

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*, IndieLisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
Machine Boys, 71st International Short Film Festival Oberhausen, Germany
Unsettled Grounds, Monangambee Film Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria and ICA, London, England
Machine Boys, 22nd In the Palace International Short Film Festival, Pernik, Bulgaria
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
Plateau, Notes on Air, Salt Beyoğlu Forum, Istanbul, Turkey
Machine Boys, 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

2017	<i>Frameless series</i> , Munich, Germany
2016	54th Ann Arbor Film Festival, Michigan MI, USA <i>VIDEOFORMES</i> International Digital Arts Festival, Clermont-Ferrand, France
2015	<i>Does Not Equal</i> , W139 Space for Contemporary Art, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Triangle Gallery, Chelsea College of Art, London, England Jihlava International Documentary Film Festival, Prague, Czech Republic EUROVIDEO Festival, Liege, Belgium
2014	Traverse City Film Festival, Michigan MI, USA ICA Artists' Film Biennial, Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, England European Media Arts Festival, Osnabrück, Germany 52nd Ann Arbor Film Festival, Michigan MI, USA <i>New Participants</i> , De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands <i>Bienal de la Imagen en Movimiento</i> , Buenos Aires, Argentina Athens Video Art Festival, Athens, Greece Split Film Festival, Croatia
2013	Festival Internacional de VideoArte, Buenos Aires, Argentina Onion City Experimental Film and Video Festival, Chicago IL, USA Facade Video Festival, Plovdiv, Bulgaria VIDEOEX Experimental Film and Video Festival, Zürich, Switzerland Media City Film Festival, Windsor, Ontario, Canada Experimental Film Festival Portland, Portland OR, USA
2012	European Media Arts Festival, Osnabrück, Germany <i>Transmediale Festival for Art and Digital Culture</i> , Berlin, Germany

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 Maison des arts George & Claude Pompidou, Centre d'art Contemporain, Cajarc, France

Grants and Commissions

2024	<i>Machine Boys</i> , 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, Hamburgische Kulturstiftung, Germany
Publication grant, Hamburg Behörde für Kultur und Medien, Germany (in association with Edith Breckwoldt Foundation)
- 2019 Production grant, The African Culture Fund, Bamako, Mali
- 2016 Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève
- 2014 Arts Council England and British Council AIDF Grant, England

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 Böttcherstraße in Bremen, Germany
Longlisted – Jarman Award, London, England
- 2021 Shortlisted - Wi Di Mimba Wi : The AKB & SAVVY Contemporary Commission Prize, Germany
Longlisted - Preis der Nationalgalerie, 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