

## Abdoulaye Konaté

b.1953, Diré, Mali. Lives and works in Bamako, Mali

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2022-3 *Abdoulaye Konaté: Coucher de soleil*, Primae Noctis, Lugano, Switzerland
- 2022 *Still Alive*, Standing Pine, Nagoya, Japan  
*Between Oneirism and Reality*, La Galerie 38, Casablanca, Morocco
- 2021 *Les Plis de l'ame*, La Galerie 38, Casablanca, Morocco  
*Les Petits Tableaux*, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy  
*Lune Bleue*, Espace Dominique Bagouet, Montpellier, France  
*The Diffusion of Infinite Things*, Standing Pine, Nagoya, Japan
- 2020 *Idéogrammes, signes, symboles et logos*, Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town  
*Couleurs d'âme*, Blain|Southern New York, USA  
*Abdoulaye Konaté*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
- 2018 *Textile in Art*, The Red Door Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2017 *L'Etoffe des songes*, La Galerie 38, Casablanca, Morocco  
*Espace Expressions CDG*, Rabat, Morocco
- 2016 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, Primae Noctis Art Gallery, Lugano, Switzerland  
*Symphonie en couleur*, Blain|Southern London, UK  
*Abdoulaye Konaté*, Arken Museum for Moderne Kunst, Copenhagen, DK
- 2015 *Useful Dreams*, Blain|Southern Berlin, Germany  
*Abdoulaye Konaté*, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2013 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, The World in Textile, Afrika Museum, Berg en Dal, The Netherlands  
*Abdoulaye Konaté*, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2012 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, L'Ecole Supérieure d'Art & Design, Le Havre, France  
*Project Window*, INIVA, Rivington Place, London, UK
- 2011 *La toile d'Abdoulaye Konaté*, Galerie Nationale de Dakar, Sénégal
- 2009 *Textile*, Forum für Kunst, Heidelberg, Germany
- 1992 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, Musée National du Mali, Bamako, Mali  
*Abdoulaye Konaté*, Musée de l'IFAN, Dakar, Senegal
- 1983 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, Le Petit Salon National, Havana, Cuba
- 1976 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, Maison du Peuple, Diré, Mali

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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Unlimited II*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana  
*Afroprophetic: Art transforming minds and nature*, Christie's, London, UK
- 2022 *Abdoulaye Konaté & Januario Jano: Stories from Africa: Chapter 1*,  
Standing Pine, Nagoya, Japan  
*Where Cloudy Waters Collide*, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK  
*Coucher De Soleil*, Primae Noctis, Lugano, Switzerland  
*L'art, un jeu sérieux*, MACAAL, Marrakech, Morocco  
*Current Identities*, Bode Project, Berlin, Germany  
*Un Fil Rouge*, with Barthélémy Togu, Ky Siriki And Soly Cissé, Gallery 1957,  
Accra, Ghana
- 2021-2 *At the End of the Rainbow*, Arken Museum of Modern Art, Ishøj,  
Denmark
- 2021 *Threads*, Zwartzusters monastery, Antwerp, Duende Art Projects  
*The Black Era*, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2020 *Global(e) Resistance*, Centre Pompidou, Paris
- 2019 *Africa Universe*, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan & Lugano  
*Hier est la mémoire d'aujourd'hui*, L'Espace Communes, Paris, FR  
*On the Spiritual Matter of Art*, MAXXI Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI  
secolo, Rome, Italy  
*KUBATANA: An Exhibition with Contemporary African artists*, Vestfossen  
Kunstlaboratorium, Oslo, Norway  
*Lend Me Your Dream*, Le Studio des Arts Vivants, L'Artorium, Casablanca,  
Morocco  
Museum of Black Civilizations, Dakar, SN; The Contemporary Arts Rotonde,  
Abidjan, CI; Lagos, NG; Cape Town, ZA; African Union Headquarters, Addis-  
Abeba, ET; Rabat, Morocco
- 2018 *New Materialism*, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden  
*African Metropolis. An imaginary city*, MAXXI, Rome, Italy  
*Ravelled Threads*, Sean Kelly Gallery, New York, USA  
*Pulling at Threads*, Norval Foundation, South Africa  
*Mobile Worlds or The Museum of our Transcultural Present*, Museum für  
Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg, Germany
- 2017 *Afriques Capitales*, La Villette, Paris, France

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- Vers le Cap de Bonne Espérance*, Gare Saint Sauveur, Lille, France  
*The Summer Show 2017*, Royal Academy of Arts (RA), London, UK  
*L'Afrique en capitale*, Musée Mohammed VI d'Art moderne et contemporain,  
Rabat, Morocco
- 2016 *Still (the) Barbarians*, EVA International, Ireland's Biennial, Limerick,  
Republic of Ireland  
*Afterwork*, Para Site, Hong Kong
- 2015 *Katrine Helmersson and Abdoulaye Konaté*, NorrköpingsKonst museum,  
Sweden  
*ART\_TEXTILES*, The Whitworth, The University of Manchester, UK  
*Streamlines: Metaphorical and Geopolitical Interpretations of the Oceans*,  
Deichtorhallen International Kunst und Fotografie, Hamburg, Germany  
*Obsession*, Maison Particulière, Brussels, Belgium
- 2014 *How Far How Near*, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2013 *The Divine Comedy: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory revisited by Contemporary  
African Artists*, Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, DE; National  
Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, USA  
*Decorum*, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, FR
- 2012 *Hollandaise*, SMBA, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Netherland  
*RAW Material Company*, Centre Pour l'Art, Dakar, Senegal  
*We face forward: Art from West Africa today*, Whitworth Art Gallery, The  
University of Manchester, UK
- 2011 *Mixités*, Les chantiers de la Lune, La Seyne-sur-Mer, FR  
*Dégagements... La Tunisie un an après*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, FR
- 2010 *Art Actuel d'Afrique*, Collégiale Saint-André, Chartres, FR  
*Textile ou fragment de l'histoire d'une collection*, Fondation Blachère, Apt,  
FR
- 2009 *Africa Una Nuova Storia*, Complesso del Vittoriano, Rome, Italy
- 2008 *Travesía*, Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno CAAM, las Palmas de Gran  
Canaria, Spain  
*Artes Mundi*, National Museum, Cardiff, UK
- 2007 *Africa Remix*, Museum Kunstpalast, Dusseldorf, Germany  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, FR  
Hayward Gallery, London, UK  
Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

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2006 Documenta 12, Kassel, Germany  
*The Unhomely*, Phantom Scenes in Global Society, International Biennial of Contemporary Art of Seville, Seville, ES

## PRIZE AND AWARDS

2009 Officier de l'Ordre National du Mali  
2008 Nominated for the Artes Mundi 3 prize, Cardiff  
2002 Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres de France  
1996 Léopold Sédar Senghor Prize at the Dak'Art Biennale in Dakar

## FAIRS AND BIENNALE

2023 Art Brussels, with Gallery 1957, Belgium (forthcoming)  
Art Dubai, with Effe Gallery, UAE  
FInAB: Festival International des Arts du Bénin, Bénin  
1-54 Marrakech, with La Galerie 38, Morocco  
2022 1-54 London, Somerset House, London, UK  
Dakar Biennale, Tribute to Abdoulaye Konate, Dakar, Senegal  
Documenta 15, Kassel, Germany  
Still Alive, Aichi Triennale, Japon  
1-54 Paris, with Primo Marella Gallery, Paris, France  
Miart, with Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy  
2021 14th Dak'Art Biennale of Contemporary Art 2020, Dakar, Senegal  
Art Dubai, with Gallery 1957, Dubai, UAE  
WOPART Lugano, Primo Marella Gallery, Switzerland  
Artissima, Primo Marella Gallery, Torino, Italy  
2020 Intersect Chicago, Primae Noctis Gallery, Chicago, USA  
Expo Dubai 2020, Mali Pavillon, Dubai, UAE  
2019 Miart, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy  
Boundless Encounters: The 3rd Hangzhou Triennial of Fiber Art, Hangzhou, China  
La construcción de lo posible, 13th Havana Biennial, Cuba  
1-54 Marrakech 2019, Primo Marella Gallery, Morocco  
2018 Dak'art Biennale de l'Art Africain Contemporain, Dakar, Sénégal  
ART021 Shanghai Contemporary Art Fair, China  
West Bund Art & Design, Blain|Southern

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- artmonte-carlo, Blain|Southern, Geneva, Switzerland  
Art Brussels, Blain|Southern, Belgium  
1-54 Marrakech, Blain|Southern, Morocco  
artgenève, Blain|Southern, Switzerland
- 2017 The Armory Show, Blain|Southern, New York, USA  
ZONA MACO, Blain|Southern, Mexico City, Mexico  
artgenève, Blain|Southern, Switzerland  
Viva Arte Viva, Venice Biennale, Italy
- 2016 The Armory Show, Blain|Southern, New York, USA  
Zona MACO, Blain|Southern, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2015 The Armory Show, Blain|Southern, New York, USA  
19th Contemporary Art Festival Sesc\_Videobrasil, Southern Panoramas, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2012 *Abdoulaye Konaté*, Fondation Festival sur le Niger Ségou, Mali
- 2010 Abdoulaye Konaté, Exposition rétrospective, Biennale de Dakar, Sénégal
- 2009 Bienal de la Habana, Havana, Cuba
- 2006 Dak'Art 7ème Biennale de l'Art Africain Contemporain, Dakar, Sénégal

## COLLECTIONS

Arken Museum for Moderne Kunst, Ishøj, Denmark  
Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Occidentale, Dakar, Senegal  
Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR  
Dak'Art, Biennale de l'Art Africain Contemporain, Senegal  
Fondation Blachère, Apt, FR  
Fondation Guy & Myriam Ullens, Geneva, Switzerland  
Fundação Sindika Dokolo, Angola  
Gare do Oriente, Lisbon, Portugal  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art (MET), New York, USA  
Musée National du Mali, Bamako, Mali  
Musée Bargoin de la Ville de Clermont-Ferrand, FR  
Palais Présidentiel du Mali, Bamako, Mali  
Smithsonian Museum, Washington, USA  
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands  
The Tang Teaching Museum, Saratoga Springs, USA  
Zeitz MOCAA, South Africa

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- 2016 *Abdoulaye Konate*, Primaes Noctis Gallery  
2015 *Useful Dreams*, Aboudlaye Konate, Blain|Southern  
2012 *We Face Forward: Art from West Africa*, Manchester Art Gallery

### *Prints*

- 1995 *Revue Noire*, Issue 17, “Mali - Burkina Faso – Niger”, Jean Loup Pivin

### *Online*

- 2022 Oct 20, Le Point, “[Abdoulaye Konaté, l’esprit des formes et des couleurs](#)”  
Oct 12, Wallpaper, “Symphony of colour: Abdoulaye Konaté merges music and matter at Blain|Southern”  
Sept 20, Little Village, “[An experts’ guide to Stanley Museum must-sees \(besides ‘Mural’\)](#)”  
June 15, Border Being, “[Dakar’s Vibrant Art Biennale: Beyond Exhibition as Display](#)”  
June 1, Headline Africa, “Dakar Biennale pays tribute to Mali's legendary artist Abdoulaye Konaté”  
May 31, Africa News, “Dakar Pays homage to Mali’s Legendary Artist Abdoulaye Konate”  
2021 Nov 15, Arts and Culture, “[Abu Dhabi Art 2021 promises plenty of opportunities for change after the pandemic](#)”  
July 14, Mediapart, “Abdoulaye Konaté - Espace Dominique Bagouet. Montpellier”  
July 10, Le Mouvement, “[Montpellier : « Lune bleue » de Abdoulaye Konate, à découvrir jusqu’au 10 octobre](#)”  
July 6, TL Magazine, “[Symphony in Konaté Major](#)”  
April 1, Arab News, “[Art Dubai opens with a bang, against the odds](#)”  
March 30, Something Curated, “[The Best From Art Dubai’s 14th Edition](#)”  
2020 Nov 4, Frieze, “[How Abdoulaye Konaté Knits Together West African Cultural Heritage](#)”, Ayodeji Rotinwa  
Sept 25, Widewall, “[How Abdoulaye Konaté Found Inspiration in a Traditional Ghanaian Cloth](#)”

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- 2019 Nov 13, ArtNet, “Discover 5 Highlights of Contemporary African Art by Artists You Should Know”
- 2017 May 17, Artnet, “Sotheby’s Inaugural Modern and Contemporary African Art Sale Falls Just Shy of £2.8 Million Low Estimate”, Alyssa Buffenstein

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