

SEANKELLY

AWOL ERIZKU

BIOGRAPHY

Born in Ethiopia, 1988

Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA

EDUCATION

2014 Master of Fine Arts at Yale University, New Haven, CT

2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts at The Cooper Union School of Art, New York, NY

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Moon, Turn the Flames...Gently Gently Away*, Sean Kelly, Los Angeles, California
Awol Erizku: X, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, California
- 2024 *Mystic Parallax*, The Momentary, Crystal Bridges Museum of Art, Bentonville, Arkansas
X, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, Georgia
- 2023 *Delirium of Agony*, Sean Kelly, New York, New York
Cosmic Drill, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, United Kingdom
Gravity, Ben Brown Fine Arts, Hong Kong, China
- 2022 *Memories of a Lost Sphinx*, Gagosian, New York, New York
- 2021 *New Visions for Iris*, Public Art Fund, New York, New York; Public Art Fund Chicago, Illinois
- 2020 *Mystic Parallax*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 2019 *Smokes of Anomy*, 1338 Franklin Ave, New York, New York
- 2018 慢慢燃燒 *SLOW BURN*, Ben Brown Fine Arts, Hong Kong, China
- 2017 *Menace II Society*, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, California
Make America Great Again, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, United Kingdom
Purple Reign, Stems Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 *I Was Going to Call It Your Name but You Didn't Let Me*, Nina Johnson Gallery, Miami, Florida
Bad II The Bone, Duchamp Detox Clinic, Los Angeles, California
- 2015 *New Flower | Images of the Reclining Venus*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
Serendipity, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
- 2014 *The Only Way is Up*, Hasted Kraeutler Gallery, New York, New York

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2012 *Black and Gold*, Hasted Kraeutler Gallery, New York, New York

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *S-Curve*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 2025 *Project a Black Planet: The Art and Culture of Panafrica*, Museum of Contemporary Art of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
A Rose Is, FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 2024 *Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st-Century Art and Poetics*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
Flight into Egypt: Black Artists and Ancient Egypt, 1876–Now, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
Invisible Luggage, The Historic Hampton House, Miami, Florida
Summer Album, Ben Brown Fine Arts, Hong Kong, China
- 2023 *Project a Black Planet: The Art and Culture of Panafrica*, Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois
Cowboy, Hannah Traore Gallery, New York, New York
Friends & Lovers, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
Invisible Thread, Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art, Auburn, Alabama
REMIX: Recent Acquisitions of Photographs, The Getty, Los Angeles, California
- 2022 *Elegies: Still Lives in Contemporary Art*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, California
A Picture Gallery of the Soul, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2021 *The New Black Vanguard: Photography Between Art and Fashion*, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Michigan
In Dialogue: At The Edge Of The Sea, The Church, New York, New York
- 2020 *Portraying Pregnancy: From Holbein to Social Media*, The Foundling Museum, London, United Kingdom
The New Black Vanguard: Photography Between Art and Fashion, Aperture Gallery, New York, New York
- 2019 *Desire: A Revision from the 20th Century to the Digital Age*, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Keith Mayerson: Friends And Family, Peter Mendenhall Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 2018 *Roesler hotel #28: screenspace*, Galeria Nara Roesler, New York, New York
Believe, Museum of Contemporary Art, Toronto, Canada

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- 2017 *Great Journeys: The Magnum Square Print Sale In Partnership With Aperture*, Magnum Photos, New York, New York
 Commercial Break, Public Art Fund, New York, New York
 Cynthia Daignault: There is Nothing I could Say That I Haven't Thought Before, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 2016 *Flowers in Your Hair*, FUSED, San Francisco, California
 Please Have Enough Acid in the Dish!, M+B, Los Angeles, California
 Summer School, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 2015 *Photography Now*, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London, United Kingdom
 ReSignifications, Museo Stefano Bardini, Florence, Italy
 In the Paint: Basketball in Contemporary Art, The William Benton Museum of Art, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
 Cookie Gate, Ellis King, Dublin, Ireland
- 2014 *13 Artists, 24/6 Gallery*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, Connecticut
 DEEP END: Yale MFA Photography Thesis Exhibition, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 2013 *Personal, political, mysterious*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
- 2011 *Art2*, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
Dia Art Foundation, New York, New York
The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, New York
The Getty Museum, Los Angeles, California
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
Norton Museum of Art, Palm Beach, Florida
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

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