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2012 MFA in Painting and Drawing, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, California
2008 BA in Studio Art and Communications, University of Alabama in Huntsville

Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 "Toyin Ojih Odutola: A Countervailing Theory", Kunsten Museum of Modern Art in Aalborg, Denmark
- 2020 "Toyin Ojih Odutola: A Countervailing Theory", The Curve, Barbican Centre, London
"Tell Me A Story, I Don't Care If It's True", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
"Tell Me A Story, I Don't Care if It's True", Jack Shainman Gallery (Online virtual exhibition)
- 2018 "When Legends Die", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
"Toyin Ojih Odutola: The Firmament", Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
"Scenes of Exchange", 12th Manifesta Biennial, Orto Botanico di Palermo, Palermo
"Toyin Ojih Odutola: Testing the Name", Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Museum of Art, Savannah, Georgia
- 2017 "Toyin Ojih Odutola: To Wander Determined", Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 2016 "A Matter of Fact: Toyin Ojih Odutola", Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, California
- 2015 "Of Context and Without", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
"Toyin Ojih Odutola: Untold Stories", Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis
- 2014 "Like the Sea", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
- 2013 "The Constant Wrestler", Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art (iMOCA), Indianapolis
"My Country Has No Name", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
- 2011 "(MAPS)", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 "Unexpected Surfaces", Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania
"Plural Possibilities & the Female Body", Henry Art Gallery, Faye G. Allen Center for the Arts, University of Washington
- 2020 "Defying the Shadow", RISD Museum, Providence, Rhode Island
"i'm yours: Encounters with Art in Our Times", ICA Boston, Massachusetts
"UBUNTU: Harry David Art Collection", National Museum of Contemporary Art Athens
"Shifting Gaze: A Reconstruction of The Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art", Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia
"Jean Francois Prat Prize, Sélection de l'édition 2020 Exhibition", Bredin Prat

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- Foundation, Paris
"Nine Lives", The Renaissance Society, Chicago
"Duro Oluwo: Seeing Chicago, Museum of Contemporary Art", Chicago
- 2019 "Driving Forces: Contemporary Art from the Collection of Ann and Ron Pizzuti", Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio
"Nicolas Party: Pastel", The FLAG Art Foundation, New York
"EMBODY", Mandeville Gallery, Union College, Schenectady, New York
"I Am...: Contemporary Women Artists of Africa", National Museum of African Art (Smithsonian), Washington D.C.
"Prospect", Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, California
"Future Generation Art Prize @ Venice 2019", 58th Venice Biennale, Palazzo Ca'Tron, IUAV University, Venice
"Plumb Line: Charles White and the Contemporary", California African American Museum, Los Angeles
"Drawn Together Again", The FLAG Art Foundation, New York
"Future Generation Art Prize Exhibition of Shortlisted Artists", PinchukArtCentre, Kiev
"Show Me as I Want to Be Seen", The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco
"Damn! The Defiant", Fredericks & Freiser Gallery, New York
"Art on Paper 2019: The 45th Exhibition", Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro
"Presence: Meditations on the Spelman College Collection", Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta
"Highlights From the Sweet Briar Collection", Pannell Gallery, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia
- 2018 "Pulse", Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas
"Shifting Gaze: A Reconstruction of The Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art", Mennello Museum of American Art, Florida
"For Opacity: Elijah Burgher, Toyin Ojih Odutola, and Nathaniel Mary Quinn", The Drawing Center, New York
"In This Imperfect Present Moment", Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington
"Histórias Afro-Atlânticas (Afro-Atlantic Histories)", Museum of Art São Paulo (MASP), São Paulo
"Random Search: Mining the Archives of Tamarind Institute", University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
"Orientation: The Racial Imaginary Institute Biennial", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York
"The Racial Imaginary Institute: On Whiteness", The Kitchen, New York
"Legacy of the Cool: A Tribute to Barkley L. Hendricks", Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston
- 2017 "Visionary: Viewpoints on Africa's Arts", National Museum of African Art (Smithsonian), Washington, DC
"Ethics of Depiction: Landscape, Still Life, Human", Oakland University Art Gallery, Rochester, Michigan
"Dialogues in Drawing", Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco
"A Painting Today", Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town
"Vanishing Points", James Cohan Gallery, New York
"Political Discourse", University Hall Gallery, UMass Boston, Massachusetts
- 2016 "Africa Forecast: Fashioning Contemporary Life, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia
"Material Issue", Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, Kentucky
"Stark Imagery: The Male Nude in Art", William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, Connecticut
"Making Her Mark", Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, Connecticut

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- "The Mecca", JCT Gallery, Toronto, Canada
"Black: Color, Material", Concept, Studio Museum Harlem, New York
- 2015 "Disguise: Masks and Global African Art", Seattle Art Museum, Washington
"Disguise: Masks and Global African Art", Fowler Museum at UCLA, Los Angeles, California
"Disguise: Masks and Global African Art", Brooklyn Museum, New York
"Interventions in Printmaking: Three Generations of African American Women", Allentown Art Museum of the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania
"SELF: Portraits of Artists in Their Absence", National Academy Museum of Art, New York
"Piece by Piece: Building a Collection", Selections from the Christy & Bill Gautreaux Collection, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri
"Status Quo", Jack Shainman Gallery's The School, Kinderhook, New York
"Breath/Breadth: Contemporary American Black Male Identity", Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia
"Young, Gifted, and Black", Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2014 "Black Eye", Curated by Nicola Vassell, Concept NV, New York
"Other Ways; Other Times: Influences of African-American Tradition from St. Louis Collections", Philip Slein Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri
"I See You", Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Art, Charlotte, North Carolina
"southXeast: Southeastern Contemporary Art", Schmidt Center Gallery and Ritter Art Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, School of the Arts, Boca Raton, Florida
"Mise En Scène", Jack Shainman Gallery's The School, Kinderhook, New York
"The Mosaic Project: Ojih Odutola & Panas", Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- 2013 "The Six Draughtsmen", Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA), Brooklyn, New York
"Black Hair: Black Identity", Iona College Chapman Gallery, New Rochelle, New York
"Singular Masses: An Examination of Racial Identity", Hyde Gallery, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee
"The Moment for Ink", Chinese Cultural Center, San Francisco, California
"Ballpoint Pen Drawing Since 1950", Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, Connecticut
"Seven Sisters", Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 2012 "Fore and Gordon Parks: A Harlem Family 1967", Studio Museum in Harlem, New York
"The Progress of Love", Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
"Afro: Black Identity in America and Brazil", Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico
"Falling Through Space Drawn by the Line", UB Art Galleries, University at Buffalo, New York
- 2011 "The Black Portrait", Rush Gallery, New York, New York
"Frontrunners: The San Francisco Foundation 2011 Murphy & Cadogan Fellowship Awards Exhibition", SOMArts, San Francisco, California
"Geoffrey Chadsey, Toyin Ojih Odutola and Artifacts from Nagaland", Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, Curated by Claude Simard
"Ouroboros: An Exhibition & Reading", California College of the Arts Writer's Studio, San Francisco, Curated by Toyin Ojih Odutola and Nick Johnson
"Selections on View", Contemporary Galleries, Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama
- 2007 "Yale/Norfolk Summer Art Fellowship Student Exhibition", Norfolk, Connecticut

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Projects

- 2021 Contributing Column, Elephant Magazine (ongoing)
2014 “The Art Assignment”, PBS Digital Studios

Residencies

- 2017-18 Lida A. Orzeck Distinguished Artist-in-Residence, Barnard College
2016 Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, California
2014 Tamarind Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Flying Horse Editions, College of Arts & Humanities at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida
2012 Tamarind Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Flying Horse Editions, College of Arts & Humanities at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

Awards

- 2020 “Artist of the Year”, Apollo Awards
“Prix Jean-François Prat Lauréate”, The Bredin Prat Foundation
2019 Induction to National Academy of Design
2018 “Rees Visionary Award”, Amref Health Africa
2011 “Murphy and Cadogan Fellowship Award”, The San Francisco Foundation
2007 “Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship Grant”, Yale School of Art Norfolk

Public Collections

The Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois
Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland
Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama
Blenheim Art Foundation, Woodstock, United Kingdom
The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii
The Dean Collection, New York, New York
Frye Art Museum, Seattle, Washington
The Giuseppe Iannaccone Collection, Milan, Italy
Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, Massachusetts
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami, Florida
Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York
Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, Mississippi
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, California
Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
The National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

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National Portrait Gallery, London, United Kingdom
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
The Pizzuti Collection of Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, New Jersey
RISD Museum of Art, Providence, Rhode Island
Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence, Kansas
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, New York
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York

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Marashi, Amir. "A Woman's Right to Pleasure". Black Book.
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