

Karimah Ashadu

Biography

1985	Born London, England lives and works between Hamburg, Germany and Lagos, Nigeria
2014-2016	De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2011	Chelsea College of Art, London, England
2007	The University of Reading School of Arts and Communication, Berkshire, England

Solo Exhibitions

2025	<i>Machine Boys</i> , Canal Projects, New York NY, USA
2023	<i>Plateau - Interwoven Histories</i> , Galerie Ursula Walter, Dresden, Germany
2021	<i>Plateau</i> , Secession, Vienna, Austria <i>Plateau</i> , Produzentengalerie, Hamburg, Germany
2018	<i>Power Man</i> , De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2014	GoetheOnMain Project Space, Goethe-Institut, Johannesburg, South Africa

Group Exhibitions

2025	<i>The Gatherers</i> , MoMA PS1, New York NY, USA <i>Shelf Life</i> , Trautwein Herleth, Berlin, Germany
2024	<i>The Miraculous Arms</i> , François Ghebaly, Los Angeles CA, USA <i>Foreigners Everywhere</i> , Venice Biennale, Italy <i>Sous la terre, les dragons</i> , Frac des Pays de la Loire, Carquefo, France
2023	<i>Who Are We if Not Nature</i> , M.Bassy, Hamburg, Germany
2022	<i>A Different Now is Close Enough to Exhale on You</i> , Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa Kunstpreis der Böttcherstraße, Kunsthalle Bremen, Germany <i>The Show is Over</i> , South London Gallery, England <i>Identity not proven</i> , Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, NEUES MUSEUM, Nürnberg and Museum Gunzenhauser Chemnitz, Germany <i>Penumbra</i> , Fondazione in between Art Film, Ospedaletto and Church of Santa Maria dei Derelitti, Venice, Italy
2021	Rotary Contemporary Art Prize, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany <i>Scratching the Surface</i> , Hamburger Bahnhof - Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin, Germany
2020	<i>Shoreline movements</i> , Taipei Biennial 2020, Kunstverein in Hamburg, Germany
2019	<i>ars viva 2020</i> , Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Leipzig, Germany
2018	<i>64th Robert Flaherty Seminar</i> , Syracuse, New York NY, USA MANJAR, Solar dos Abacaxis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2017	<i>Biennale de l'Image en Mouvement</i> , Faena Forum, Miami Beach FL, USA and Buenos Aires, Argentina

- 2016 *Potlatch*, De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 Arbeitsstipendium für bildende Kunst, Hamburg Kunsthaus, Germany (shortlisted)
VISIO, Outside the Black Box, Lo schermo dell'arte Film Festival, Florence, Italy
Biennale de l'Image en Mouvement, Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Switzerland
 Marl Medienkunst-Preise, Skulpturenmuseum Glaskasten Marl, Germany (shortlisted)
- 2014 *New Participants*, De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 Maison des arts George et Claude Pompidou, Cajarc, France

Selected Screenings and Festivals

- 2025 *Machine Boys*, Kunsthall Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
Machine Boys, Eye Filmmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Unsettled Grounds, Monangambee, Lagos, G.A.S. Foundation, Nigeria
- 2024 13th Avant-Garde Film Festival, Athens, Greece
 Recontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, France
Machine Boys, Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur, Switzerland
Machine Boys, VIENNALE, Vienna, Austria
Machine Boys, IDFA, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Machine Boys, La Roche-sur-Yon International Film Festival, France
Machine Boys, 62nd New York Film Festival, New York NY, USA
Notes on Air, Salt Beyoğlu Forum, Istanbul, Turkey
 Sole Luna Doc Film Festival, Palermo, Italy
Machine Boys, World Premiere, Visions du Réel, Nyon, Switzerland
- 2023 *History is not the past*, Wolf Cinema, Berlin, Germany
Double Feature, Schirn Kunsthalle, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2022 *Plateau – Another Eye* series, Kunstverein Düsseldorf, Germany
Penumbra Expanded, MAXXI – Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome, Italy
Plateau, Starr Cinema, Tate Modern, London, England
 Visions du Réel, Nyon, Switzerland
- 2021 *Black is not a Colour*, Kunsthalle Schirn, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2020 *KunstBewusst x Afrika Film Festival*, Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany
From Soil, Sand, and Salt Crystals: Films and Natural Processes, University of Chicago IL, USA
- 2018 *An Evening with Karimah Ashadu*, Modern Mondays series, MoMA Museum of Modern Art, New York NY, USA
Affinities or The Weight of Cinema, National Gallery of Art, Washington DC, USA
Frameless series, Munich, Germany
 54th Ann Arbor Film Festival, Michigan MI, USA
 VIDEOFORMES International Digital Arts Festival, Clermont-Ferrand, France
- 2015 Jihlava International Documentary Film Festival, Prague, Czech Republic
 EUROVIDEO Festival, Liege, Belgium

2014 *New Participants*, De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Bienal de la Imagen en Movimiento, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Athens Video Art Festival, Athens, Greece
Split Film Festival, Croatia

Selected Fellowships and Residencies

2021 Abigail R. Cohen Fellow - Columbia Institute for Ideas and Imagination, Paris, France
2020 Fogo Island, Canada
Chrysalis fellowship, Media City Film Festival, Ontario, Canada
2018 - 2020 Edith Breckwoldt Foundation - Studio fellowship, Künstlerhaus FRISE, Hamburg, Germany
2019 Künstlerhaus Edenkoben, Germany
2016 Association Ferme-Asile, Sion, Switzerland
2014 GoetheonMain, Goethe-Institut, Johannesburg, South Africa

Grants and Commissions

2024 *Machine Boys*, Fondazione in between Art Film, Italy
Moin Filmförderung Hamburg Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
2022 Fine arts project funding, Department for Culture and Media, Hamburg, Germany
2021 *Plateau*, Film commission, Fondazione In Between Art Film, Italy
ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius scholarship, Hamburg, Germany
2020 *Saltmine* Script development grant, Filmförderung Hamburg-Schleswig Holstein, Germany
Travel fellowship, Neue Kunst in Hamburg, Germany
Production grant, Hamburg Kulturstiftung, Germany
Publication grant, Hamburg Behörde für Kultur und Medien, Germany (in association with Edith Breckwoldt Foundation)

Public Collections

The Art Institute of Chicago, USA
Akeroyd Collection, London, England
Kunsthalle Bremen, Germany
FRAC des pays de la Loire, Nantes, France
Fondazione in between Art Film, Roma, Italy
Federal Collection of Contemporary Art, Germany
MoMA The Museum of Modern Art, New York NY, USA
Fonds Municipal d'Art Contemporain de la Ville de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland

Awards

2024	Silver Lion for a Promising Young Participant in the International Exhibition, 60th Venice Biennale, Italy
2023	Longlisted – Film London Jarman Award, London, England
2022	Prize of the Boetterstrasse in Bremen, Germany Longlisted – Jarman Award, London, England
2021	Shortlisted - Wi Di Mimba Wi : The AKB & SAVVY Contemporary Commission Prize, Germany Longlisted - Preis der National Galerie, Germany
2020	Contemporary art prize, Rotary Club Bonn, Novara and Strasbourg, Germany
2019	ars viva prize, Kulturkreis der deutschen Wirtschaft, Berlin, Germany Nominated - Video Art Production Award, Hans Nefken Foundation-Arco, Madrid, Spain
2015	Video Innovation Prize, EUROVIDEO Festival, Belgium