

## 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  
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*, Foundation 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)