

# SIKELELA OWEN

Born 1984 in London England. Lives and works in London.

## EDUCATION

2009-2012 Postgraduate Diploma In Fine Art Royal Academy Schools, London  
2003-2009 BA Hons Fine Art (Painting) Chelsea College of Art and Design, London

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *(Upcoming)* Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, West Palm Beach, USA
- (Upcoming) Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
- 2024 *Where My Gaze Falls*, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
- 2023 *The Air is Thick with Love*, Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK
- 2021 *Steady Love*, Taymour Grahne, London
- Sikelela Owen*, James Freeman Gallery, London
- 2021 *Laying Eyes with Sola Olulode*, Alessandro Albanese Gallery, Milan
- 2020 *Together*, James Freeman Gallery, London
- Supper, Sleep and Sorrows*, LdM Gallery Florence Italy
- 2019 *Sikelela Owen*, James Freeman Gallery, London
- 2017 *Love, Eat, Sleep, Repeat*, HSBC Canada Place, London
- 2014 *People Everyday* NAM Project, Milan
- Everyday People*, Norman Rea Gallery, University of York, York
- 2006 *Nyacomba* Vernon Mills, Manchester

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Work on Paper*, Gesso Art Space, Vienna, Austria
- A Day at the Seaside*, Oliver Projects, London, UK
- Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy, London, UK
- 2024 *Keeping Time*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
- Eve of Destruction*, Christine König Galerie, Vienna, Austria
- Frieze London, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
- Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy, London, UK
- Soundscapes*, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK
- 2023 Kunsthall KaDE, Amersfoort, Netherlands
- Finding Family*, Foundling Museum, London, UK
- 2022 *Tronie*, Christine König Galerie, Vienna, Austria
- ... The People*, Gesso Art Space, Vienna, Austria
- Eden*, James Freeman Gallery, London, UK
- Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy, London, UK
- Intimacy*, Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK
- Reclaiming the Nymph: A Force of Nature*, Gillian Jason Gallery, London, UK
- Mamma*, Prior Art Space, Berlin, Germany
- Spaces Studio Award*, Space, London, UK
- 2021 *Darkness at Noon*, APT Gallery, London, UK
- Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy, London, UK
- Heart of the Matter*, Gillian Jason Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 *X Roma*, APT Gallery, London, UK

- 2019 *Me, Myself, and I*, Collier Bristow, London, UK  
Hospital Rooms Charity Auction, Hauser and Wirth Gallery, London, UK  
Elephant Lab Residency Open Studio, London, UK
- 2018 *Muse*, James Freeman Gallery, London, UK  
Denton Art Prize 6.0, Denton Law Firm, London, UK
- 2017 LCN Showcase Space Gallery, London, UK  
Lynn and Painters Prize, The Mall Gallery, London, UK
- 2015 *100 Painters of Tomorrow*, Beer Gallery, London  
*Good Figures The Mall Gallery*, London; Jerwood Space, West Sussex  
*The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*, Gesso Arts Space, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 *Portrait Show*, curated by Andreas Reiter Gesso Arts Space, Vienna, Austria
- 2013 *Anthology Charlie Smith*, London  
*Young Gods Part 1* curated by Xavier Ellis Griffin Gallery, London
- 2012 *FBA Futures*, The Mall Gallery, London  
*Schools Summer Show*, Royal Academy of the Arts, London

## AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Charles Wollaston Award  
AN Magazine Artist Award
- 2022 Sunny Dupree Family Award for a Woman Artist
- 2021 Spaces Studio Award
- 2019 Elephant Lab, London  
Abbey Fellow, British School at Rome
- 2018 Denton Art Prize, Special commendations
- 2011 Dover Streets Arts club Award, London
- 2010 Richard Ford Award - Prado Museum travel and drawing award, Madrid
- 2009-2012 Nichol Young Foundation Awards, London

## PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Soulscapes Exhibition Catalogue, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK
- 2020 A Companion to Contemporary Drawing, Wiley NJ, USA
- 2014 100 Painters of Tomorrow by Thames and Hudson
- 2013 iBook 100 London Artists Volume 1 by Elizabeth Beecher Publishing
- 2013 Young Gods 2012, a-n .co.uk review
- 2011 Arts, The Telegraph, Newspaper and online news

## COLLECTIONS

- UK Government Art Collection, UK
- Simmons & Simmons, London, UK
- Cuperior Collection, Berlin, Germany
- Marval Colleciton, Milan, Italy
- Sir Richard Heaton, London, UK
- Robert Hiscox, London, UK
- Sipiwe Moyo, New Jersey, UK
- HG Capital, London, UK
- Augustin, New York, USA
- Denton, UK