

SAMIRA ADDO

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ARTIST STATEMENT Samira is a self-taught visual artist based in London, b. 1991, focussing on portraiture. Her style is considered as contemporary realism and she likes to capture the energy of her subject through exploration of brush strokes, composition and colour.

AWARDS

- 2018 Winner of **“Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year 2018”**, televised competition with over 3000 entrants, judged by Tai Shan Schierenberg, Kate Bryan and Kathleen Soriano
- 2015 **“Raw Art Battle”** winner with artFix
- 2008 Top 10 art results in the UK, Edexcel GCSE exam board

COLLECTIONS

Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh Scotland
Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool UK
Fashion and Textile Museum, London UK
Private collections, locations across UK and Worldwide

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2020 Portrait of Zora Neale Hurston for the cover of her backlist commissioned by HarperCollins
- 2020 Portrait for NHS heroes
- 2020 Sky Art’s “Portrait Artist of the Week” live portrait series
- 2019 Missing People charity commission of Mathew Bone for “Unmissable”
- 2018 Collaboration with Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) at The Place, in London for the summer showcase

EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Group, “Perceptions”, Contemporary British Portrait Painters (CBPP), London, UK
- 2019 Group, “Perfecting the Journey”, GirlBoss Rally, Los Angeles, USA
- 2019 Group, “Six Weeks of Portraits”, Fine Art Commissions, London, UK
- 2019 Group, *The Other Art Fair*, New York, USA
- 2019 Group, “Unmissable”, The Other Art Fair, London UK
- 2018 Group, “not 30%”, *The Other Art Fair*, London UK
- 2018 Solo, “Samira Addo”, Cass Art, Liverpool UK
- 2018 Group, “Portrait Artist of the Year Semi Finalists”, Cass Art Islington, London UK
- 2017 Group, “Diaspora Dialogue”, London UK
- 2017 Group, “Depford X Fringe 2017”, London UK
- 2017 Group, “Parallel Lines, Mums and Daughter’s - ASRRART, London UK
- 2015 Solo, artFix, London UK
- 2015 Group, *Exposure RAW* - Natural Born Artists event, London UK

ARTICLES

- 2018 Hales, Sally. “Making Her Mark” - Artists and Illustrators magazine, August 2018

- 2018 *“Exclusive Interview with the Winner of Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year Winner 2018”* - Cass art blog, March 2018
- 2018 McLoughlin, Jamie. *“Winner's work from Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year now on display in Liverpool”* - Liverpool Echo, 21st March 2018
- 2019 Sana, Chandani. *“Interview with Samira Addo”* - Les Femmes Dans L'Art Magazine, Spring 2019: 38-39

PRESENTATIONS/ WORKSHOPS

- 2019 Portrait Masterclass with Laura Mercier make-up artist's
- 2019 Artist workshop and assembly, Rangefield Primary School, London UK
- 2018 Portrait Masterclass with Sky Art's employees
- 2018 St Mark's CofE Primary assembly

EDUCATION

- 2016 The Art Academy, studied under Nathan Ford
- 2016 Cass Art, studied under Jeremy Burns
- 2015 The Art Academy, studied under Ilaria Rosselli Del Turco
- 2014 Meng in Civil Engineering from UCL, London UK