

Jenevieve Aken

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Jenevieve Aken is a Nigerian photographer/ Story-teller whose photography career started in 2010. Her work focuses on social documentary photography, images and representation, and often adopts self-portraiture in her artistic practice. She explores personal experiences and contemporary social issues of identity, sexuality, gender and social roles. Her works has been exhibited in museums and galleries across Africa, Europe, Asia, America and beyond.

She has undertaken an Artist Residency program with LagosPhoto Festival in conjunction with Neue Schule für Fotografie in Berlin, Germany in 2013, A residency at the Villa Lena foundation in Tuscany, Italy in 2017, And a residency at National Museum of Modern And Contemporary Art Seoul, South Korea in 2018.

In 2020, Jenevieve got awarded as a Winner at Wellcome photography prize “Hidden Worlds” Category.

Miss Aken lives and work in Lagos, Nigeria.

Exhibitions

2012 - LagosPhoto Festival "SEVEN DAYS IN THE LIFE OF LAGOS" Nigeria.

2014 - Femme Fatale "DECONSTRUCTING THE POLITICS OF SEXUALITY" Nigeria.

2014 - Joburg Art Fair, South Africa.

2014 - LagosPhoto Festival "STAGING REALITY DOCUMENTING FICTION" Nigeria.

2015 - Photographic Museum of Humanity - Online Exhibition.

2015 - Grid CapeTown Biennale, South Africa.

2016 - Rush Art Gallery / LagosPhoto Festival "FIND US ON THE MAP" Chelsea, NYC.

2016 - LagosPhoto Festival "RITUALS & PERFORMANCE" Nigeria.

2017 - Art Meet Camera "CLOSER THAN EVER" CapeTown, South Africa.

2018 - "Variations For Everyone" MMCA, Seoul, South Korea.

2018 - Daegu Photography Biennale, South Korea.

2018 - Photovillennyc Festival "Altars, Prayers, Ritual, Offering" Brooklyn, NYC.

2019- Black Magic Women "Photographs of Africa, from Africa, for Africa" Bologna, Italy.

2019- LagosPhoto Festival "PASSPORTS" Nigeria

2019- "LIGHT, ART, HUMANITY" Daegu Factory, South Korea

2020- Hundred Heroines "Cabinet Of Remedies" Online Exhibition, London.

2020- HIDDEN_Project / HIDDEN_Message Online Exhibition, Düsseldorf, Germany.

Publications

Africa Under The Prism. 2015

Mfon- Women Photographers Of The African Diaspora. 2017

mfonfoto.weebly.com

IAM- Intense Art Magazine. 2017

intenseartmagazine.com

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CNN Inside Africa Report

<http://edition.cnn.com/videos/international/2014/12/21/spc-inside-africa-nigerian-photography-b.cnn>

53 Extra

<http://africamagic.dstv.com/2015/05/27/53-extra-jenevieve-aken/>

Wall Street Journal

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-new-face-of-african-art-1462983212>