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Artist Biography

Yinka Shonibare CBE (b. 1962)

Yinka Shonibare CBE was born in 1962 in London and moved to Lagos, Nigeria at the age of three. He now lives and works in London. His work explores issues of race and class through the media of painting, sculpture, photography and film. Having described himself as a 'post-colonial' hybrid, Shonibare questions the meaning of cultural and national definitions. His trademark material is the brightly coloured 'African' batik fabric he buys at Brixton market. The fabric was inspired by Indonesian design, mass-produced by the Dutch and eventually sold to the colonies in West Africa. In the 1960s the material became a new sign of African identity and independence.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Lagos Peckham Repeat*, South London Gallery, London, UK
To Be Free, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury, UK
Trace, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
The Art of Fabric, Kunsthalle Vogelmann, Heilbronn, Germany
Sharjah Biennial 15, Sharjah, UAE
Between Before and After, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
The Fest, MAK, Vienna, Austria
Constellations, Kura Kura, Bali, Indonesia
- 2022 *Earth*, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol, UK
Fashioning Masculinities, V&A Museum, London, UK
The Future is Blinking, Museum Rietberg, Zurich, Switzerland
Garmenting, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY, US
Planets in My Head, Fredrik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, MI, US
Restitution of the Mind and Soul, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2021 *End of Empire*, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria
- 2020 *Justice for All*, The Arts House, Singapore
- 2019 *Flower Power*, Fukuoka Museum, Japan, Fukuoka, Japan
Creatures of the Mappa Mundi, Hereford Cathedral, Hereford, UK
- 2018 *Wind Sculpture*, Central Park, New York, NY, US
Talisman in the Age of Indifference, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Prejudice at Home*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY, US
From Life, Royal Academy, London, UK
- 2016 Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
End of Empire, Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK
Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C., US
- 2015 James Cohan Gallery, New York, US
- 2014 Blain|Southern, Berlin, Germany
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL, US
- 2013 Pearl Lam Galleries, Hong Kong, HK
Royal Museums Greenwich, London, UK
GL Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark

- 2013 Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 San Diego Art Museum, San Diego, CA, US
James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY, US
- 2011 Central Saint Martins, London, UK
- 2010 Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, New York, NY;
St Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO, US
- 2009 Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
- 2008 Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, Australia; Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY ; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., US
- 2007 National Gallery, London, UK
- 2006 Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
- 2005 James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY, US
National Design Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, New York, NY, US
- 2004 Tate Britain, London, UK
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- 2000 V&A Museum, London, UK
- 1999 Ikon Gallery, Birmingham; Henie Onstad Art Centre, Norway; Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland; Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield; Oriol Mostyn, Llandudno, Wales, UK
- 1998 London Underground, London, UK
- 1997 Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK
- 1995 BAC Gallery, London, UK
- 1994 Centre 181 Gallery, London, UK
- 1989 Byam Shaw Gallery, London, UK
Bedford Hill Gallery, London, UK

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- AU National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- CA National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
- IL Israel Museum, Jerusalem
- IT National Gallery of Modern Art in Rome, Rome
- NL Stichting de Onvoltooide, The Hague
- PL Wrocław Museum of Art, Wrocław
- SE Moderna Museet, Stockholm
- UK Arts Council Collection, London
British Museum, London
Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh
Tate Collection, London
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
- USA The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, NY
Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Hirshhorn Museum, Washington, D.C.
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
- ZA Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, Cape Town