

ERA GALLERY

CHIDINMA NNOLI

Chidinma Nnoli (b. 1998 Enugu, Nigeria) is an artist working primarily with painting. Her practice contemplates the importance of a single subject's embodied experience(s), often overlaying the past onto the present, referencing the self in conflict with a background mostly saturated with religion and gendered obligations. By treating painting as a medium advocating empathy and agency simultaneously, Nnoli uses her practice as mapping space, the body, and a landscape that holds residual memories, where ideas of freedom and entrapment continuously overlap. Through a process that often employs texture, impasto, splatter, and erasure, at the core of her conceptual concern is storytelling using self-written poetry, and engaging the personal as political. Nnoli earned her BFA from the University of Benin, Nigeria and has gone on to participate in critical residencies and solo and group exhibitions internationally. She currently lives and works in Lagos

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 When Will My Feet Catch Fire?, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, USA.
- 2021 Not All Who Wander Are Lost (wanderlust), The Armory Show, New York, USA.
- 2021 To Wander Untamed, Rele Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 What's in a name? Rele Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2023 Pictures Girls Make: Portraiture Through the Lens of Progress - Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, USA
- 2023 Femme Noir: Artists, Muses, and Freedoms - Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA
- 2023 Where the Wild Roses Grow - Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 What's Now? - PM/AM Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 It's a wRAP - Rele Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2021 Invisible Hands - Yemisi Shyllon Museum, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2021 Orita Meta - Rele Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
- 2021 In Situ - Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York City, USA

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- 2020 Young Contemporaries - Rele Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2019 Forme Femineé - Thought Pyramid Art Center, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2019 The Other Side - Life in My City Art Festival, Thought Pyramid Art Center, Nigeria
- 2018 There She is - Fontini Cristi Art Gallery, Edo, Nigeria

EDUCATION

- 2014-18 B.A Fine and Applied Arts (Painting), University of Benin, Edo, Nigeria.

RESIDENCIES

- 2024 Fores Project, London, UK
- 2023 Ox-Bow Artist-in-Residence Program, Michigan, USA
- 2023 Atlantic Center for the Arts Residency, Florida, USA
- 2023 PM/AM Residency, London, UK
- 2019 Rele Art Foundation Residency, Ekiti, Nigeria
- 2017 Universal Studios of Art, National Theatre, Lagos, Nigeria