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	*FLUID*, KM21, The Hague, The Netherlands
	Tendered, The Renaissance Society, Chicago IL, USA
	Machine Boys, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA
	Crystalline, 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	*Graffiti*, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
	On Mining, Matter, and Memory, Mönchehaus Museum Goslar, Goslar, Germany
	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
	Kunstpreis 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 *MUSCLE*, BALi-Kinos Cinema, DOKfilm Festival, Kassel, Germany
Apapa Amusement Park and *Lagos Island*, BAK Basecamp, Less Guess Who? Festival, Utrecht, The Netherlands
Machine Boys, Deichman Bjørvika, Oslo, Norway
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, Asterdam, The Netherlands
Unsettled Grounds, Monangambee, Lagos, G.A.S. Foundation, Nigeria

2024 13th Avant-Garde Film Festival, Athens, Greece
Recontres Inernationales 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, Canda
	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 Breckwoldlt Foundation)
2019	Production grant, The African Culture Fund, Bamako, Mali
2016	Centre d'Art Contemporain Genéve
2014	Arts Council England and British Council AIDF Grant, England

Public Collections

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA

Akeroyd Collection, London, England
Centraal Museum, Utecht, Netherlands
Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany
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
The Whitworth, Manchester, England

Awards

2025	Lichtwark-Förderpreis, Hamburg, Germany
	Shortlisted – Film London Jerman 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