

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) <i>Kunstnerforbundet</i> , Oslo, Norway
2024	<i>Kongsberg Kunstforening</i> , Kongsberg, Norway <i>Of Water and the Spirit</i> , Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, West Palm Beach, USA <i>A1-L22</i> , Kongsberg Art Association, Norway <i>Rite of passage</i> , Gallery NOME, Berlin, Germany
2023	<i>Three steps north</i> , North Norwegian Artists Center, Svolvær 1-54, solo booth, with Kristin Hjellegjerde, London, UK Saatchi Yates, London, UK
2022	National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia <i>Your Gaze Makes me: Wendimagegn Belete</i> , Trøndlag Centre for Contemporary Art, Trondheim, Norway <i>Codeswitch</i> , Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
2021	Tenthaus, Oslo, Norway iodeposito, Traveso, Italy <i>Small projects</i> , Tromsø, Norway <i>Your Gaze Makes Me</i> , Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin, Germany
2020	National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia ስንኩር <Sinkar>, LNM Gallery, Oslo, Norway Oppland Kunstsenter, Lillehammer, Norway <i>'Moment 2.0'</i> , Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Nevlunghavn, Norway
2019	<i>Revenant</i> , Fotografiens Hus, Norway <i>'Moment'</i> , “አንዳፍታ”, ‘Andafta’, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK <i>Altering The Past</i> , FUSHION, Youngs Oslo, Norway
2018	<i>Frozen Memories</i> , Østfold Kunstsenter, Fredrikstad, Norway
2017	<i>“Are We There Yet?”</i> , Gallery Snerk, Tromsø Academy of contemporary Art, Tromsø, Norway
2016	<i>'UNVEIL'</i> , Tromsø Academy of contemporary Art, Tromsø, Norway

2015 *NOSTALGIA*, LeLa contemporary Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 (upcoming) Graz, Austria
(upcoming) Autograph, UK
(upcoming) Northern Norwegian Museum of Art, NO
- 2024 *Pansori: A Soundscape of the 21st Century*, Gwangju Biennale, South Korea (2024)
- 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
5th Biennale Internationale de Casablanca, MA
HacerNoche, biannual international, Oaxaca, Mexico
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
Kosk Gallery, Norway
Sandefjord Kunstforenings Kunstpris, Sandefjord, Norway
The 5th Biennale Internationale de Casablanca, Morocco
6th edition of the Future Generation Art Prize, PinkchukArtCentre, Kiev, Ukraine
Facing The Sun, Schloss Goerne, Germany
- 2020 *Flag Project*, Tromsø kunstforening, Flag Tromsø, Norway
- 2019 Oslo Kunstforening and Sparebankstiftelsen DNB exhibition, Norway
YPN Digital Africa (Casablanca) 5th Biennale Internationale de Casablanca,
MAR B#Side War festival, group exhibition in Venice/Treviso -Italy
Altering the past, FUSHION, at Youngs Oslo, Norway
Exhibition in Rådhusateljere, Norway
This man is your friend, RAM Gallery, Norway
Digital Africa Cameroonian photography and video art, Cameroon
Et maleri er et dikt uten ord, Akershus kunstsenter, N Norway
- 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

- 2022 10 years Stipend for established artists
Exhibition grant Kulturrådet
- 2021 Shortlisted for the 6th edition of the Future Generation Art
- 2020 Nominated for Sandefjord Kunstforenings Kunstpris
Artist working grant, Billedkunstnernes Vederlagsfond,
- 2019 Nominated for Sparebankstiftelsen DNB stipend
Exhibition grant Kulturrådet,
Norway Exhibition grant Norsk
Fotografiens fund
Exhibition grant Revenant, fotografienshus,
Kulturrådet
- 2019- 18 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
- 2017-16 Quota Scheme, two Years Scholarship, Tromsø

- 2014 First prize in two categories, International organization for migration (IOM),
- 2013 Certificate form the US Embassy, FOUR freedoms Art competition
- 2012 Addis Ababa University, outstanding student of the year 2012
Red Cross Society Ethiopia, Certificate for 12th international Art competition
- 2011 Network for Ethiopian Women Association, UN WOMEN – Certificate from art competition

COLLECTIONS

- de Young Museum, California, USA
- 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)
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
- 2016 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
Sparebankstifelsen DNB's scholarship exhibition, Oslokunstforening. The the thunder from the tower, morgenbladet.
MOMENT "አንዳች" "ANDAFTA" Kristin Hjellegjerde
Ancestors' match
Et maleri er et dikt uten ord, akershuskunststenter
- 2017 "Hemmeligheten" I Radhus-tårnet
"ON ADAPTATION" MA – AVGANSUTSTILLINGEN, TROMSOKUNSTFORENING DET SOM OMGIR OSS, issuu
- 2016 Magasinet KUNST,dk , August 4, 2016 Denmark (Article)
Synchronized Overview article/ Kunsthalle at Hamburg Place

2015 Nostalgia, Ethiopiaobserver,
"Art Future/Future Signs"

