

## 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

(Upcoming) Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, West Palm Beach, USA

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

2023 *Three steps north*, North Norwegian Artists Center, Svolvær

(Upcoming) 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

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

Oppland Kunstsenter, Lillehammer, Norway

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

2019 *Revenant*, Fotografiens Hus, Norway

*'Moment'*, “አንዳፍታ”, ‘*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 (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  
*6<sup>th</sup> 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 Rådhusateljierene, Norway  
*This man is your friend*, RAM Gallery, Norway  
*Digital Africa Cameroonian photography and video art*, Cameron  
*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  
*Urban 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  
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  
2015 *Addis Ababa University*, Alle school of fine arts and Design- graduation exhibition, Ethiopia  
2011 *National Museum*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## SELECTED AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2021 Shortlisted for the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Future Generation Art Prize  
2020 Nominated for Sandefjord Kunstforenings Kunstpris  
Artist working grant, Billedkunstneres Vederlagsfond, NBK  
2019 Nominated for Sparebankstiftelsen DNB stipend, Norway  
Exhibition grant Kulturrådet, Norway  
Exhibition grant Norsk fotografiens fund  
Exhibition grant Revenant, fotografienshus, Kulturrådet  
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  
2018/2019 Two-year studio space at Oslo City Hall  
2016/2017 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  
Red Cross Society Ethiopia, Certificate for 12th international Art competition  
2011 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, Tenthaus 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, kunstavisen  
Human materials Sparebankstiftelsen DNB 's scholarship exhibition, morgenbladet  
Kunst Pluss, kunstforeninger
- 2019 5th INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE OF CASABLANCA  
Sparebankstiftelsen DNB's scholarship exhibition, Oslokunstforening  
The thunder from the tower, morgenbladet  
MOMENT “አንዳታ” "ANDAFTA" kristinhjellegjerde  
Et maleri er et dikt uten ord, akershuskunstsenter
- 2018 KUNSTKRITIKK, Kunst på kloss hold, kunstkritikk  
Ancestors' match,
- 2017 «Hemmeligheten» i Rådhus-tårnet/ dagsavisen  
«ON ADAPTATION» MA – AVGANGSUTSTILLINGEN, TROMSØ KUNSTFORENING  
DET SOM OMGIR OSS, issuu
- 2016 magasinetKUNST.dk , August 4, 2016 Denmark (Article)  
Synchronized Overview article/ Kunsthalle at Hamburg Place
- 2015 Nostalgia, Ethiopiaobserver,  
"Art Future/Future Signs"