

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

2024 (Upcoming) Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, West Palm Beach, USA

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

1-54, solo booth, with Kristin Hjellegjerde, London, UK

Saatchi Yates, London, UK

Rite of passage, Gallery NOME, Berlin, Germany

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

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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

- 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
6th 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 6th 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 “አንዳንድ ታሪክ” "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, issue
- 2016 magasinetKUNST.dk , August 4, 2016 Denmark (Article)
Synchronized Overview article/ Kunsthalle at Hamburg Place
- 2015 Nostalgia, Ethiopiaobserver,
"Art Future/Future Signs"