Kingdom.

Born in 1991, Missouri, USA

Lives and works in New York, USA

Solo Exhibitions (selected)

- 2024 "Western Beef", Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
"Good Hair", SCAD Museum of Art, Georgia, USA
"Monty Hall, Randall Recreation Center, Washington D.C
- 2023 "Sweet Tooth", Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 "Natural Beauty", Sean Kelly, New York, NY
"Multilateral", Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna, Austria
- 2021 "Schottenfeld Atelier", Galerie Krinzinger, Vienna
"Thanks A Million", CARBON12, Dubai
"by Fire by Force", FALSE FLAG, New York, NY
"Market", Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
"Magic City", John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2020 "Local Import", Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY
- 2018 "CAMOUFLAGE", Queens Museum, New York, NY

Group Exhibitions (selected)

- 2024 "The Poetics of Dimensions" Curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah, Institute of Contemporary Art San Francisco, USA
"Color Fields", Various Small Fires, Seoul, Korea
"The Threads We Follow", Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA), Winston-Salem, NC
"Elevate the Object", Secci Gallery, Milan, Italy
"The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century", Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, USA
"By Way Of: Material and Motion in the Guggenheim Collection", Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
"The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century", co-organized by the Baltimore Museum of Art and the Saint Louis Art Museum, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Germany

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Xippi, Heritage, and Metamorphosis: Voices in West African Art, The August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

"The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century", Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada

- 2023 "Memorias Del Terraplén, Pt. 1", Casa Santa Ana, Ciudad de Panamá
- 2022 "Faking the Real", Kunsthaus Graz, Graz
"BLACK", The KNOW Contemporary, California
"THIS IS NOT WHAT IT SEEMS", Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery, NY
"The New Bend", Curated by Legacy Rustle, Hauser & Wirth, New York, NY
- 2021 "What is Past is Prologue" 21C Museum Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky
"Convergent Evolutions" Pace Gallery, New York, NY
"What It's All About", Jenkins-Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
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"Idealistic", University Art Museum, Albany, NY
- 2020 "UNBOUND", Zuckerman Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
- 2019 "Styles of Resistance", MoCADA Museum, New York, NY
"19191919", New Image Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 "Crossworks", Dordyart, Dordrecht, Netherlands
"Same Difference", Miranda Kuo Gallery, New York, NY

Awards

- 2023 Artsy Vanguard

Residencies

- 2024 Dragon Hill, France
- 2023 Black Rock Senegal, Founded by Kehinde Wiley, Dakar, Senegal
- 2023 Air @ CAMPO, Pueblo Garzon, Uruguay
- 2022 Silver Art Projects, New York, NY
- 2021 Galerie Krinzinger Residency, Vienna
- 2019 MAD Artist Fellow, Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY
- 2018 Verbeke Foundation Residency, Kemzeke, Belgium Dordtyart Crossworks Residency, Dordrecht
- 2017 Anderson Ranch Art Center Residency, Snowmass, CO

Collections

- Solomon R. Guggenheim Collection, New York
Khouri Art Foundation, Dubai
The Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, North Carolina