

# Helina Metaferia

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## EDUCATION

- 2016 **Participant**, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2015 **MFA - Interdisciplinary Art**, Tufts University - School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2005 **BA - Fine Art**, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
- 2001 **Course study**, Temple University - Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 **Home/Free**, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA (\*\*juried exhibition)
- 2015 **Ancestral Honoring**, Linde Family Wing for Contemporary Art - Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2014 **Re-Collections**, Mission Hill Gallery - School of Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2013 **Great Migration**, International African Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, MD
- 2012 **Helina Metaferia: Divine Feminine**, River Views Artspace, Lynchburg, VA
- 2010 **Journey**, Jenness Building Gallery - Williams College, Williamstown, MA
- 2007 **Finding Womban**, Theater Project, Baltimore, MD

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES & VIDEO SCREENINGS

- 2017 **Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory**, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA (forthcoming)  
**Say Her Name: An Evening of Arts and Action**, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
**Art & Academia: 1957 - 2017**, James E. Lewis Museum, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
**Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory**, 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  
**CAKE**, Panoply Performance Laboratory, Brooklyn, 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 Through Movement**, Museum of Modern Art, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**What It Is and What It Ain't** - co-curator and featured artist, Panoply Performance Laboratory, Brooklyn, NY  
**Dispositions**, Defibrillator Gallery, Chicago, IL  
**Transient Vessels**, Massachusetts College of Art and Design - Pozen Center, Boston, MA  
**Performance Forum: Alpha Wormyn**, Panoply Performance Laboratory, Brooklyn, NY  
**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
- 2014 **Performance as Life** - co-curator and featured artist, Panoply Performance Lab, Brooklyn, NY  
**Performance Platform Lublin**, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin, Poland  
**Not Obtuse if You Look Harder**, Piano Factory Gallery, Boston, MA

- Oppositional Realities**, Emerson College Gallery, Boston, MA  
**Convergence Part I**, Khaki Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2012 **Morgan Touch: Reflecting on Influence, Identity, and Purpose**, James E. Lewis Museum - Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
- Dialogues**, International Visions Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2011 **Sacred Reflections: Creative Visions of Faith**, David C. Driskell Center - University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 2008 **Celebrating Abyssinia to Harlem and Back** - co-curator and featured artist, Canvas Paper and Stone Gallery, New York, NY
- Black Women's Art Festival**, Vivant Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 **Harlem Artists**, Casa Frela Gallery, New York, NY  
**Home Base**, Canvas Paper and Stone Gallery, New York, NY  
**African Artists Celebrating Ethiopian Millennium**, Blackburn Gallery - Howard University, Washington, DC  
**Girls Gotta Run**, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY

#### SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & RESIDENCIES

- 2017 **Artist in Residence (Summer Arts Residency)** - Ox-bow, Saugatuck, MI (forthcoming)
- 2016 **Artist in Residence & Grant Support** - Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY  
**Artist in Residence & Full Fellowship** - Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
**Participant & Full Fellowship** - Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME  
**AICAD Post-Graduate Teaching Fellowship** - San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA  
**Foundation for Contemporary Art Emergency Grant** - Foundation for Contemporary Art, New York, NY
- Professional Development Grant** - San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 **AICAD Post-Graduate Teaching Fellowship** - San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA  
**Professional Development Grant** - San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA  
**Graduate Student Travel Grant** - Tufts University, Boston, MA  
**MFA Fellowship in Painting and Sculpture Nomination** — Dedalus Foundation, New York, NY
- 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 PRESS

- 2017 Kost, Ryan, "Artist explores what it means to have a home," *San Francisco Chronicle*, February 1, 2017
- 2015 McQuaid, Cate, "Head of the class: Six promising talents from local art schools," *The Boston Globe*, April 24, 2015  
Taylor, Blake E., "Museum of Fine Arts and Citizen's Bank team up to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day," *The Mass Media*, January 26, 2015
- 2014 Nikkitha Bakshani, "10 Things to Do in Brooklyn for \$10 or Less This Weekend," *Village Voice*, November 7, 2014  
Doerfler, Andrew, "Defining contemporary art, or not: Student curators bring disparate artists to campus gallery," *The Berkeley Beacon*, January 23, 2014

#### SELECTED VISITING ARTIST LECTURES, PANELS, TALKS

- 2017 **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
- 2010 **Artist Talk**, Williams College, Williamstown, MA
- 2009 **Artist Talk**, Corcoran College of Art & Design, Washington, DC

## SELECTED COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-2017

**Full-time AICAD Post-Graduate Teaching Fellowship**, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA.  
 (Courses in the Graduate, New Genres, and Foundation Departments: *Graduate Critique Seminar, Contemporary Practice, New Genres I, New Genres II, Beginning Performance & Video, Issues in Contemporary Art: Performance Art, Graduate Seminar/Studio: The Artist's Body*)  
 (Committees: Academic Program Assessment Committee, Committee on Diversity and Equity, Faculty Search Committee for next AICAD Post-Graduate Teaching Fellow)

2014-2015

**Graduate Teaching Fellowship**, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (*City Studio Program*)

2013-2015

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (Graduate and undergraduate courses in Performance and Painting Departments: *Performance Persona, Graduate Painting Studio, Intermediate Painting Studio, Death of Paining Seminar*)

## SELECTED ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 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
- 2011 **Markings** - sculpture assistant to Martha Jackson Jarvis, Kreeger Museum, Washington, DC