



HELINA METAFERIA

Lives and works in New York, NY

Education

- 2016 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, ME
2015 MFA, Interdisciplinary Art, Tufts University – School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
2005 BA, Fine Art – Painting, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
2001-2002 Courses toward BFA, Temple University – Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *All Put Together*, Bolinas Art Museum, Bolinas, CA
All Put Together, Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Boston, MA
The Armory Show, solo presentation by Addis Fine Art Gallery, New York, NY
2021 *Helina Metaferia: Generations*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Helina Metaferia: (Middle) Passage for Dreams, New York University's The Gallatin Galleries, New York, NY
Frieze New York, solo presentation by Addis Fine Art Gallery, New York, NY
2020 *Against A Sharp White Background*, Northeastern University's Gallery 360, Boston, MA
Against A Sharp White Background, Auburn University's Biggin Gallery, Auburn, AL
2019 *By Way of Revolution*, Michigan State University's SCENE Metrospace Gallery (with performance at MSU Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum), East Lansing, MI
2018 *Refiguring the Canon*, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC
2017 *Home/Free*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
2015 *Ancestral Honoring*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (solo performance)

Selected Group Exhibitions, Performances, & Video Screenings

- 2024 *Multiplicities: Collage in Contemporary Art*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
2023 *Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st Century Art and Poetics*, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, LA
Multiplicities: Collage in Contemporary Art, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
Ethiopia at the Crossroads, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD
Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
Resting Our Eyes, Institute of Contemporary Art San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
2022 *States of Becoming: Contemporary African Diaspora Artists in the U.S.*, Independent Curators International Traveling Exhibition, premiers at The Africa Center, New York, NY
Untitled Art Fair, presented by Marc Straus Gallery, Miami, FL
Perplexity, Kreeger Museum, Washington, DC

- Sound, Stories*, Locust Projects, Miami, FL
Resilience, Eastville Museum, Sag Harbor, NY
All Together, Martin Luther King Library Art Gallery, Washington, DC
2021 *The Upshot of Trans-Affective Solidarity*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA
Designing Motherhood, Center for Architecture and Design, Philadelphia, PA
NI DE AQUÍ, NI DE ALLÁ, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
From Modern to Contemporary, CFHILL Art Space, Stockholm, Sweden
Artists & Identity: Portraiture, Doppelgänger, Disguise, Art and Culture Center, Hollywood, FL
A.I.R Biennial: An A-Historical Daydream, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Bring it Home, Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery, Bennington College, Bennington, VT
Storying, Residency Unlimited Exhibition @ Andrew Freedman Home Gallery, Bronx, NY
House of Crowns, pop up show at Phillips first floor galleries, New York, NY
Untitled Art Fair, presented by Praise Shadows Gallery, Miami, FL
Art Basel, three person presentation by Addis Fine Art Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
Making Marks, Pentimenti Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Home Is: Contemporary Video Art from Ethiopia, The Israeli Center for Digital Art, Holon, Israel
1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, presented by Addis Fine Art Gallery, London, UK
2020 *A Different Kind of Weapon*, Alabama Contemporary Art Center, Mobile, AL
A Beautiful Struggle, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI
Still Here, HUB-Robeson Gallery - Penn State University, University Park, PA
In/Flux: On Influence, Inspiration, Transformation, Ortega y Gasset Projects, Brooklyn, NY
Cold Hands, Warm Heart, Brentwood Arts Exchange, Brentwood, MD
Time Change, Change Time, Auburn University - Biggin Gallery, Auburn, AL
Craft School, Shelter in Place Gallery, Boston, MA
We Got You: 24 Hour Wide Awake Broadcast, Fridman Gallery, New York, NY
Addis Video Art Festival: Grounded in Movement, WNDX Moving Image Fest, Winnipeg, Canada
Meet Me In The Clouds, Virtual performance commissioned by Sindikit Project, Baltimore, MD
Racism: An American Pandemic, Eastern Connecticut State University Art Gallery, Hartford, CT
2019 *Idol Worship*, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY
Unboxing: Double Speak, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI
Addis Video Art Festival: Mutual Periphery, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Love In the Time of Hysteria, Prizm Art, Miami, FL
Behind the Seen, NARS Foundation, Brooklyn, NY
Still Here, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
Look Us Over, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, Miami, FL
Artscape Performance Series, Baltimore Office of Promotion & Arts, Baltimore, MD
Overlooked, Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston, VA

- Distance*, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, NY
- 2018 *Time Is Love*, Ex-New Centre for Contemporary Art, Sulbiate, Italy (traveling video exhibition in 11 additional countries including France, Germany, Japan, Morocco, United Kingdom)
- Brown Paper Zine Fair*, Studio Museum of Harlem @ Langston Hughes House, New York, NY
- Multiplicities Volume 1: Continuous Unknowing*, Assembly Room, New York, NY
- The Dark Horse*, Prizm Art, Miami FL
- Skowhegan Book Meet*, Skowhegan Space, New York, NY
- Film Festival on Theatre & Performance*, Martin Segal Theatre Center - City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY
- Art Speaks: An Evening of Performance Art*, Feminist Art Project - Art Share LA, Los Angeles, CA
- HyphenAmerica*, Gallery 102 - George Washington University, Washington, DC
- What We Don't Realize When We See Things*, The Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY
- 2017 *Addis Video Art Festival: Love Triangle*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Universal Belonging*, Prizm Art, Miami, FL
- Performance is Alive*, Satellite Art Show, Miami, FL
- Inalienable Truths*, Gallery 102 - George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Freedom*, Space Camp Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- New. Now.*, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC
- Home*, Logan Fringe Arts Space, Washington, DC
- Prismacolor*, Parteojo VideoArt Festival, Barranquilla, Colombia
- Say Her Name: An Evening of Arts and Action*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA
- Art & Academia: 1957 - 2017*, James E. Lewis Museum, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
- Black Girl Lit*, Museum of Contemporary African Diaspora Arts, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 *Black Women Artists for Black Lives Matter*, New Museum, New York, NY
- New Home*, A.P.T. Gallery, London, UK
- Black Women Artists for Black Lives Matter*, The Kitchen, New York, NY
- International Video Art House Madrid Festival*, La Neomudejar Arts Center, Madrid, Spain
- Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory*, Five Myles Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- Spilt Milk*, Thomas Young Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2015 *Addis Video Art Festival: Grounded in Movement*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- What It Is & What It Ain't*, co-curator and artist, Panoply Performance Laboratory, Brooklyn, NY
- Dispositions*, Defibrillator Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Transient Vessels*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design - Pozen Center, Boston, MA
- SMFA MFA Thesis Show*, The Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA

End Recordings, Museum of Fine Arts - Alford Auditorium, Boston, MA
The Great American Performance Art Festival, Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn, NY
Mapping the Dorchesterway, Medicine Wheel Gallery, Boston, MA

Selected Public Art Projects

- 2023 *Tennessee Triennial*, public art commission with Frist Art Museum and Fisk University Art Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 2022 *Social Justice Billboard Project*, public art commission at George Floyd Memorial with Northeast Sculpture Gallery and National Academy of Design, Minneapolis, MN
We've Been Here Before, public art commission with RISD Museum, Providence, RI
- 2021 *Hear Her Hear*, public art commission with For Freedoms, Los Angeles, CA
Not A Monolith, two public murals with Meta Open Arts and ArtBridge at MoCADA in Brooklyn, NY and DreamYard Projects in Bronx, NY
- 2020 *Ministry of Truth: 1984/2020*, Public billboard project with Art at a Time Like This/Save Art Space, Bronx, NY
Art Off-Screen, public performance at Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY

Public Collections

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
RISD Art Museum, Providence, RI
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY
Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, MA

Artist Residencies & Studio Programs

- 2023 Women Studio Workshop, Kingston, NY
Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2021 Silver Art Projects @ World Trade Center, New York, NY
The Drawing Center Viewing Program, New York, NY
Residency Unlimited, Brooklyn, NY
- 2020 Triangle Arts Residency, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 New York Artist Residency & Studios (NARS) Foundation, Brooklyn, NY
Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL
- 2018 Michigan State University - Creative Practice in Critical Race Theory Residency, Lansing, MI
The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH
Virginia Center for Creative Arts - Alonzo Davis Fellowship, Amherst, VA
Lighthouse Works Fellowship, Fisher Island, NY
Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art - Grant Supported Residency, North Adams, MA
- 2017 Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, MI
- 2016 Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
Vermont Studio Center - Full Fellowship, Johnson, VT

Selected Awards, Grants & Fellowships

- 2022 Salomon Research Awards, Brown University, Providence, RI
Center for Study of Race and Ethnicity Practitioner Fellowship, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2021 FST Studio Projects Fund, New York, NY
Lighthouse Works Legacy Grant, Fishers Island, NY
- 2020 Money for Women Visual Arts Grant, Barbara Deming Memorial Fund, Bearsville, NY
- 2019-21 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2018 SMFA Alumni Traveling Fellow, School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts University, Boston, MA
- 2017-18 Hamiltonian Artists Fellowship, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2016 Emergency Grant, Foundation for Contemporary Art, New York, NY
Full Fellowship, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2015-17 AICAD Teaching Fellowship, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 Public Art Grant, Boston Arts Commission, Boston, MA
Montague Travel Grant, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Graduate Student Research Grant, Tufts University, Boston, MA
President's Research Award, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Boit Award, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Selected Bibliography

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Heath, Shaquille. "Women at Rest: Ten Black artists imagine the freedom of leisure at ICA San Francisco's 'Resting Our Eyes' exhibition." *The Cut*.
Lee, Sophie. "Making a Big Investment? Fairchain Is the Art World's Prenup." *Cultured Mag*.
- 2022 D'Souza, Aruna. "Helina Metaferia's New Histories of Revolution." Monograph Book.
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Dozier, Ayanna. "Helina Metaferia Honors the Activist Legacies of Black Women across Collage and Performance." *Artsy*.
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Esposito, Veronica. "In 'Helina Metaferia: All Put Together,' Headdresses Reflect Women's Power." *KQED*.
Waddoup, Ryan. "A Regal Headdress Comes Alive with Relics of BIPOC Activism." *Surface Mag*.
Block, Annie. "Artist Helina Metaferia Celebrates Black Women Activists in Two Solo Show." *Interior Design*.
Editor's Pick. "Our Favorite Art Moments of 2022." *Boston Art Review*.
Davis, Melissa Hunter. "Praise Shadows Announces Two Institutional Acquisitions

- For Works By Helina Metaferia." *Sugarcane Magazine*.
 Editor's Pick. "Looking for a Rising Star? Here are 6 Artists Poised to Break Out After a Strong Showing at Armory Week 2022." *Artnet News*.
 Dozier, Ayanna. "What Sold At the Armory Show 2022." *Artsy*.
 Harper, Daria Simone. "A New Exhibition Extols Sag Harbor's Black and Indigenous History." *W Magazine*.
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 Editor's Pick, "Artists to watch at this year's 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair." *New African Magazine*.
 Thomason, John. "Art and Culture Center Exhibit Redefines the Self-Portrait." *Boca Magazine*.
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 Colby, Celina. "Helina Metaferia harpoons white-driven art world in solo show," *Bay State Banner*.
 McQuaid, Cate. "The Ticket: What's Happening in the Local Arts World," *Boston Globe*.
- 2019 Jenkins, Mark. "In the Galleries: An exhibition that draws attention to overlooked issues," *The Washington Post*.

- Sharp, Sarah Rose. "An Artist Honors the Overlooked Activism of Black Women," *Hyperallergic*.
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Selected Visiting Artist Talks, Lectures & Panels

- 2023 Panelist, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (forthcoming)
Artist in The Studio series, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 2022 Panelist, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, New York, NY
Artist Talk, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
Panelist, The Africa Center, New York, NY
Artist Talk, California State University Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA
Artist Talk/Visiting Critic, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
Artist Talk, New England Historical Genealogical Society, Boston, MA
Artist Talk/Visiting Critic, SMFA @ Tufts University, Boston, MA
- 2021 Artist Talk, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Artist Talk, Frieze NYC Vision and Justice Program, New York, NY
Panelist, College Art Association Conference, New York, NY
Panelist, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

- Artist Talk, New York University's The Gallatin Galleries, New York, NY
 Artist Talk, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
 Panelist, Foundations in Art, Theory & Education (FATE) Conference, Charlotte, NC
- 2020 Artist Talk, MASS Art, Boston, MA
 Artist Talk, San Francisco Art Institute
 Panelist, Art World Conference, New York, NY
 Artist Talk, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
 Artist Talk, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA
 Panelist, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
 Panelist, Area Code Art Fair, Boston, MA
 Panelist, Creative Activism Summit, Public Theater, New York, NY
 Guest Artist/Visiting Critic, Smith College, Northampton, MA
- 2019 Panelist, Black Portraiture[s] V Conference, New York University, New York, NY
 Panelist, Africa Braintrust @ Congressional Black Caucus Conference, Washington, DC
 Panelist, Foundations in Art, Theory & Education (FATE) Conference, Columbus, OH
 Keynote Speaker, Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI
 Artist Talk, Brown University, Providence, RI
 Artist Talk, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
 Artist Talk, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
 Artist Talk, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
 Artist Talk, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2018 Guest Artist/Visiting Critic, The New School/Parsons Fine Art, New York, NY
 Panelist, Black Portraiture[s] IV Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
 Panelist, George Washington University's Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC
 Panel Discussant, College Art Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 Artist Talk, Pratt MWP College of Art and Design, Utica, NY
 Artist Talk, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
 Guest Artist Lecture, The New School, New York, NY
 Artist Talk, California College of Art, San Francisco, CA
 Artist Talk, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI
 Artist Talk, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 Panel Chair & Presenter, Black Portraiture[s] III Conference, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
 Artist Talk, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2015 Graduate Student Commencement Speaker, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

College Teaching Experience

- 2021-Present Assistant Professor, Sculpture, Brown University, Providence, RI
 2019-2021 Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, Sculpture, Brown University, Providence, RI
 2019-2021 Part-Time Visiting Faculty, The New School / Parsons Fine Art, New York, NY

2018-2021 Visiting Professor / Artist in Residence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2015-2017 Full-Time AICAD Post-MFA Fellow, Video/Performance, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA

2013-2015 Teaching Assistant, Painting, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

SELECTED ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-Present *Movements in the Modern Diaspora* — Member of Advisory Group for the exhibition, The Africa Center, New York, NY

2022 *When We Gather* - performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

2021 *Wide Awakes* — Artist and Juneteenth Event Organizer for open source collective, sponsored by For Freedoms, New York, NY

2016 *IDENTIFY: Performance Art as Portraiture* - performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, National Portrait Gallery - Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

2015 *Conversando* - performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, 12th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba

2014 *Habla Lamadre* - performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons for the event Carrie Mae Weems LIVE: Past Tense/Future Present, Solomon J. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY