

Amoako Boafo

Born 1984, Accra, Ghana. Lives and works in Accra, Ghana

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023-4 *The Soul of Black Folk*, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, USA
- 2023 *The Soul of Black Folk*, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA
What Could Possibly Go Wrong, if we tell it like it is, Gagosian, New York, USA
- 2022 *Inside Out*, Mariane Ibrahim, Paris, France
Soul of Black Folks, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, TX, USA
- 2021 *Soul of Black Folks*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA, USA
Singular Duality: Me Can Make We, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2020 *I Stand by Me*, Mariane Ibrahim, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2019 *I See Me*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2018 *Re-Masculinity*, Brazil House, Accra, Ghana
- 2017 *Illuminated*, House of Bandits, Vienna, Austria
Pillow Talks, Casino-Baumgarten, Vienna, Austria
Detoxing Masculinity, We Dey xSpace, Vienna, Austria Night School, Volkskunde Museum, Vienna, Austria
Step Into The Darkness, Kunsthalle Vienna, Vienna, Austria

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023-4 *In and Out of Time*. Curated by Ekow Eshun, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
Accra! The Rise of a Global Art Community. With Kwesi Botchway, Gideon Appah, Kenturah Davis, Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, El Anatsui, and Derek Fordjour. Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH, USA
Colours, Opera Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2023 *The Speed of Grace*. With April Bey, Deborah Roberts, Derrick Adams, Serge Attukwei Clottey, Tunji Adeniyi-Jones, Zandile Tshabalala. Simões de Assis, São Paulo, Brazil
Composition, Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
50th Anniversary Exhibition, Galerie Bei Der Albertina Vienna, Austria
A Living Legacy: Recent Acquisitions in Contemporary Art, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, USA

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- Together in Time: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection*,
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA
- Strike Fast, Dance Lightly: Artists on Boxing*, The Flag Art Foundation, New
York, USA
- Au bout de mes rêves*, (Vanhaerents Art Collection), Tripostal Lille, France
- Un Abrazo*, Mariane Ibrahim, Mexico City, Mexico
- A Selection of Modern, Post-War & Contemporary Artworks*, Sotheby's,
Palm Beach, Florida, USA
- 2022-3 *In Our Time: Selections from the Singer Collection*, with Annan Affotey, Otis
Kwame Kye Quaiocoe, and Patrick Alston (and many others), Scottsdale
Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA), Scottsdale, AZ, USA
- Contemporary African Portraiture. Shariat Collections*, Kuntshalle Krems,
Krems An Der Donau, Austria
- 2022 *UNLIMITED*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
- Secession*, Vienna, Austria
- Behind This Wall* - with Derrick Adams a, Longlati Foundation, Shanghai,
China
- La Vie en Rose*, Mariane Ibrahim, Chicago, IL, USA
- The Unseen*, Selected by Hurvin Anderson, Christen Sveaas Art Foundation,
Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
- Figuration: Now and Then*, Sotheby's, East Hampton, NY, USA
- 2021 *J'ai Deux Amours...*, Mariane Ibrahim, Paris, France
- Homecoming: The Aesthetic of the Cool*, with Kwesi Botchway and Otis
Quaiocoe, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
- And If I Devoted My Life To One of Its Feathers?*, Kunsthalle Wien,
Museumsquartier, Vienna, Austria
- 2020 *Synchronicity*. With Kehinde Wiley, Wangari Mathenge, Betye Saar and more
Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
- Xenia: Crossroads in Portrait Painting*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York,
NY
- OPEN STORAGE*, The Bass, Miami Beach, FL
- Wish you Were Here*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2019 *Two Ages: Young*, Crone Side, Berlin, Germany
- As long as we are flying all this world ain't got no end*, Luce Gallery, Turin,

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Italy

- 2018 *Guerilla of Enlightenment*, Rotor Center for Contemporary Art, Graz, Austria
The Alumni Exhibition Series, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria
Tell Me, Red House Galerie Bodenseekreis, Meersburg, Germany
Archipelago: Island of Unpredictable Thinking, Wiener Festwochen, Hauptbüchereiam Gürtel, Vienna, Austria
Your Pressure is My Pleasure, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 *Art the Hague: In Transition*, The Hague, Netherlands
Rethinking Afropolitan: The Ethics of Black Atlantic Masculinities, The College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
Walter Koschatzky Art Prize, Hofstallungen Mumok, Vienna, Austria
Decolonial Borderlands, Akademie der Bildenden Künste Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 *Anti-Colonial Fantasies*, Friday Exit, Vienna, Austria
- 2015 *Familiarities– Unexpected Queerings*, VBKO, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 Group Exhibition, National Museum, Ghana

FAIRS

- 2024 Basel Hong Kong, with Gallery 1957
1-54 Marrakesh, with Gallery 1957, Morocco
- 2023 Frieze Seoul, with Gallery 1957, Seoul, South Korea
The Monaco Masters Show 2023, Opera Gallery, Monaco
- 2022 EXPO Chicago, Mariane Ibrahim, Chicago, IL, USA
Art Basel, Mariane Ibrahim, Basel, Switzerland
Frieze Seoul, Mariane Ibrahim, Seoul, South Korea
Paris +, Mariane Ibrahim, France
- 2021 The Armory Show, Mariane Ibrahim, New York, NY
- 2019 FIAC, Mariane Ibrahim, Chicago, IL
EXPO Chicago, Mariane Ibrahim, Chicago, IL
Art Basel Miami Beach, Mariane Ibrahim, Miami Beach, FL
- 2017 11th Young Art Auction, Novomatic Forum, Vienna, Austria

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

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- 2019 Residency with Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
STRABAG Artaward International, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 Walter Koschatzky Art Prize
- 2014 CulturGemma!, Arbeitsstipendium der Stadt Wien
- 2008 Best Portrait Painter of the Year, Ghanatta College of Art and Design
- 2007 Best Abstract Painter of the Year, Ghanatta College of Art and Design

COLLECTIONS

- CCS Bard College Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, US
- City of Miami Beach Art Collection, Miami, FL, US
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, US
- Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MI, US
- Rubell Family Collection, Miami, FL, US
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, US
- The Aishti Foundation, Lebanon, Beirut
- The Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria
- The Blenheim Foundation, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, UK
- The Leopold Museum, Vienna, Austria
- The Louis Vuitton Foundation, Paris, France

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- 2021 *Amoako Bofo*, Mariane Ibrahim Publications, with texts by With
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Jones OBE
- 2019 *Amoako Bofo: I SEE ME*. Published by Roberts Projects, Culver City,
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