

About Natnael Ashebir

Natnael Ashebir (b. 1995, Ethiopia) is a multidisciplinary artist whose practice spans painting, drawing, and photography. His work critically engages with themes of history, identity, memory, and belonging, examining how individual and collective experiences inform the construction of self and place. Through his nuanced exploration of these intersections, Natnael crafts compelling visual narratives that bridge personal reflection and broader sociocultural inquiry.

He holds a BFA from the Alle School of Fine Art and Design (2021), a diploma from Entoto Polytechnic College (2016), and a certificate from Abyssinia Fine Art School (2013). In 2022, he received second prize at the Emerging Painting Invitational (EPI) Prize. Based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Natnael continues to expand his multidisciplinary practice, fostering a dialogue between tradition and contemporary expression.



Natnael Ashebir, Vessel of Becoming 04, 2024

CV

Solo Exhibitions

2021

'Layers of life', Guramayne art Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Group exhibitions

2024

'Light + Space II', THK Gallery, Cape Town

'The Center of Fantasy', O'da Art Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

'Common Space', Artawi Gallery, Adiss Ababa, Ethiopia

2023

African Photo Fair, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

'Antifragile,' Circle art gallery, Nairobi Kenya

Contemporary Ethiopia, Quoz Arts Fest, AKKA Project Dubai, UAE

2022

Ethiopian Highlight, Artsy Show, Circle Art Gallery Nairobi, Kenya

'Young vigor', ETmetro Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

'Ties that bind us', The cowrie culture, Accra, Ghana

2021

ART X Lagos, The Dada Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

2018

'Memorial No 7', Italian Cultural Institution, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

'Reflection 3', Fendika Cultural Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2017

'Three generation', Fendika Cultural Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

'Reflection 2', Denq Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2015

'Reflection 1', Taza Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2013

National Theatre Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Prizes and Awards

2022
Second prize winner, Emerging Painting Invitational, EPI

Residencies

2023
32 Degree East Ugandan arts trust, Kampala, Uganda

2022
AU20 Residency program, Dakar, Senegal