# KEN NWADIOGBU

b. 1994, Lagos, Nigeria Lives and works in London, UK

## **EDUCATION**

MA Painting, Royal College of Art, London, UK 2023

2012 B.Sc. Civil and Environmental Engineering, The University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

# SOLO EXHIBITIONS/ TWO PERSON SHOWS

- 2023 Fragments of Reality, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
- A different Perspective, Retro Africa Gallery, Abuja, Nigeria 2022
- Journey Mercies, Bomb Factory Art Foundation, London, UK 2021
- UBUNTU, Thinkspace Projects, Los Angeles, USA
- 2019 CONTEMPOREALISM, BrickLane Gallery, London, UK

### SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

- RA Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, London, UK 2023 Lucid Borders, Art Exchange, University of Essex, London, UK We Are Enough, 193 Gallery, Paris, France
- 2022 The Migrant, Scope Miami Beach, curated by Roger Niyigena Karera, Miami Beach, USA

Across the Pond, Espacio Gallery, London, UK

- *Unity*, Volery Gallery, Dubai, UAE *Freedom Protesters*, Thinkspace Projects, Los Angeles, USA 2021 *Real Life Is Fragile*, Thinkspace Projects, Los Angeles, USA Ruth Borchard Self Portrait Collection, Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, UK POW! WOW! The First Decade: From Hawaii To The World, Bishop Museum, Hawaii, USA
- 1-54 African Art Fair, New York, presented by Retro Africa Gallery, USA 2020 Prizm International Art Fair, Miami, presented by Retro African Gallery, USA The Cookout: Kinfolk and Other Intimacies, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Art (MoCADA), New York, USA 1-54 African Art Fair, New York, presented by Retro African Gallery, USA
- Art of Diversity, Yinka Shonibare CBE (RA) studio, London, UK *Monikr International Art Fair*, London, presented by Premier Art Solution *ArtX Lagos*, presented by Artyrama Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria 2019 LAX-LHR, Chelsea Sorting Office, London, presented by Thinkspace Project LAX-MSY RedTruck Gallery, Louisiana, presented by Thinkspace Project LAX-SFO, Heron Arts California, presented by Thinkspace Project
- *In The Making*, Retro African Gallery, Abuja, Nigeria *ArtX Lagos*, presented by Artyrama Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria 2018 Afriuture Exhibition, Ramati Art Africa & the Commonwealth Africa Summit. Ontario Investment and Trade centre, Toronoto, Canada Anti-Trump Art Show, Creative Debuts, London, UK Moniker International Art Fair, NYC, presented by Creative Debuts, London, UK Generation Y, Retro African Gallery, Abuja, Nigeria *Empowerment*, Creative Debuts, London, UK *Artyrama Art Exhibition*, Artyrama Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2017 Finding Your Identity, British Council, Abuja, Nigeria It's Not Furniture, Omenka Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2016 Insanity, Omenka Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

## COMMISSIONS, ILLUSTRATIONS & PROJECTS

- 2023 Unboxing Migration, Workshop with Art Exchange, University of Essex, Essex, UK 2022 Swift Ones, animation with Martell, Paris, France
- Promise Boys, (book cover illustration) authored by Nick Brooks and published by Macmillian, New York, USA
- 2021 Raising For Myanmar, poster for Migrate Art, London, UK Art on Wheels, vehicle wrap of Flight Logistics, London, UK W1 Curates X Ken Nwadiogbu, public digital display for W1 Curates, London, UK

### AWARDS

2019 The Future Awards Africa Prize for Art (Visual/ Applied) Bridgeman Studio Award

## RESIDENCIES

2021 Artist-in-Residence, Bomb Factory Art Foundation, London, UK

### LECTURES, PANELS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Unboxing Migration: Art Workshop with Ken Nwadiogbu, Art Exchange, University of Essex, London, UK (Lecture)
- 2020 Artists as Drivers of Social Change, Kunle Adewale Day, Lagos, Nigeria (Speaker) Basics of Contemporealism: How to Win with Art, Mbari Uno Workshops & Artland Contemporary Limited (Speaker)