

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

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 (Upcoming) *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, USA
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*, Karachi, Pakistan
Kubatana, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Norway
2018 1:54 Contemporary African Arts Fair, London, UK

- Imago Mundi*, Trieste, at Salone degli Incanti, Italy
- 2017 VOLTA13, Markthalle, Basel, Switzerland
Everything Exists Now, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
 Art Dubai, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2016 *What about Africa?*, Witteveen Visual Art Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2015 *Concerning the Internal*, Circle Art Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
START Art Fair, with Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
Visibles/Invisibles: L'Afrique Urbaine et ses Marges, Foundation Blachere, Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa
Pangaea II: New Art from Africa and Latin America, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 *Habesha Collection*, National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Sound of Changes, Ethiopian Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
East Africa Encounters, Circle Art Agency, Nairobi, Kenya
Circle Art Agency Auction, Nairobi, Kenya
Silver Sea Cross-Ship, touring exhibition
Trade Roots, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 *Art of Ethiopia*, Sheraton, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 Cutlog Art Fair, Paris, France
- 2010 *Alliances en résonance*, Paris, France
Group Show, Saint-Sauveur
 Al Bastakiya Art Fair, Dubai, UAE
- 2009 *East Africa Art Biennale*, Tanzania
- 2008 *Langano 2*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Langano 1, French Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2007 *Habesha Art Show*, Lela Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Group Exhibition, Alle School of Fine Art and Design, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Group Exhibition, Residence of First Secretary of USA Embassy, Addis Ababa
Speak Africa, UNICEF, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Zero Gravity, LELA Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Engineering Tomorrow, Addis Ababa Faculty of Technology, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2005 *Ethiopia Remix*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Group Exhibition, American Community School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2004 *Group Exhibition*, Addis Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Friendship, Saron Studio, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Photography Exhibition, German School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Habesha, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2003 *Body Corps*, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2002 *Group Exhibition*, Habesha Art Studio, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Group Exhibition, Habesha Art Studio, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2001 *Group Exhibition*, Residence of First Secretary of Spain Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Group Exhibition, University School of Fine Art and Design, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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

Barjeel Art Foundation (UAE)

The Bunker Artspace Museum (US)

Carole Server and Oliver Frankel collection (UK)

Chazen Museum of Art, Wisconsin, (USA)

Fondation Gandur pour l'Art, Geneva (Switzerland)

Frank Cohen Collection (UK)

Ilham Gallery (Malaysia)

Rema Hort Mann Foundation (US)

Saatchi Collection (UK)