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EDUCATION

2026

PhD in Artistic Research, Oslo National Academy of the Arts, Oslo, Norway

2015

MA in Contemporary Art, Academy of Contemporary Art and Creative Writing, University of Tromsø, Norway

2010

BFA (with great distinction) in Painting, Ale School of Fine Arts and Design, Addis Abeba University, Ethiopia

SOLO

2027 (upcoming)

Trøndelag Center for Contemporary Art, Trondheim, Norway

2026

Victoria Huset, Performance, Sustaining the otherwise, Botanical Garden, Oslo, Norway

2026

KORO Public Art Commission, Hogskolen på Vestlandet, Haugesund, Norway

2026

Your Holy Water, Gallery LNM, Oslo, Norway

2025

Eye of a water - ዐይኑ ውሃ Nitja Center for Contemporary Art, Norway

2025

Vannøye ዐይኑ ውሃ, Guttormsgaard Archive, Blaker, Norway

2024-2025

Entrusting and retrieving books to Glomma, Guttormsgaard Archive, Blaker, Norway

2023

Practising Water; report #1 - Kunsthall Oslo

2022

Faces of Stories - Kunsthallen Lingen, Lingen, Germany

2022

Interior Landscapes - Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø, Norway

2022

Jebenas - In the Closet, Oslo, Norway

2020

Lecture performance, *Addis News Paper- The Chinese Issue* – Guramayne Art Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2019

Making the News: Reading between the lines, from Peterloo to Meskel Square, The Portico Library, Manchester, UK

2018

Min Nebere? Modern Art Museum, GKDC, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

2018

Floating Jebenas, Fendika Cultural center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2018

Confluence, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
 2017
There is no Politics in Painting?, Marabouparken, Stockholm, Sweden
 2016
NADA Miami, Solo representation, Tiwani Contemporary, Miami, USA
 2016
Constellated Dots, Small Projects, Tromsø, Norway
 2016
Adbar, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
 2015
Adbar, Kurant Visningsrom, Tromsø, Norway

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026
 Fotogalleriet, Oslo, Norway
 2025
 Musafiri; Travelers and Guests, HKW, Berlin, Germany
 2024
 Land of Fire, Kuntshalle Bega, Timisoara, Romania
 2023
 Cleansing and Cleaning Rituals with Margrethe Pettersen, Oslo, Norway
 2023
 Chart Art Fair, Copenhagen, Denmark
 2022
 Nobel Peace Center, Oslo, Norway
 2021
This is Not Africa; Unlearn what you have learned. ARoS Art Museum, Aarhus, Denmark
Death to the Curator, As part of GIZE Collective, Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo, Norway
Home Is, The Israeli Center for Digital Art, Israel
 2020
Coming-together, Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo, Norway
 2019
 RE:PUBLIC, Circle Art gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
 2019
Addis 2019 - Africa as Concept and Method: Emancipation, Decolonization, Freedom, Addis Abeba Museum, Ethiopia
 2018
Addis Foto Fest, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
ነገሪ : Manifesto, Guramayne Art Centre, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
 Harstad Skole, Harstad, Norway
 Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa
 2017
The Oslo Museum of Contemporary Art, Oslo Kunsthall, Oslo, Norway
 Festival of Future Nows 2017→∞, Hamburger Bahnhof - Museum für Gegenwart - Berlin
Art Brussels, Prime Section, Tiwani Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
Agora Artes, Akademie Der Kunste
Field Work, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK
 2016
 Uncertain States, Akademie Der Kunste, Berlin, Germany

IVAHM, New Media Arts Festival, Museum la Neomudejar, Madrid, Spain
2015

Addis International Video Art Festival, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

MFA Show, Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø, Norway

Art Future/Future Signs, Riga, Latvia

Mondo, Lofoten International Art Festival (LIAF), Svolvær, Norway

Cinema Lada, Modern Art Museum/Gebre Kristos Desta Center, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

Cinema Extension, RomeAfrica Film Festival, Rome, Italy

Grounded in Movement, Lumen Festival, New York, NY, USA

Øyet I Handen, Tegnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway

2014

Old News, Festival of Future Nows, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany

Freskt Kjott, Gallery Kurant, Tromsø, Norway

Collaborative Attempt, Gallery Snerk, Tromsø, Norway

Addis Art Fair, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

2013

Fana Wogi, Modern Art Museum/Gebre Kristos Desta Center, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

Quansa Revisited, Listros Gallery, Berlin, Germany

50th Anniversary of the African Union, National Museum, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

Heart to Heart from Rome to Addis, National Theatre Gallery, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

2012

Jan Meda, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

Café Town (two-person show with Emanuel Tegene), National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

Survivart Exhibition, Gallerea Meinblau, Berlin, Germany

Ethiopian Visual Artists Association, Laphto Center, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

2011

Summer Festival, Video Documentary, Berlin, Germany

Free Thought #1, Nesta Art Village/Alliance Ethio-Français, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

Four Freedoms, US Embassy, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

2010

50th Anniversary of African Independence, Paris, France

BFA Graduation Show, ASFAD, Addis Abeba University, Ethiopia

2009

Listro Project, International Artists, Berlin, Germany

Love Project, Art of Artists' Books, Ethiopia/Zimbabwe/USA

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2026

BKV Artist Stipend, Three years, Norway

2025

Statenskunststipend, One Year, Norway

2022

Lingen art Prize, Kunsthall Lingen, Germany

2022

Exhibition Grant, Kunstsentren i Norge, Norway

2018

First Africa Artist in Residence, Tel Aviv, Israel

2017

Iaspis, the Swedish Arts Grants Committee's International Programme for Visual and Applied

Artists.

2016

Kulturradet Stipend for graduate Artists, Tromso, Norway

2016

Junge Akademie one year Scholarship, Akademie der Kunst, Berlin, Germany

2014-2015

Quota Scheme, two Years Scholarship, Tromso, Norway

2011

Artist in Residence, Zoma Contemporary Art Center, Harla, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia

Freedom from Fear, Norman Rockwell Foundation, US Embassy, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

2010

Gold Medal for Outstanding Student of the Year, Addis Abeba University, Ethiopia

Publication

-*The Climate Reader: Propositions, poetics, operations*, L'Internationale Online, 2026

-Robel Temesgen. *Faces of Stories*, Kunsthall Lingen, Lingen, 2023

-Robel Temesgen. *Practising Water; report #1*. Solo exhibition catalog, Kunsthall Oslo, 2023

-*Where is Africa Volume 1*. Emanuel Admassu and Anita Batman (PhD), CARA, 2023

-*As you go... the road under your feet, towards the new future*. Mousse Publishing, Belgrade,

-*2022 Collectors Series: Artists and Cities*. TSA, Lagos|Amsterdam, 2022

-*Death to the Curator*. Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo, 2021

-*This is not Africa; Unlearn what you have learned*. Exhibition Catalog, ARos Museum, Aros, 2021

-*Re:Public*. Tegene Kunbi, Robel Temesgen. Circle Art gallery, Nairobi, 2019

-*Poetry Jazz; Wax and gold*. Institute for Spatial Experiments, Berlin, 2019

-*Min Nebere? Robel Temesgen, Henok Melkamzer*, Exhibition Catalog, GKDC, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, 2018

-Robel Temesgen. *Jebenas*. Solo Exhibition Catalog, Fendika Cultural Center, Addis Ababa, 2017

-*MA*. Graduation Catalog, Tromso Academy of Contemporary Art, Tromso, 2015