

Adebunmi Gbadebo

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Lives and works Philadelphia, PA

EDUCATION

2017 B.F.A., School of Visual Art, New York, NY

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Adebunmi Gbadebo: Remains*, Claire Oliver Gallery, New York, NY

2020 *Adebunmi Gbadebo: A Dilemma with Inheritance*, Claire Oliver Gallery, New York, NY
Uprooted, New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ

2019 *Adebunmi Gbadebo: Connected by a Strand*, Therese A Maloney Gallery, College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ

2016 *The Ade Series*, Paul Robeson Gallery, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *Ten Thousand Suns*, 24th Biennale of Sydney, Artspace, Sydney, AU
Collage/Assemblage Part II: 1990-Now, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Blues People, curated by Alliyah Allen, Express Newark, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
SUBSTRATE/SUBSTRUCTURE, The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE

2023 *Image Impressions*, FF Projects at The Vaughn-Richards House, Lagos, NG
Hairitage, curated by Favour Ritara, Dekalb Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
Elevation: Kaneko and Contemporary Ceramics, Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
Inventing the Rest: New Adventures in Clay, Maximillian William, London, UK

- Songs for Ritual and Remembrance*, Arthur Ross Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Seeing America: 19th & 18th Century, Permanent Gallery, Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ
- 2022 *Hear Me Now: The Black Potters of Old Edgefield, South Carolina*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY; Traveled to MFA Boston, Boston, MA (2023); University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI (2023) and the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA (2024)
SALT to CATCH GHOST, Slash Art Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Future Perfect, Claire Oliver Gallery, New York, NY
- 2021 *Shifting North*, The Clay Studio Resident Artist's at Allens Lane Art Center, Philadelphia, PA
Substance, Pace University Art Gallery, New York, NY (online)
Painting Abstraction: 197X – Today, Ziet Contemporary Art Gallery, New York, NY (online)
- 2020 *Abstraction in the Black Diaspora*, curated by Tariku Shiferaw & Ayanna Dozier, *False Flags*, Queens, NY
Four Now, Claire Oliver Gallery, New York, NY
Dhaka Art Summit: Seismic Movements, Dhaka, BD
- 2019 *Let Me Tell You A Story*, Drawing Rooms, Newark, NJ
Mapping Black Identities, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Between Wisdom and Madness: Works in Sculpture, curated by Agnes Deja and Sarah Walko, Index Art Center Newark, NJ
- 2018 *Nice/Nasty*, Newark Arts Festival, Newark, NJ
Compassion, Morris Arts/Dodge Foundation, Morris, NJ
Same Difference, Miranda Kuo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017 *Intertwined*, ChaShaMa Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
She Speaks, Gallery Aferro, Newark, NJ
Women In The World... A Visual Perspective, Monmouth University, Pollak Gallery, West Long Branch, NJ
- 2016 *Say Her Name*, Newark Open Doors, Newark, NJ
BlackLivesMatter, Kean University, Union, NJ
Surrogate, SVA Chelsea Gallery, New York, NY

Cross-Cultural Dialogue, curated by the Central Academy of Fine Arts China,
Jacob Javits Center, New York, NY

2015 *Newark Open Doors*, Yendor Arts, Newark, NJ
Hi-Rez / Lo Rez, SVA Flatiron Gallery, SVA, New York, NY

2013 *Stigmata*, Yendor Arts, Newark Open Doors, Newark, NJ

COMMISSIONS

2021 Harriet Tubman Monument project, Community Apprentice, Clemson University,
SC, and Newark, NJ

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LECTURES AND ARTIST TALKS

- 2024 Artist Talk: Adebunmi Gbadebo, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 In Conversation with Theaster Gates, Free To Speak: A Convening on Art, Slavery & Reconciliation, University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI
Keynote Speaker, American Ceramic Circle Conference, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library in Wilmington, DE
Learning From Edgefield; In Conversation, MFA Boston, Boston, MA
- 2022 Learning from Edgefield Panel, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Salt to Catch Ghost, Slash Art gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 Abstraction: Investigations of Social Change panel talk, Galerie Lelong & Co., New York, NY
Lunch & Learn, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- 2020 Artists in the Studio, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
Art and Lunch, Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ
Artist Talk, Spence School, New York, NY
- 2019 Artist in Conversation, College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ

2018 “Crown your Head” workshop, Newark Museum, Newark NJ

2017 Mother & Muse Talk, Newark Museum, Newark, NJ

2016 Ade Series Talk, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

RESIDENCIES

CUR The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA

2018 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

2016 Classical Painting Fellowship, Mario Camano Studio, Madrid, SP
SVA Bronze Casting Fellow, Keating Foundry, Jersey City, NJ

AWARDS

2023 Rising Star Award, Newark Public Library Annual Gala, Newark, NJ
Award in Craft, Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation, San Francisco, CA

2022 Pew Fellow, The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage

2021 Finalist, 1858 Southern Art Prize, Gibbes Museum of Art Society, Charleston, SC

COLLECTIONS

Boston Museum of Fine Art, Boston, MA
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul, MN
Newark Art Museum, Newark, NJ
Smithsonian National Museum for African American History and Culture,
Washington, D.C.
Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.
South Carolina State Museum, Columbia, SC
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN