

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

- 2026 KM21, Hague, The Netherlands
Tendered, The Renaissance Society, Chicago IL, USA
Kestner Gesellschaft, Hanover, Germany
Machine Boys, Deichman Bjørvika, Oslo, Norway
- 2025 *Tendered*, Camden Arts Centre, London, England
Machine Boys, Canal Projects, New York NY, USA
- 2023 *Plateau - Interwoven Histories*, Galerie Ursula Walter, Dresden, Germany
- 2021 *Plateau*, Secession, Vienna, Austria
Plateau, Produzentengalerie, Hamburg, Germany
- 2018 *Power Man*, De Ateliers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2014 GoetheOnMain Project Space, Goethe-Institut, Johannesburg, South Africa

Group Exhibitions

- 2026 *Beyond the Manosphere. Masculinities Today.*, Kunstmuseum St.Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland
Waste. An exhibition about the global routes of rubbish, Museum Ostwall, Dortmund, Germany
- 2025 *18th Istanbul Biennale – The Three-Legged Cat*, Istanbul, Turkey
The Gatherers, MoMA PS1, New York NY, USA
Shelf Life, Trautwein Herleth, Berlin, Germany
- 2024 *The Miraculous Arms*, François Ghebaly, Los Angeles CA, USA
Foreigners Everywhere, Venice Biennale, Italy
Sous la terre, les dragons, Frac des Pays de la Loire, Carquefo, France
- 2023 *Who Are We if Not Nature*, M.Bassy, Hamburg, Germany
- 2022 *A Different Now is Close Enough to Exhale on You*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Kunstpries der Böttcherstraße, Kunsthalle Bremen, Germany
The Show is Over, South London Gallery, England
Identity not proven, Bundeskunsthalle Bonn, NEUES MUSEUM, Nürnberg and Museum Gunzenhauser Chemnitz, Germany
Penumbra, Fondazione in between Art Film, Ospedaletto and Church of Santa Maria dei Derelitti, Venice, Italy

- 2021 Rotary Contemporary Art Prize, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany
Scratching the Surface, Hamburger Bahnhof - Museum für Gegenwart, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Shoreline movements*, Taipei Biennial 2020, Kunstverein in Hamburg, Germany
- 2019 *ars viva 2020*, Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst, Leipzig, Germany
- 2018 *64th Robert Flaherty Seminar*, Syracuse, New York NY, USA
MANJAR, Solar dos Abacaxis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2017 *Biennale de l'Image en Mouvement*, 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

- 2026 *On View – Power*, Palais Populaire, Deutsche Bank, Berlin, Germany
Berlinale Forum Expanded, Berlin, Germany
- 2025 42nd Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Germany
22nd In The Palace International Short Film Festival, Bulgaria
E-flux Screening Room, New York NY, USA
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, Kunsthal 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 *Frameless series*, Munich, Germany
- 2016 54th Ann Arbor Film Festival, Michigan MI, USA
VIDEOFORMES International Digital Arts Festival, Clermont-Ferrand, France
- 2015 *Does Not Equal*, 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
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
- 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
Transmediale Festival for Art and Digital Culture, 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

- 2026 Kunstkommission, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2025 Public Art PASSAGE, Munich, Germany
Alexander Tutsek-Stiftung, Germany
MUSCLE, Fondazione in between Art Film, Italy, The Renaissance Society, USA and Camden Arts Centre, England
- 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, 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, Chicago IL, 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
FRAC Corsica, Corte, France

Awards

- 2025 Lichtwark-Förderpreis, Hamburg, Germany
Shortlisted – Film London Jarman Award, London, England
- 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