

JOANNA CHOUMALI

B. 1974, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
Lives and works in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *'La terre n'a qu'un soleil' (The Earth only has One Sun)*, Galerie Farah Fakhri, Abidjan
Languages of West African Marketplaces, University Research Gallery at Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA
- 2024 *I am not lost, just wandering*, Sperone Westwater, New York
- 2022 *IT STILL FEELS LIKE THE RIGHT TIME*, Sperone Westwater, New York,
2019 *How Do You Spell A Silent Sound*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
3134, Loft Art Gallery, Casablanca
- 2018 *Dream and Identity*, Riad El Fenn, Marrakech
- 2017 *Bitter: Chocolate Stories*, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam
- 2016 *Hââbré, the last generation*, Festival Cinemas d'Afrique de Lausanne
Lausanne, Switzerland
Hââbré, 50 Golborne, London
- 2011-12 *Joana Choumali*, Eureka Galerie, Abidjian

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *FEMMES*, curated by Pharrell Williams, Perrotin, Paris
Memoria: Récits d'une Autre Histoire, curated by Nadine Hounkpatin and Céline Seror, Fondation H, Antananarivo, Madagascar
- 2024 *Festival La Gacilly-Baden Photo*, Baden, Austria
Passengers in Transit, Centre for Contemporary Art, Lagos, collateral event of the 60th Venice Biennale, Ex Farmacia Solveni, Venice
Amur Yakus: The Land of God, Loft Art Gallery, Marrakech
- 2023 *Nude: The Naked Body in Contemporary Photography*, Fotografiska Berlin, Berlin; Fotografiska Tallinn, Tallinn, Estonia
Africa Supernova: The contemporary African painting collection of Carla and Pieter Schulting, Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, Netherlands
Dig Where You Stand – From Coast to Coast: Seke, organized by African Artists' Foundation, Palais de Lomé, Lomé, Togo

Festival La Gacilly-Baden Photo, La Gacilly, France
Kyotographie: International Photography Festival, Ryosokuin Zen Temple and Demachi Masugata Shopping Arcade, Kyoto, Japan
We Are Enough, curated by Roger Niyigena Karera, organized by AFIRIKA ARTFEST, 193 Gallery, Paris

- 2022 *Ozangé*, 1st Biennial of African Photography, Centro Cultural La Malagueta, La Térmica, and Calle Alameda Principal, Málaga Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid; Museum of contemporary cultures Adama Toungara, Abidjan
UNLIMITED, curated by Marwan Zakhem, Gallery 1957, Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast, Accra, Ghana
Dig Where You Stand, organized by African Artists' Foundation, Savannah Centre for Contemporary Art, Tamale, Ghana
Time Is Going: Archive – Future – Memories, organized by EUNIC Sénégal for the 14th Biennale de l'art contemporain africain, Dak'Art, Résidence de l'Ambassade de l'Union Européenne, Dakar, Sénégal
Africa in Motion, Fondation Donwahi, Abidjan
Memoria: Récits d'une autre Histoire, Musée des Cultures Contemporaines Adama Toungara (MuCAT), Abidjan
- 2021 *Summer Exhibition 2021*, Royal Academy of Arts, London
NUDE, Fotografiska Museum, Stockholm, Sweden and Fotografiska Museum, New York, NY
Self – Identity in the Face of the Global Pandemic, Gallery 1957, London
- 2020 *Le Jardin en soi*, Loft Art Gallery, Casablanca
Prix Pictet: Hope, Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Daikanyama Hillside Forum, Tokyo; Luma Westbau, Zurich; Mouravieff-Apostol House & Museum, Moscow; EPFL ArtLab, Lausanne, Switzerland; Palazzo della Gran Guardia; MUZA Eretz Israel Museum, Tel Aviv; Grimaldi Forum, Monaco; Shanghai Centre of Photography, Shanghai; Gallery of Photography Ireland, Dublin; Fondazione Sozzani; Today Art Museum, Beijing.
The Inner Garden, Loft Art Gallery, Casablanca, Morocco
Joana Choumali & Godfried Donkor, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
- 2019 *Group Show*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
Welcome Home, MACAAL, Marrakesh
LagosPhoto Festival: Passports, Federal Government Press Liaison Office, Lagos
N'GOLÁ Biennial of Arts and Culture, Casa das Artes Criação Ambiente Utopias (CACAU), São Tomé e Príncipe
Mon rêve est Pop!, Loft Art Gallery, Casablanca
Filam(an)nt, Fondation Blachère Art Center, Apt, France

Still Here Tomorrow to High Five You Yesterday...Chapter 2, Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA), Cape Town, South Africa

- 2018 *Africa Is No Island*, Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden (MACAAL), Marrakesh; Foundation Zinsou, Cotonou, Benin
Awoulaba/Taille fine, Breda Photo Festival, Breda, Netherlands
Côte d'Ivoire: Identité et vitalité de l'Art Contemporain, Musée Mattatoio, Rome
Le Off de Dapper, La Biennale de Dakar, Dakar, Senegal
Where I Seek, I Find Myself, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MOCADA), New York
AfricaAfrica, Palazzo Litta Culture, Milan
Afriques Artistes d'hier et d'aujourd'hui, The Fondation Clément, Martinique
- 2017 *Afrotopia*, 11th Annual Rencontres de Bamako Biennale Africaine de la Photographie, National Museum of Mali, Bamako
LagosPhoto Festival: Regimes of Truth, African Artists' Foundation, Lagos
Photo Vogue Festival, Milan
Rêveries d'hier et songes du présent, Musée de la Photographie de Saint Louis, Senegal
Festival International de Photographie pour les femmes photographes, Communauté de Communes du Pays de Saint Gilles Croix de Vie, Givrand, France
Le Havre: Dakar, Musée d'Histoire Naturelle, Le Havre, France
A fleur de peau, Abbaye de Daoulas, Daoulas, France
The Elusive Body, IAF Basel, Basel
The Juices of Time, Pavilion of the Ivory Coast, 57th Venice Biennale, Venice
LagosPhoto Festival: Where the Future Beats, Casello Ovest di Porta Venezia
- 2016 *The Female Gaze*, Base Milano, Milan
Resilients, Land of African Business Conference, Hotel de l'Industrie, Paris
Casablanca Biennale: We the people, Institut Français de Casablanca, Casablanca
Africa Forecast: Fashioning Contemporary Life, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta
Les Recontres de la Photographie, La Grande Hall, Arles
LagosPhoto Festival: Find us on the map, Rush Gallery, New York
- 2015 *Sacro e profane*, Photolux, Lucca, Italy
LagosPhoto Festival: Designing Futures, Eko Suite Hotel Nigeria, Lagos, *Bold (Feminine)*, Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta

Photoquai Biennale 2015: We are family, Quai Branly Museum, Paris
Casablanca Biennale, French Institute of Valencia, Spain
OBSCURA Festival, George Town, Malaysia
Design is the personality of an idea, Ford Foundation, Lagos
Skin Deep, The Tropenmuseum of World Cultures, Amsterdam
Making Africa: A Continent of Contemporary Design, Vitra Design
Museum, Weil am Rhein, Germany
GRID Cape Town, International Photography Biennial, Cape Town, South
Africa

- 2014 *AGri-Cultures*, National Museum of Civilisations, Abidjan, November
POPCAP'14: Outstanding African Photographers
3x3, La Galerie MAM, Dakar, Senegal
Lensculture: 50 Emerging Talents, Galeria Valid Foto, Barcelona
Casablanca Biennale, Casablanca, Morocco
15th Edition BarrObjectif Festival de Photoreportage, Barro, France
Pour les noirs et pour les blancs, Hierro des Villes Gallery, Nice
Abidjan Arts Actuels (AAA), Fondation Donwahi, Abidjan
L'Emoi Photographie: Portrait, Hôtel Saint Simon, Angoulême, France
- 2013 Private exhibition, ASCOMA Company, Abidjan
L'Emoi Photographie: Naissance d'une association, Hôtel Saint Simon,
Angoulême, France
- 2012 *BICICI Amie des Arts*, Bank for Industry and Trade of Côte d'Ivoire,
Abidjan
On the Roof, National Museum Cinémathèque of Bamako Biannual, Mali
OFC, The Barbican Center as part of the Olympic Games, London
- 2011 *BICICI Amie des Arts*, Bank for Industry and Trade of Côte d'Ivoire
Abidjan
Petite revue de l'art moderne et contemporain de Côte d'Ivoire, Rotonde
des Arts Gallery, Abidjan

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

- 2025 Fountainhead Arts Residency Prize and Residency Fellowship
- 2023 Residency, Loft Art Gallery, Casablanca
- 2022 Civitella Ranieri Visual Arts Fellowship and Residency Le 3ème Prix
d'Excellence, Cinéma et Arts Visuels, Côte d'Ivoire

- 2021 Officier, L'ordre national de la république de Côte d'Ivoire Robert Gardner
Fellow in Photography, Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology,
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2019 *Hope*, Prix Pictet
- 2017 Nirox Foundation, Johannesburg
- 2016 Fourthwall Books Photobook Award Magnum Foundation Emergency
Fund Grant
IFITRY Residency, Essaouira, Morocco
- 2015 IFITRY Residency, Essaouira, Morocco
- 2014 POPCAP '14 Award LensCulture Emerging Talents Awards

SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Africa First, Tel Aviv
Collection Gervanne + Matthias Leridon
Fondation H, Paris, France and Antananarivo, Madagascar
Harry David Art Collection
Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
Institute Museum of Ghana, Accra
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Musée de la Photographie de Saint Louis, Senegal
Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden (MACAAL), Marrakech
Nesr Art Foundation, Angola
Palais de la Culture, Paris
Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL
Prix Pictet Collection
Troppenmuseum, Amsterdam
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Voodart Collection
Block Museum, Evanston, IL