

Amoako Boafo Biography

Born in 1984, Accra, Ghana.
Lives and works in Accra, Ghana.

Education:

2008 Ghanatta College of Art and Design, Accra, Ghana.
2014 MFA, Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna.

Selected Solo Exhibitions:

2026 *Amoako Boafo: I Bring Home with Me*. Roberts Projects, Los Angeles.
2025 *Amoako Boafo: I Do Not Come to You by Chance*. Gagosian, Grosvenor Hill, London.
Amoako Boafo: I Have Been Here Before. Wooyang Museum of Contemporary Art, Gyeongju, South Korea.
2024 *Amoako Boafo: Proper Love*. Belvedere Museum, Vienna.
Amoako Boafo: The One That Got Away. Mariane Ibrahim, Mexico City.
2023 *Amoako Boafo: Soul of Black Folks*. Denver Art Museum.
Amoako Boafo: What could possibly go wrong, if we tell it like it is. Gagosian, 980 Madison Avenue, New York. Traveled to: dot.ateliers, Accra, Ghana.
2022 *Amoako Boafo: Home grown*. dot.ateliers, Accra, Ghana.
Amoako Boafo: Inside Out. Mariane Ibrahim, Paris.
2021 *Amoako Boafo: Soul of Black Folks*. Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco. Traveled to: Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, 2022; Seattle Art Museum, 2023.
Amoako Boafo: Singular Duality: Me Can Make We. Roberts Projects, Los Angeles.
2020 *Amoako Boafo: I Stand by Me*. Mariane Ibrahim, Chicago.
2019 *Amoako Boafo: I See Me*. Roberts Projects, Los Angeles.
2018 *Amoako Boafo: Re-Masculinity*. Brazil House, Accra, Ghana.
2017 *Amoako Boafo: Detoxing Masculinity*. We Dey xSpace, Vienna.
Amoako Boafo: Night School. Volkskunde Museum, Vienna.
Amoako Boafo: Step Into the Darkness. Kunsthalle Vienna.

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2025 *It's in the Little Things*. Gagosian, Burlington Arcade, London.
Ever So Present II: Between Home and Elsewhere. Gagosian, Park & 75, New York.
When We See Us: A Century of Black Figuration in Painting. Bozar Centre for Fine Arts, Brussels.
2024 *Revolutions: Art from the Hirshhorn Collection, 1860-1960*. Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC.
Some Dogs Go to Dallas. Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas.
2023 *Accra! The Rise of a Global Art Community*. Columbus Museum of Art, OH.

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- Strike Fast, Dance Lightly: Artists on Boxing.* FLAG Art Foundation, New York.
Traveled to: Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL, 2024.
- Au bout de mes rêves.* Tripostal Lille, France.
- Tenth Anniversary of The Long Museum.* Long Museum, Shanghai.
- When We See Us: A Century of Black Figuration in Painting.* Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, Cape Town, South Africa. Traveled to:
Kunstmuseum Basel, 2024.
- 2022 *Reclaiming Magic.* Royal Academy of Art, London.
In Our Time: Selections from Singer Collection. Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, AZ.
- 2021 *Behind This Wall.* Longlati Foundation, Hong Kong.
- 2020 *Synchronicity.* Roberts Projects, Los Angeles.
Wish You Were Here. Roberts Projects, Los Angeles.
Xenia: Crossroads in Portrait Painting. Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York.
OPEN STORAGE. Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL.
- 2019 *Two Ages: Young.* Crone Side, Berlin.
As long as we are flying all this world ain't got no end. Luce Gallery, Turin, Italy.
Guerilla of Enlightenment. Rotor Center for Contemporary Art, Graz, Austria.
- 2018 *Tell Me.* Red House Galerie Bodenseekreis, Meersburg, Germany.
Archipelago: Island of Unpredictable Thinking. Wiener Festwochen, Hauptbüchereiam Gürtel, Vienna.
Your Pressure is My Pleasure. Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna.
- 2017 *Rethinking Afropolitan: The Ethics of Black Atlantic Masculinities.* College of Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.
Walter Koschatzky Art Prize. Hofstallungen Mumok, Vienna.
Decolonial Borderlands. Akademie der Bildenden Künste Vienna.
- 2016 *Anticolonial Fantasies.* Friday Exit, Vienna.
- 2015 *Familiarities– Unexpected Queerings.* VBKO, Vienna.

Awards and Honors:

- 2019 STRABAG Artaward International, Vienna.
- 2017 Walter Koschatzky Art Prize, Vienna.
- 2014 culturGemma!, Arbeitsstipendium der Stadt Wien.
- 2008 Best Portrait Painter of the Year, Ghanatta College of Art and Design, Accra, Ghana.
- 2007 Best Abstract Painter of the Year, Ghanatta College of Art and Design, Accra, Ghana.

Collections:

Aishti Foundation, Antelias, Lebanon
Albertina, Vienna
Baltimore Museum of Art
Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL
Blenheim Foundation, Woodstock, England
CCS Bard College, Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
City of Miami Beach Art Collection, Miami
Columbus Museum of Art at The Pizzuti, OH
Denver Art Museum

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Hammer Museum, Los Angeles
High Museum of Art, Atlanta
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC
Leopold Museum, Vienna
Long Museum, Shanghai
Longlati Foundation, Shanghai
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Louis Vuitton Foundation, Paris
Minneapolis Institute of Art
Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris
Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC
Rubell Museum, Miami
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
Tate, London
Vanhaerents Art Collection, Brussels