

taymour grahne

projects

Sikelela Owen

Born 1987, London, UK
Lives and Works in London

EDUCATION

2012 PG Diploma in Fine Art, Royal Academy Schools, London
2006 BA Fine Art (Painting), Chelsea College of Art and Design, London

COLLECTIONS

Cuperior Collection, Berlin, Germany
Marval Collection, Milano, Italy
HG Capital, London, UK
Richard Hiscox's, London, UK
Simmons and Simmons, London, UK
Sipiwe Moyo, New Jersey, USA
Sir Richard Heaton KCB, London, UK

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014 - present: Visiting Lecturer (BA Drawing) Camberwell College of art and design UAL
2020 -present: Associate Lecturer (3rd Year Painting), Camberwell College of art and design UAL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 Where my Gaze Fall, Tiwani Contemporary, Lagos , Nigeria , Africa
2023 Sikelela Owen 'The Air is Thick with Love', Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK
2021 Steady Love , Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK
Sikelela Owen, James Freeman Gallery, London, UK
Laying Eyes, two person show with Sola Olulode, Alessandro Albanese Gallery, Milan, Italy
2020 Together, James Freeman Gallery, London UK
Supper, Sleep and Sorrows, LdM Gallery, Florence, Italy
2019 Sikelela Owen, James Freeman Gallery, London, UK
2018 Muse with Gill Button, James Freeman Gallery, London, UK
2017 Love, Eat, Sleep, Repeat, HSBC Space, London, UK
2014 Everyday People, Norman Rea Gallery, York, UK
People Everyday, NAM Project Project space, Milan, Italy

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Keeping Time, 1957 Gallery, Accra, Ghana
 Eve of Destruction, Christine Konig Galerie, Vienna, Austria
 Frieze London Group presentation with Tiwani Contemporary,
 London, UK
 Abu Dhabi Art Fair Group presentation with Taymour Grahne Projects,
 UAE
 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London, UK
 Soulscapes, Dulwich Picture House Museum, London, UK
- 2023 Kunsthal KaDE, Amersfoort, in the Netherlands (forthcoming)
 Finding Family, Foundling Museum, London, UK
- 2022 Tronie, Christine Konig Galerie, Vienna, Austria
 ‘... the people I’, Gesso Space, Austria Andreas Reiter Raabe, Vienna,
 Austria
 1:54 Art Fair with Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK
 Eden, James Freeman, London, UK
 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London, UK
 Intimacy, Taymour Grahne Projects, London, UK
 Nymph, Gillian Jason Gallery curated by Mollie Barnes, London UK
 Mamma, Prior Art Space, Berlin, Germany
 Spaces Studio Award, Space, London, UK
- 2021 Royal Academy Summer exhibition, London, UK
 Darkness at Noon, APT Gallery, London, UK
 London Art Fair with James Freeman Gallery, London, UK
 Just an artist, Portugal Print, London, UK
 Royal Academy Summer exhibition, London, UK
- 2020 Heart of the Matter, Gillian Jason Gallery, UK
- 2020 X Roma show, APT Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 Me, Myself and I, Collier Bristow, London, UK
 Hospital Rooms, Charity Auction, Haus and Wirth Gallery, London, UK
 Elephant lab Residency open studio, London, UK
- 2018 Denton Art Prize 6.0, Denton Law Firm, London, UK
- 2017 LCN Showcase, Space’s Gallery, London, UK
 Lynn and Painters Prize, The Mall Gallery, London, UK
- 2015 100 Painters of Tomorrow, Beer Gallery, London, UK
 Good Figures, The Mall Gallery, London, Jerwood Space, West Sussex
 The Good, Bad and the Ugly curated by Andreas Reiter Raabe, Gesso
 Arts Space, Vienna, Austria

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- 2014 Portrait Show, curated by Andreas Reiter Raabe, Gesso Arts Space, Vienna, Austria
- 2013 Anthology Charlie Smith, London, UK
The Future Can Wait Victoria House, London, UK
Young Gods Part 1 curated by Zavier Ellis Griffin Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 Schools Summer Show, Royal Academy of the Arts, London, UK
FBA Futures, The Mall Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 The Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London, UK

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2025 Committee member of Royal academy summer exhibition
- 2022 Sunny Dupree Family Award for a Woman Artist
- 2021 Spaces Studio Award
- 2019 Abbey Fellow, British School at Rome
Elephant Lab, London
- 2018 Special Commendations Denton Art Prize
- 2011 Dover Streets Arts club award, London
- 2010 Richard Ford Award, Prado Museum travel and drawing award
- 2009-12 Nichol Young Foundation Awards, London

PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2022, 10 artists to watch at this year's 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair in London New African Magazine
- 2021, 'September Art Diary: What to See This Month' London Art Fair
'Sikelela Owen: Artist of the Month' Contemporary British Painting,
'Sikelela Owen' She Curates blog
- John Moore's Painting Prize exhibition: a-n members in view The Artists Information Company A Photographic Portrayal of Eight Artists Shaping The Future of Figurative Art The Flux Review The Wick Culture Spotlight feature Sikelela Owen championed by David Remfry
- 2019, Sikelela Owen Paints Intimate Moments of People at Rest, Elephant magazine
- 2018, 'Muse: Gill Button and Sikelela Owen' Fused Magazine
'Women artists look to redefine the modern muse in new exhibition' Evening Standard
- 2014 100 Painters of Tomorrow Thames and Hudson
- 2013, Young Gods 2012 a-n The Artists Information Company 100 London Artists Volume 1 by Elizabeth Beecher Publishing
- 2011, Arts, The Telegraph, Newspaper