

DAWIT ABEBE

b. 1978, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Lives and works in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

EDUCATION

2001 Diploma in Painting, Sculpture, Graphics, Photography and Industrial Design,
Alle School of Fine Art and Design, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2023 የእጃችንን “Hands Matter”, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
2022 “መጠን” “The Balance of Things”, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
2021 *Long Hands*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin
2020 *EDIT*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
2018 *Mutual Identity*, Addis Fine Art, Addis Ababa
LIMINAL THE AGE OF MOBILE-TY, gallery 68 projects, Berlin
2017 *Solo Exhibition* at Galerie Kornfeld, Berlin
“Quo Vadis?”, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
Art Dubai, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai
2016 *VOLTA NY Art Fair*, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Pier 90, New York
2015 *Background 2*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
2014 *Background 1*, Lela Gallery, Addis Ababa
2012 *X-Privacy*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa
2010 *Dawit Collection*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Dire Dawa
2009 *Pin Codes*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa
2006 *Green Women*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Insistent Presence: Contemporary African Art from the Chazen Collection*, Palmer Museum, U Penn, USA
2025 *Insistent Presence: Contemporary African Art from the Chazen Collection*, Carlos Museum at Emory University in Atlanta, USA
Abenteuer Körper, Kunstverein Wolfsburg, Germany
2023 *Insistent Presence: Contemporary African Art from the Chazen Collection*, Chazen Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin
1-54 NYC, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, New York City, USA

- 2022 *Uprising*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Schloss Görne, Germany
- 2021 1-54 London, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, UK
Facing The Sun, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Schloss Goerne, Germany
Blue Minds Exhibition, in aid of the Blue Marine Foundation, London, UK
- 2020 *Devil's In The Detail*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *Karachi Biennial*, Pakistan
Kubatana, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Norway
- 2018 1:54 Contemporary African Arts Fair, London, United Kingdom
Imago Mundi, Trieste, at Salone degli Incanti, Italy
- 2017 VOLTA13, Markthalle, Basel
Everything Exists Now, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
Art Dubai, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Dubai
- 2016 *What about Africa?*, Witteveen Visual Art Centre, Amsterdam
- 2015 *Concerning the Internal*, Circle Art Gallery, Nairobi
START Art Fair, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Saatchi Gallery, London
Visibles/Invisibles: L'Afrique Urbaine et ses Marges, Fondation Blachere, Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town
Pangaea II: New Art from Africa and Latin America, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2014 *Habesha Collection*, National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa
Sound of Changes, Ethiopian Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa
East Africa Encounters, Circle Art Agency, Nairobi
Circle Art Agency Auction, Nairobi
Silver Sea Cross-Ship, touring exhibition
Trade Roots, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
- 2013 *Art of Ethiopia*, Sheraton, Addis Ababa
Cutlog Art Fair, Paris
- 2010 *Alliances en résonance*, Paris
Group Show, Saint-Sauveur
Al Bastakiya Art Fair, Dubai
- 2009 *East Africa Art Biennale*, Tanzania
- 2008 *Langano 2*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa
Langano 1, French Embassy, Addis Ababa
- 2007 *Habesha Art Show*, Lela Gallery, Addis Ababa
Group Exhibition, Alle School of Fine Art and Design, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa
Group Exhibition, Residence of First Secretary of USA Embassy, Addis Ababa
Speak Africa, UNICEF, Addis Ababa
Zero Gravity, LELA Art Gallery, Addis Ababa
Engineering Tomorrow, Addis Ababa Faculty of Technology, Addis Ababa
- 2005 *Ethiopia Remix*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa
Group Exhibition, American Community School, Addis Ababa
- 2004 *Group Exhibition*, Addis Art Gallery, Los Angeles
Friendship, Saron Studio, Addis Ababa

- Photography Exhibition*, German School, Addis Ababa
Habesha, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa
2003 *Body Corps*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa
2002 *Group Exhibition*, Habesha Art Studio, Addis Ababa
Group Exhibition, Habesha Art Studio, Addis Ababa
2001 *Group Exhibition*, Residence of First Secretary of Spain Embassy, Addis Ababa
Group Exhibition, University School of Fine Art and Design, Addis Ababa

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- African Artists: 1882 - Now*, Phaidon, Conceived and edited by Phaidon editors with introduction by Chika Okeke-Agulu and glossary by Joseph L Underwood
There Is No Such Thing as the African Art Market Yet, Artists to Know, Rebecca Anne Proctor, ArtNet
How Ethiopian Art Secured Its Spot on the World's Stage, Ginanne Brownell, CNN

COLLECTIONS

- Chazen Museum of Art, Wisconsin, (USA)
Barjeel Art Foundation (UAE)
Rema Hort Mann Foundation (US)
Saatchi collection (UK)
Frank Cohen collection (UK)
Carole Server and Oliver Frankel collection (UK)
The Bunker Artspace Museum (US)
Ilham Gallery (Malaysia)
Fondation Gandur pour l'Art, Geneva (Switzerland)