

WENDIMAGEGN BELETE

Born 1986, Ethiopia

Lives and works in Ethiopia and Norway

EDUCATION

2016-2017 MA in Contemporary Art, Tromsø Academy of Contemporary Art and Creative Writing

2009-2012 Bachelor of Fine Arts, AAU Alle School of Fine Arts and Design

2006-2008 Marketing Management, Mekelle University

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 (Upcoming) Kunstnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway

2024 (Upcoming) *Kongsberg Kunstforening, Kongsberg, Norway*

Of Water And The Spirit, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, West Palm Beach, USA

A1-L22, Kongsberg Art Association, Norway

2023 *Rite of passage*, Gallery NOME, Berlin, Germany

Three steps north, North Norwegian Artists Center, Svolvær

1-54, solo booth, with Kristin Hjellegjerde, London, UK Saatchi Yates, London, UK

2022 National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Your Gaze Makes me: Wendimagegn Belete, Trøndlag Centre for Contemporary Art, Trondheim, Norway

Codeswitch, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK

2021 Tenthaus, Oslo, Norway

iodeposito, Traveso, Italy

Small projects, Tromsø, Norway

Your Gaze Makes Me, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2020 National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

<*Sinksar*>, LNM Gallery, Oslo, Norway

Oppland Kunstsenter, Lillehammer, Norway

'*Moment 2.0*', Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Nevlunghavn, Norway

2019 *Revenant*, Fotografiens Hus, Norway

Moment, '*Andafta*', Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK

- Altering The Past*, FUSHION, Youngs Oslo, Norway
- 2018 *Frozen Memories*, Østfold Kunstsenter, Fredrikstad, Norway
- 2017 “*Are We There Yet?*”, Gallery Snerk, Tromsø Academy of contemporary Art, Tromsø, Norway
- 2016 ‘*UNVEIL*’, Tromsø Academy of contemporary Art, Tromsø, Norway
- 2015 *NOSTALGIA*, LeLa contemporary Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Gwangju Biennale, South Korea
- 2023 *Survival Kit 14*, Riga, Latvia
“Who owns that”, Tenthhouse, Oslo
- 2022 HacerNoche, Biannual international, Oaxaca, Mexico
 5th Biennale Internationale de Casablanca, Morocco
 Tang Contemporary, Beijing, China
I Call it Art, The National Museum, Norway
- 2021 *Facing The Sun*, Schloss Goerne, Germany
- 2020 Flag Project, Tromsø kunstforening, Flag Tromsø, Norway
- 2019 *YPN Digital Africa (Casablanca)*, 5th Biennale Internationale de Casablanca, MA
 HacerNoche, biannual international, Oaxaca, Mexico
B#Side War festival, group exhibition in Venice/Treviso, Italy
 Mediterranea, 19 Young Artists Biennale San Marino, Italy
 Artsy Vanguard, Miami, USA
Facing the Sun, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Schloss Görne, Germany
 Munch Museum, Oslo, Norway
Altering the past, FUSHION, at Youngs Oslo, Norway
 Kosk Gallery, Norway
 Sandefjord Kunstforenings Kunstpris, Sandefjord, Norway
 Oslo Kunstforening and Sparebankstiftelsen DNB exhibition, Norway
 Rådhusateljierene, Norway
This man is your friend, RAM Gallery, Norway
Et maleri er et dikt uten ord, Akershus kunstsenter, Norway
 Digital Africa Cameroonian photography and video art, Cameroon
 6th edition of the Future Generation Art Prize, PinkchukArtCentre, Kiev, Ukraine

- 2018 LNM's 50th anniversary, kunstnerneshus, Norway
 Høstutstillingen/autumnexhibition, kunstnerneshus ,Norway
Young Invited, Gallery, LNM, Norway
The Process – Space, festival and exhibition, Russe, Bulgaria
- 2017 Lofoten International Art Festival (LIAF), Mondo, Represent Mondo, Norway\Portrait nu,
 Ljungberg Museum in Sweden, Dec Sweden
Portrait now, The Museum of National History, Frederiksborg Castle, Denmark Tromsø
 Kunstakademiet MFA exhibition, Kunstforeningen, Tromsø, Norway
Assuming public space, Public art project collaboration with Thomas Hirschorn (Tromsø),
 Norway
Tallinn Noir, Estonian Academy of Arts, Estonia
 Substitution, European Capital of Culture 2017, Denmark
 First edition of International Bad Video Art Festival Moscow, A3 Gallery, Russia
- 2016 Spring Screen Video Festival, Galleri Fisk, Bergen, Norway
 Arctic moving image and film festival, Harstad, Northern Norway
 Young Arctic Artists 2016, Gallery Napa, Finland
 'UNVEIL', Tromsø Academy of contemporary Art, Norway
 Stockholm Independent Art Fair Sweden, represent Small Project, Sweden
 'LA VASEE COMTE', Jutland Art Academy, Aarhus, Denmark
- 2015 *SYNCHRONIZED weissensee kunsthochschule*, Kunsthalle am Hamburger Platz, Germany
 "Art Future/Future Signs", Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
 50 years of Pan Africanism' Group show, National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 Addis art fair, Millennium Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 Ethiopian national artists associations, National Museum, Ethiopia
Horizon arts, Laphto art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 Addis Ababa University, Alle school of fine arts and Design- graduation exhibition, Ethiopia
- 2014 Altered Impression, with Ethiopian Art community, California USA
- 2012 Listro (Berlin) exhibition, School of Fine Arts and Design, Addis Ababa and Berlin Ethiopia/
 Germany Alliance Ethio - France, Ethiopia
- 2011 National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

SELECTED AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2021 Shortlisted for the 6th edition of the Future Generation Art
- 2020 Nominated for Sandefjord Kunstforenings Kunstpris
- 2019 Artist working grant, Billedkunstneres Vederlagsfond,
Nominated for Sparebankstiftelsen DNB stipend, Norway
Exhibition grant Kulturrådet, Norway
Exhibition grant Norsk fotografiens fund
Exhibition grant Revenant, fotografienshus, Kulturrådet
- 2019-2018 Two-year studio space at Oslo City Hall
- 2018 Two years working grant from the Norwegian Art Council
Exhibition grant, Africana and book series, Kulturrådet
- 2017 Newly establish Artist work grant, diversestipend, Kulturrådet
- 2016 Quota Scheme, two Years Scholarship, Tromsø
- 2014 First prize in two categories, International organization for migration (IOM),
- 2013 Certificate from the US Embassy, FOUR freedoms Art competition
- 2012 Addis Ababa University, outstanding student of the year 2012
- 2011 Red Cross Society Ethiopia, Certificate for 12th international Art competition
Network for Ethiopian Women Association, UN WOMEN – Certificate from art competition

COLLECTIONS

- Norwegian Parliament (Norway)
- Easton Capital/ John Friedman Collection (USA) The Bunker Artspace Museum (USA)
- Collection africanartfirst (Israel)
- Oslo municipality's art collection (Norway)

WORKSHOP AND TRAINING

- 2021 Residency at iodeposito, IT
Workshop with Hersleb videregående skole students, Tenthau Oslo, NO
- 2019 Artist talk, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, ENG
Seminar Art on blue prescription at Akershus Art Center, NO
Artist conversation in RAM gallery, NO
- 2017 Assuming public space, Public art project collaboration with Thomas Hirschorn (Tromsø/NO)

- 2016 Intensive Course, Tallinn Noir, Estonian Academy of Arts, Estonia
- Texts and/as Tools in the Process of Perception at Fynen Art Academy , Denmark
- Self-Portrait & Contemporary Photography, at Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- Workshop "Found materials" 21-25 Nov, Umeå Academy of Fine Arts, Sweden
- Experimental Sound art workshop, Tromsø academy of contemporary art, - Norway
- Conceptual art and materialism, "I am the first man in the world" at Jutland art academy, Denmark
- 2015 "Art Future/Future Signs" workshop at the art academy of Riga, Latvia

PRESS

- 2020 Art + history = true, kunstvisen
Human materials Sparebankstiftelsen DNB's scholarship exhibition, morgenbladet
Kunst Pluss, kunstforeninger
- 2019 5th INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE CASABLANCA
Sparebankstiftelsen DNB's scholarship exhibition, Oslokunstforening. The the thunder from the tower, morgenbladet.
MOMENT "አንዳፍታ" "ANDAFTA" Kristin Hjellegjerde
Ancestors' match
Et maleri er et dikt uten ord, akershuskundstsenter
- 2017 Hemmeligheten" I Radhus-tarnet
"ON ADAPTATION" MA – AVGANSUTSTILLINGEN, TROMSOKUNSTFORENING DET SOM
- 2016 OMGIR OSS, issuu
Magasinet KUNST, dk , August 4, 2016 Denmark (Article)
- 2015 Synchronized Overview article/ Kunsthalle at Hamburg Place
Nostalgia, Ethiopiaobserver,
"Art Future/Future Signs"