

ERA GALLERY

MICHAEL IGWE

Michael Igwe (b. 1994, Lagos, Nigeria) works primarily with painting. His approach to the body and form is one of devotion to the fluidity and expanse of inner life. Through his practice, Igwe paints a cartography of experiences so extensive in their range that they transcend particularity, often in reference to the nonlinear “Iko-Nke Annang”. He pursues primal gestures that contemplate, conjure, and engender in each image the conditions that constitute selfhood. Each of his paintings is a clear meditation on form and subjectivity. Michael received his BFA degree from the University of Benin, Nigeria in 2018 and was a recipient of the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture fellowship, 2023. Later this fall, Igwe heads to Columbia school of the arts for his mfa degree.

SOLO AND DUO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Ascent, in conversation with Jean Prouvé, Paris (September, Forthcoming)
- 2024 Within Our Midst- (Two Person Show) O’da Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2023 Tantrum - superzoom Paris, France
- 2022 As The Sparks Fly Upward - Rele Gallery Los Angeles, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 It Never Entered My Mind, Sean Kelly Gallery, LA,
- 2024 Shaping Grace and Disquiet, Era Gallery, Milan
- 2024 Double Vision, Plato Gallery, NY
- 2024 Storage Archive, NY
- 2023 Factory Reset Continued - König Gallery Berlin, Germany
- 2022 NTI-PUNKU, Strouk Gallery Paris, France
- 2022 Grand Opening - superzoom Paris, France
- 2021 It’s A Wrap, Rele Gallery Lagos, Nigeria
- 2021 Young Contemporaries, Rele Gallery Lagos, Nigeria
- 2020 Sublime; Between Solid and Vapor, Rele Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

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- 2020 Next of Kin - Thought pyramid Art Center Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2019 Visual Art Festival Zanzibar, Hapa Hapa Now, Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- 2018 The Other Side - Life in My City Art Festival, Alliance Française, Port Harcourt, Nigeria
- 2019 Uncertainty and the Unknown - Institute of Mental Health/City Arts Nottingham, UK
- 2019 20x20, Mansourcing gallery, Caltagirone (CT)

EDUCATION

- 2024-26 MFA Columbia University New York NY
- 2023 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine, USA
- 2014-18 BFA, University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria

FAIRS

- 2022 ArtBasel OVR:2021, solo Rele Gallery online Booth, Online
- 2022 The Armory Show, group show Rele Gallery Booth, New York, USA
- 2021 Fnbartjoburg, Group Show Relegallery Booth, South Africa

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

- 2024 Dean Carol Becker Fellowship (Columbia University)
- 2023 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan fellowship, Maine, USA
- 2023 Superzoom residency, Ardèche, France
- 2020 Rele Arts Foundation Young Contemporaries Residency, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria
- 2020 Tilga Fund for the Arts Grant
- 2019 Rele Arts Foundation Bootcamp