

Kapwani Kiwanga



Biography

Kapwani Kiwanga (b. 1978, Hamilton, Canada) studied anthropology and comparative religion at McGill University (Montreal, CA). She has followed the program “La Seine” at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Paris, and also works at Le Fresnoy (a french national center for contemporary art). She was artist in residence at the MU Foundation in Eindhoven (NL) and at the Box in Bourges (FR).

Working with sound, film, performance, and objects, Kiwanga relies on extensive research to transform raw information into investigations of historical narratives and their impact on political, social, and community formation. The Paris-based artist’s work focuses on sites specific to Africa and the African diaspora, examining how certain events expand and unfold into popular and folk narratives, and revealing how these stories take shape in objects and oral histories. Trained as an anthropologist, Kiwanga performs this role in her artistic practice, using historical information to construct narratives about groups of people. Kiwanga is not only invested in the past but also the future, telling Afrofuturist stories and creating speculative dossiers from future civilizations to reflect on the impact of historical events.

Kiwanga was the inaugural winner of the 2018 Frieze Artist Award and in 2019 held a solo exhibition at MIT List Visual Arts Center and was on group exhibitions at Museu d’Art Contemporani de Barcelona, as well as Whitechapel and Serpentine Sackler galleries in London.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 *Outdoor art commission*, BC Hydro Dal Grauer Substation, Capture Photo Festival, Vancouver (CA) Pasquart Kunsthaus Centre d’art, Biel/Bienne (CH)
- 2020 Le Crédac, Ivry-sur-Seine (FR)
- 2020 Galerie Jérôme Poggi, Paris (FR)
- 2019 *Flowers for Africa: Rwanda*, Art Basel Unlimited, Basel, Switzerland
- 2019 *Safe Passage*, MIT, List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, USA.
- 2019 *Sunlight by Fireside: The Ash Annals*, Southern Alberta Art Gallery, Lethbridge, Canada
- 2019 *Glow* Frieze London, London, galerie Tanja Wagner (UK)
- 2018 *Enclosure*, Le Parvis, Centre d’Art Contemporain, Ibois, France
- 2018 *Musée d’art de Joliette*, Joliette, Canada
- 2018 *Soft Measures*, Tramway | Glasgow International, UK
- 2018 *A wall is just a wall (and nothing more at all)*, Esker Foundation, Calgary, Canada
- 2018 *Strata*, CLARK, Centre d’art et de diffusion, Montreal, Canada

Goodman Gallery

2018 *Clearing*, Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, Ontario, Canada
2017 *The Sun Never Sets*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2017 *Flowers for Africa*, OrGallery, Vancouver, Canada
2017 *Linear*, Galerie Tanja Wagner, Berlin, Germany
2017 *Afrogalactica*, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin, Italy
2017 *A wall is just a wall*, Power Plant, Toronto, Canada
2017 *The sum and its parts*, Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, USA
2017 *Armory Show*, New York, USA
2016 *Ujamaa*, La Ferme du Buisson Noisiel, France
2016 *Rumours Maji was a lie*, Stiftelsen 3,14, Bergen, Norway
2016 *Subduction Zones*, Le Granit Belfort, France
2015 *Mediated Measures*, Viafarini, Milan, Italy
2015 *Kijeketile Suite*, South London Gallery, London, UK
2015 *A Memory Palace*, Galerie Tanja Wagner, Berlin, Germany
2015 *Trace Evidence*, École Supérieure d'Art et Design de Valence, France
2015 *Continental Shift*, Galerie Jerome Poggi, Paris, France
2014 *Maji Maji*, Jeu de Paume, Paris
2014 *Falible Witnesses*, Galerie Karima Celestin, Marseille, France
2012 *Afrogalactica: Un abrégé de la future*, a performance for Contrechamp, Nantes, France
2011 *Afrogalactica: a short history of the future*, a performance for Paris Photo, France
2011 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Paris, France

Group Exhibitions

2020 *Have you Seen A Horizon Lately*, Musée d'Art Contemporain Africain Al Maaden (MACAAL) de Marrakech (MA)
2020 *Dhaka art summit*, The Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka (BD)
2020 *Entangled Things*, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Tokyo (JA)
2020 *Made of Honey, Gold, and Marigold*, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa (CA)
2020 *Walls Turned Sideways: Artists Confront the American Justice System*, Tufts University Art Galleries, Medford (US)
2019 *Leave No Stone Unturned*, Le Cube – independent art room, Rabat (MA)
2019 Toronto Biennial of Art, Toronto, Canada
2019 *Le Fil d'Alerte*, Prix de la fondation Ricard, Fondation d'entreprise Ricard, Paris, France
2019 *The Sorcerer's burden*, The Contemporary Austin, Austin, USA
2019 *Undefined Territories. Perspectives on Colonial Legacies*, MACBA – Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
2019 *Demonstrationsräume*, Albertinum Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Dresden, Germany
2019 *Is This Tomorrow?*, a collaboration with David Adjaye, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK
2019 *Grace Wales Bonner*, Serpentine Sackler Gallery, London, UK
2019 *Material Tells*, Oakville Galleries, Oakville, Canada
2019 *Mosaïque des Lexiques #4: Traduire mais...*, Les Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers, Aubervilliers, France
2019 *Traits libres, Présentation des acquisitions récentes du FRAC PACA*, Montévidéo, Marseille, France.
2019 *French Pavillion: Some of Us, an overview on the French Art Scene*, NordArt, Kunstwerk Carlshütte, Budelsdorf, Germa
2018 *Extra States: Nations in Liquidation*, Antwerp, Belgium
2018 *Walls Turned Sideways: Artists Confront the American Justice System*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, USA
2018 *Do You See What I Hear?* Dazibao, Montréal, Canada
2018 *Chapter 3: Variations on Time*, ACUD Galerie, Berlin, Germany
2018 *The Blue Hour*, The Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada
2018 *Stories for Almost Everyone*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA
2017 *Memories of the Future*, Tate, Liverpool, UK
2017 *Momentum Nordic Biennial of Contemporary Art*, Sweden
2017 *House of Commons*, Portikus, Frankfurt, Germany
2017 *Contact Photography Festival*, Toronto, Canada
2017 *Power Plant Gallery Soundings: Protest/Politics/Dissent*, Power Plant Gallery, Durham, USA
2017 *Agir dans son lieu*, Galerie Duchamp Centre d'Art Contemporain de la Ville d'Yvetot, France
2017 *Tous, des sangs-mêlés*, Mac Val, Vitry-sur-Seine, France

Goodman Gallery

- 2017 *Beautiful Africa*, La Galerie du 5ème, Marseille, France
2017 *Pattern*, Maison des Arts de Laval, Quebec, Canada
2017 *Lucy's Iris*, Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno – CAAM, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
2017 *DÉMASQUER: Arts et sciences en Afrique*, Association pour la Promotion Scientifique de l'Afrique (ASPA), Paris, France
2017 *Afro-Tech and the Future of Re-Invention*, Hartware MedienKunstVerein (HMKV), Dortmund, Germany
2017 *SANS TAMBOUR NI TROMPETTE – Cents ans de guerres [Chap.4]*, LE PARVIS – Centre d'art contemporain, France
2017 *LES GRANDS VOYAGEURS*, diagonale, Montréal, Canada
2017 *Faits Alternatifs*, FRAC Poitou-Charentes, Angoulême, France
2017 *botánica*, Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, USA
2017 *In Eyedenia, A City of the Future*, Yermilov Center, Kharkiv, Ukraine
2017 *Flowers are Documents – Arrangement I & II*, ar/ge kunst, Kunstverein di Bolzano, Italy
2017 *What is one to do with such a clairvoyant image?*, Trinity Square Video, Toronto
2017 *Show Me Your Archive and I Will Tell You Who Is In Power*, KIOSK and KASK School of Arts, Ghent, Belgium
2017 *LEARNING FROM BIG MISTAKES*, Galerie Tanja Wagner, New York, USA
2017 *Horses on Rollerblades*, Konsthall C, Hökarängen, Sweden
2017 *Almost There*, Jorge B. Vargas Museum and Filipiniana Research Center, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
2017 *Unravelings*, Meter Art Space, Copenhagen, Denmark
2017 *Témoin*, Galerie Jérôme Poggi, Paris, France
2017 *mediated Nature*, Galerie Tanja Wagner, Berlin, Germany
2016 *Uriel Orlow: Mafavuke's Trial and Other Plant Stories*, The Showroom, London, UK
2016 *Between One Time and Another*, Temporary Gallery, Cologne, France
2016 *Social Fabric: African Textiles Today*, Galerie William Morris, London
2016 *Parlons-en. Œuvres de la collection*, Musée départemental d'art contemporain, Rochechouart, France
2016 *Still (the) Barbarians*, EVA International Biennale, Limerick, Ireland
2016 *Botany under the Influence*, ApexArt, New York, USA
2016 *Change of Heart*, Hannah Hoffman Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
2016 *Cycle Festival*, Kopavagur, Iceland
2016 *Run Run Run*, Villa Arson, Nice, France
2016 *Hors Sol*, FRAC Poitou-Chartenes, Angoulême, France
2016 *Lucy's Iris*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Cstilla y León, Spain
2016 *The big Other*, Galerie Tanja Wagner, Berlin, Germany
2016 *Lubumbashi Biennale*, Lubumbashi, Republic of Congo
2015 *What we call love*, IMMA Dublin, Ireland
2015 *Atopolis*, Manège de Sury, Mons, Belgium
2015 *A Century of Centuries*, SALT Galata, Istanbul, Turkey
2015 *Post African Futures*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2015 *Mythophoeia*, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
2015 *Kontrollmodus Feedback*, Halle 14, Leipzig, Germany
2015 *Edge of Silence*, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
2015 *A Century of Centuries*, SALT Galata, Istanbul, Turkey
2015 *Does not Equal*, W139, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2015 *La vérité des apparences – histoires de symboles, de motifs et de langage*, La Tôlerie, Clermont-Ferrand, France
2015 *La vérité des apparences – histoires de symboles, de motifs et de langage*, Galerie de Roussan, Paris, France
2015 *Cosmogonies*, Galerie Arnaud Lebeuvre, Paris, France
2014 *Outside*, The Swedish Contemporary Art Foundation, Stockholm, Sweden
2014 *Appropriations*, Ethnographic Museum, Berlin, Germany
2014 *Oracular Vernacular*, MAMO, Marseille, France
2014 *Matérialisme Histérique*, Galerie Jérôme Poggi, Paris, France
2013 *Tamis et le sable*, Maison Populaire, Montreuil, France
2013 *Cyclicités*, Galerie Le Manège, Dakar, Senegal
2013 *ChinAfrique*, Galerie du Buisson, Paris, France
2013 *Backstory: Creative Ruminations*, Paris College of Art, France
2012 *Houille Blanche, Terre Froide*, Treignac Project, Treignac, France
2012 *Synchronicity II*, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
2011 *Carte Blanche AfricAmerica*, Anis Gras, Arcueil, France
2011 *Carte Blanche AfricAmerica*, Anis Gras, Arcueil, France
2011 *Synchronicity*, Photoquai and Baudoin Lebon Gallery, Paris, France

Goodman Gallery

2011 *Kaleidoscope Arena*, 4th Road to Contemporary Art, Rome, Italy
2011 *100 tekeningen tegen de Vietnam oorlog*, Komplot, Brussels, Belgium
2011 *100 dessins contre la guerre du vietnam*, Le commissariat, Paris, France
2010 *169A2*, 28 rue du Château d'eau 75010, Paris, France
2010 *Filmer la Musique*, Point Ephémère, Paris, France
2009 *Alt-W: New Directions in Scottish Digital Culture*, Glasgow Centre of Contemporary Art, Glasgow, UK
2009 *169A2*, Curators: Eric Stephany and Xavier Mazzarol. 28, rue du Château d'eau, 75010 Paris, France
2009 *Panorama 11*, Le Fresnoy, studio national des arts contemporains, Tourcoing, France
2008 *Double Take*, Korean National University of the Arts, Seoul
2008 *Alt-W: New Directions in Scottish Digital Culture*, Glasgow Centre of Contemporary Art, Glasgow, UK
2008 *Panorama 9-10*, Le Fresnoy, Studio national des arts contemporains, Tourcoing, France
2007 *Double Take*, Korean National University of the Arts; Seoul, South Korea
2006 *In the Centre Pompidou*, Centre Pompidou; Paris, France
2006 *DepART*, Starhill Gallery; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2006 *Kuala Lumpur Tour et Retour*, L'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France
2006 *Bienal Internacional de Arte Contemporáneo*, Almería, Spain
2005 *Ricochet*, Stills Gallery; Edinburgh, UK

Academic Record and Residencies

2009 Pépinières européennes pour jeunes artistes et MU, Eindhoven, Pays-Bas
2005 – 2007 La Seine : programme de recherche de l'Ecole Nationale des Beaux Arts de Paris, France

Collections

Guggenheim Museum (USA)
Museo de Arte Contemporanea de Castilla y León, MUSAC (ES)
Le Plateau, FRAC Ile-de-France, Paris (FR)
FRAC Poitou-Charentes, Angoulême (FR)
Musée départemental d'art contemporain de Rochechouart, Rochechouart (FR) FRAC
PACA, Marseille (FR)
Nomas Foundation, Roma (IT)
FRAC Grand Large- Hauts-de-France, Dunkerque (FR)
Centre National des Arts Plastiques (FR)
Musée d'art contemporain de la Haute-Vienne – Château de Rochechouart (FR) FRAC
Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur (FR)
FRAC Poitou-Charentes (FR)
FRAC Ile-de-France (FR)
Musée d'Art moderne de la Ville de Paris (FR)
National Gallery of Canada (CA)
Royal Bank of Canada (CA)
Kadist Foundation (USA / FR)
MIT List Visual Arts Center (USA)
Mead Art Museum (USA)

Publications

2009 *_Kiosk N°8*, artist's web publication, <http://www.kiosk.clementineroy.com/KIOSKO8.htmlx>
2008 *_Panorama 9 -10*, Exhibition Catalogue.
2007 *_Double Take*, La Seine en Corée, La Corée en Scène, Exhibition Catalogue.
2006 *_Kuala Lumpur*, tour et retour, Exhibition Catalogue.
2006 *_In the Centre Pompidou*, Centre Pompidou, Exhibition Catalogue.
2006 *_Albiac* : Bienal Internacional de Arte Contemporáneo, Exhibition Catalogue.

Performances

2019 *Black.Art.Empowerment : I see, I speak, I am movement*, MAI (Montréal, arts interculturels), Montreal (CA)
2018 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, EMPAC, Troy, New York
2018 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, The Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Calgary

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- 2018 *Afrogalactica II: The Black Star Chronicles*, Fonds d'art contemporain de la Ville de Genève – Médiathèque, Geneva
- 2018 *Afrogalactica III: The deep space scrolls*, Fonds d'art contemporain de la Ville de Genève – Médiathèque, Geneva
- 2017 *A Conservator's Tale*, La Ferme de Buisson, Noisiel, France
- 2017 *Afrogalactica II: The Black Stars Chronicles*, MOMENTUM 9, Oslo
- 2017 *Afrogalactica II: The Black Stars Chronicles*, KIOSK and KASK School of Arts
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, La Colonie, Paris
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Fonds d'art contemporain de la Ville de Genève – Médiathèque, Genève
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Konsthall C, Farsta, Sweden
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Images Festival, Toronto
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Hartware MedienKunstVerein (HMKV)
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Documenta 14, Athen
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, House of Commons, Portikus, Frankfurt
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Momentum Nordic Biennial of Contemporary Art, Sweden
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Akademie Schloss Solitude, Stuttgart
- 2017 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin
- 2016 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Cycle Music and Art Festival, Kópavogur, Iceland
- 2016 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Stiftelsen 3,14, Bergen
- 2015 *A Conservator's tale*, Bétonsalon, Paris
- 2015 *To Speak of Things You Have Not Seen*, South London Gallery, London
- 2015 *Collecting the invisible*, Laboratoire d'Aubervilliers, France
- 2015 *The deep space scrolls African Futures*, Goethe Institut, Johannesburg
- 2015 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Lille Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art
- 2015 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Maison Rouge, Paris
- 2015 *-Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, FRAC, Champagne-Ardenne
- 2015 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Le Phénix, National theatre of Valenciennes, France
- 2015 *The Black Star Chronicles*, École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Paris
- 2015 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Kunstzentrum Gent
- 2014 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Exodus International Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts, Lubijana
- 2014 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Tate Modern, London
- 2014 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Museu da República, Rio de Janeiro
- 2014 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future* Art 14, London
- 2014 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Tate in collaboration with Centre for Contemporary Art, Lagos
- 2014 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Centre Pompidou, Paris
- 2014 *Maji Maji: Fragments of a screenplay*, Stadtmuseum, Karlsruhe
- 2014 *The Deep Space Scrolls*, Maxim-Gorki-Theater, Berlin
- 2014 *The Deep Space Scrolls*, Home Cinema, Lausanne
- 2014 *The Deep Space Scrolls*, Fondation Ricard, Paris
- 2014 *The Black Star Chronicles*, Fondation Ricard, Paris
- 2014 *The Black Star Chronicles*, FRAC Lorraine, Metz
- 2014 *The Black Star Chronicles*, Belluard Bollwerk international, Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2014 *A Spell to Bound the Limitless*, Grand Palais, Paris
- 2014 *Telepathic Relay*, Hebel am Ufer, Berlin
- 2014 *Museum of the Blind*, Ethnographic Museum, Berlin
- 2014 *A Conservator's Tale*, Jeu de Paume, Paris
- 2013 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Paris
- 2013 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Centre Pompidou, Paris
- 2013 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Fondation Ricard, Nice, France
- 2013 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, CRAC Alsace, Altkirch, France
- 2012 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Arts Catalyst, London
- 2012 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Fondation Ricard, Paris
- 2012 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, La Villa Arson, Nice, France
- 2012 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Savvy Contemporary, Berlin
- 2012 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Contrechamp, Nantes, France
- 2012 *Afrogalactica: A brief history of the future*, Grand Palais, Paris

Film Festivals

2011 _International Short Film Festival Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland
2011 _Musique pointdoc, Gaité Lyrique, Paris, France
2011 _Illégal Cinéma aux laboratoires d'Aubervilliers, Aubervilliers, France
2011 _Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
2010 _La cité nationale de l'histoire de l'immigration, Paris, France
2009 _25th Vues d'Afriques Montréal, Canada
2009 _17th Festival CinéRail. Paris, France
2008 _Kassel Documentary Film Festival, Kassel, Germany
2008 _Africalia (Belgium)
2008 _10th BFM International Film Festival, London, UK
2007 _Women's International Film Festival – Seoul, Korea
2006 _Interfilm Berlin, Berlin, Germany
2006 _Sao Paulo International Short Film Festival, Sao Paulo, Brazil
2006 _Flickerfest International Film Festival, Sydney, Australia
2006 _Zanzibar International Film Festival, Stone Town, Tanzania
2006 _Urban Film Festival, Tehran, Iran
2005 _British Film Institute's Mama Africa Programme, Filmhouse; Edinburgh, Scotland
2005 _XII Edición Festival de Jóvenes Realizadores, Granada, Spain
2005 _Festival Internacional de Cine de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
2005 _Filmets International Film Festival, Badalona
2005 _Channel 4 Ideasfactory : Output (UK)
2004 _Scottish Screen Best (UK)