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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, Alle School of Fine Arts and Design, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027 (upcoming)	*Trøndelag Center for Contemporary Art*, Trondheim, Norway
2026	*KORO Public Art Commission*, Hogskolen på Vestlandet, Haugesund, Norway
2026	*Your Holy Water*, Gallery LNM, Oslo, Norway
2025	*Eye of a Water* - ዐይነ-ውሃ, Nitja Center for Contemporary Art, Norway
2025	*Vannøye* ዐይነ-ውሃ, Guttormsgaard Archive, Blaker, Norway
2024-2025	*Entrusting and retrieving books to Glomma*, Guttormsgaard Archive, Blaker, Norway
2023	*Practising Water; report #1*, Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo, Norway
2022	*Faces of Stories*, Kunsthalle 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 Ababa, 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	*BORDERCROSSERS*, Fotogalleriet, Oslo, Norway
2026	*Namesake*, performance, part of Sustaining the Otherwise, Victoria Huset, Botanical Garden, Oslo, Norway
2025	*Musafiri: Travellers and Guests*, HKW, Berlin, Germany
2024	*Land of Fire*, Kunsthalle 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

2021 *Death to the Curator*, As part of GIZE Collective, Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo, Norway

2021 *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 Ababa Museum, Ethiopia

2018 *Addis Foto Fest*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2018 *ነጋሪ : Manifesto*, Guramayne Art Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2018 *Harstad Skole*, Harstad, Norway

2018 *Cape Town Art Fair*, Cape Town, South Africa

2017 *The Oslo Museum of Contemporary Art*, Oslo Kunsthall, Oslo, Norway

2017 *Festival of Future Nows 2017→ ∞*, Hamburger Bahnhof - Museum für Gegenwart - Berlin, Germany

2017 *Art Brussels*, Prime Section, Tiwani Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium

2017 *Agora Artes*, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Germany

2017 *Field Work*, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK

2016 *Uncertain States*, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Germany

2016 *IVAHM*, New Media Arts Festival, Museum la Neomudejar, Madrid, Spain

2015 *Addis International Video Art Festival*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2015 *MFA Show*, Tromsø Kunstforening, Tromsø, Norway

2015 *Art Future/Future Signs*, Riga, Latvia

2015 *Mondo*, Lofoten International Art Festival (LIAF), Svolvaer, Norway

2015 *Cinema Lada*, Modern Art Museum/Gebre Kristos Desta Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2015 *Cinema Extension*, RomeAfrica Film Festival, Rome, Italy

2015 *Grounded in Movement*, Lumen Festival, New York, NY, USA

2015 *Øyet I Handen*, Tegnerforbundet, Oslo, Norway

2014 *Old News*, Festival of Future Nows, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, Germany

2014 *Freskt Kjott*, Gallery Kurant, Tromsø, Norway

2014 *Collaborative Attempt*, Gallery Snerk, Tromsø, Norway

2014 *Addis Art Fair*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2013 *Fana Wogi*, Modern Art Museum/Gebre Kristos Desta Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2013 *Quansa Revisited*, Listros Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2013 50th Anniversary of the African Union, National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2013 *Heart to Heart from Rome to Addis*, National Theatre Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2012 *Jan Meda*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2012 *Café Town (two-person show with Emanuel Tegene)*, National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2012 *Survivart Exhibition*, Galerie Meinblau, Berlin, Germany

2012	*Ethiopian Visual Artists Association*, Laphto Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2011	*Summer Festival*, Video Documentary, Berlin, Germany
2011	*Free Thought #1*, Nesta Art Village/Alliance Ethio-Français, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2011	*Four Freedoms*, US Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2010	50th Anniversary of African Independence, Paris, France
2010	*BFA Graduation Show*, ASFAD, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
2009	*Listro Project*, International Artists, Berlin, Germany
2009	*Love Project*, Art of Artists' Books, Ethiopia/Zimbabwe/USA

TEACHING

2010–present	Alle School of Fine Arts and Design, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. Assistant professor (2026–present), Lecturer (2010–2026)
2024, 2025, 2026	Guest professor, Oslo National Academy of the Arts (KHiO), Oslo, Norway

TALKS AND LECTURES

2026	Public lecture, MA Forum: Practising Water: Rituals, Engagements, and Artistic Research, with L'Internationale Online, HDK-Valand, Glashuset, Gothenburg, Sweden
2026	Artist talk, BlackBox, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway
2026	Keynote, Research Week (30th anniversary of KHiO and the national Artistic Research Programme), Oslo National Academy of the Arts, Oslo, Norway
2025	Panel, Climate Forum IV: Financialization of the Environment; Fluid Practices of Survival and Resistance, L'Internationale (online)
2025	Artist conversation, Musafiri; Of Travellers and Guests, Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW), Berlin, Germany
2024	Artist talk, Marginalised art histories and their potential, Timisoara, Romania
2023	Artist talk, 30:ti, Kunstnernes Hus, Oslo, Norway
2023	Artistic research lecture, Sleeping with(in) Water, Oslo National Academy of the Arts, Oslo, Norway
2022	Artist talk, Kunsthalle Lingen, Lingen, Germany
2022	Presentation, Unreasonable collectivity (GIZE Collective), PhD in Practice, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Austria
2022	Artist talk, PhD in Practice, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Austria
2022	Panel, Synthesising Synergy: Building Afro-centric solutions through intra-continental collaborations, African Art in Venice Forum, Venice, Italy
2019	KUNO keynote, Reflections on International Aspects in Arts Education, University of Tromsø, Norway
2017	Artist talk, Dialoguing the Social, Moderna Museet, Malmö, Sweden
2016	Panel, Uncertain States, with Olafur Eliasson, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Germany
2016	Conversation with Hans Ulrich Obrist, in connection with the solo exhibition Adbar, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

2025	Guided tour, Eye of a Water, Nitja Center for Contemporary Art, Lillestrom, Norway
2024	Book launch, Where is Africa (ed. Emanuel Admassu and Anita Batman), CARA, New York, NY, USA
2023	Book launch, Practising Water; report #1, CHART Art Fair, Copenhagen, Denmark
2022	Book launch, As you go... roads under your feet, towards the new future, Bor, Serbia
2022	Workshop, Turn2 Lab #1, Nairobi Contemporary Art Center, Nairobi, Kenya
2021	Workshop, Addis Newspaper, Maddi, Tromsø, Norway
2019	Workshop, Addis Newspaper, Tromsø Academy of Contemporary Art, Tromsø, Norway
2019	Reading performances, Addis Newspaper: To Care is to Become, Addis Ababa Museum, and Censorship, Cultural Struggle, and Freedom, Selam Culture Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

PUBLICATIONS

2026	The Climate Reader: Propositions, poetics, operations, L'Internationale Online
2025	Contributions to 100 Words for Water: A Projective Ecosocial Vocabulary, Lars Müller Publishers
2024	Where is Africa Volume 1 (ed. Emanuel Admassu and Anita Batman), CARA, New York
2023	Robel Temesgen. Faces of Stories, Kunsthalle Lingen, Lingen
2023	Robel Temesgen. Practising Water; report #1. Solo exhibition catalog, Kunsthall Oslo
2023	As you go... the road under your feet, towards the new future. Mousse Publishing, Belgrade
2022	2022 Collectors Series: Artists and Cities. TSA, Lagos|Amsterdam
2021	Death to the Curator. Kunsthall Oslo, Oslo
2021	This is not Africa; Unlearn what you have learned. Exhibition Catalog, ARoS Museum, Aarhus
2019	Re:Public. Tegene Kunbi, Robel Temesgen. Circle Art gallery, Nairobi
2019	Poetry Jazz; Wax and gold. Institute for Spatial Experiments, Berlin
2018	Min Nebere? Robel Temesgen, Henok Melkamzer, Exhibition Catalog, GKDC, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa
2017	Robel Temesgen. Jebenas. Solo Exhibition Catalog, Fendika Cultural Center, Addis Ababa
2017	Amulet. Marabouparken, Stockholm
2015	MA. Graduation Catalog, Tromsø Academy of Contemporary Art, Tromsø

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2026-2028	BKV Artist Stipend, Three years, Norway
2025	Statens Kunststipend, One Year, Norway
2022	Lingen Art Prize, Kunsthalle 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, Tromsø, Norway
2016	Junge Akademie one year Scholarship, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, Germany
2014-2015	Quota Scheme, two Years Scholarship, Tromsø, Norway
2011	Artist in Residence, Zoma Contemporary Art Center, Harla, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia
2011	Freedom from Fear, Norman Rockwell Foundation, US Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2010	Gold Medal for Outstanding Student of the Year, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia