

J. D. 'OKHAI OJEIKERE

Born in 1930, Ovbionu, Nigeria

Died in 2014, Lagos, Nigeria, where he lived and worked

Solo exhibitions

2013

J.D.'Okhai Ojeikere : Hairstyle, Wilmotte Gallery at Lichfield Studios, London, England

2005

J.D. 'Okhai Ojeikere : Hairstyles, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, USA, January 15 - March 5, 2005
Hairstyle, Maison de France, Lagos, Nigeria, 2005

2002

Hairstyle, Wedge Gallery, Toronto, Canada, May 5 - June 2, 2002

2001

J.D.'Okhai Ojeikere, MAMCO, Geneva, Switzerland, February 21 - April 29, 2001

2000

J.D.'Okhai Ojeikere, Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France, April 4 - May 27, 2000

1995

J.D.'Okhai Ojeikere, National Arts Council, Lagos, Nigeria

Group exhibitions

2025

Au-delà des apparences – Parcours amoureux de l'art moderne et contemporain d'Afrique, Musée d'art et d'histoire de Genève, Switzerland, October 16 – November 23, 2025

2023

Trace – Formations of Likeness, The Walther Collection, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany, April 14 – July 23, 2023

Constellation, MAGNIN-A, Paris, France, January 21 - March 18, 2023

2022

Cosmogony. Zinsou - An African Art Collection, CoBrA Museum, Amstelveen, The Netherlands, October 7, 2022 - January 8, 2023

2021

Africa Tambien, Galeria Tambien, Ibiza, Spain, July 15 - September 30, 2021

Cosmogonies. Zinsou, une collection africaine, MO.CO Hôtel, Montpellier, France, July 3 - October 10, 2021

Vive l'Afrique !!, La FAB, Paris, France, May 21 - July 24, 2021

HERITAGE, MAGNIN-A, Paris, France, March 6 - May 8, 2021

2019

The Way She Looks : History of Female Gazes in African Portraiture, The Walther Collection, Ryerson Image Centre, Toronto, Canada, September 11 - December 8, 2019

2018

Structures of Identity - Photography from The Walther Collection, Fundación Foto Colectania, Barcelona, Spain, November 14, 2018 - March 10, 2019 ; FOAM, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 29 - August 19, 2018 ; Museo MARCO, Monterrey, Mexico, February 22 - June 3, 2018 ; Museo Amparo, Puebla, Mexico, October 21, 2017 - February 5, 2018

Making Africa, A Continent of Contemporary Design, Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, Texas, USA, October 14, 2018 – January 13, 2019 ; Albuquerque Museum, USA, February 3, 2018 – May 6, 2018 ; High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA, October 15, 2017 – January 7, 2018 ; Kunsthal Rotterdam, The Netherlands, October 1, 2016 – January 17, 2017 ; CCCB Centre de Cultura Contemporània Barcelona, Spain, March 22, 2016 – August 28, 2016 ; Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain, October 30, 2015 – February 21, 2016 ; Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein, Germany, March 14, 2015 – September 13, 2015

Ex Africa, CCB Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Brasília, Brazil, August - October 2018 ; São Paulo, Brazil, April – July 2018 ; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January - March 2018 ; Belo Horizonte, Brazil, October – December 2017

Hairstyles, Abbaye de Daoulas, France, March 29, 2018 - January 6, 2019

Everyday Africa!, Fondation Zinsou, Cotonou, Benin, March 26 - September 19, 2018

2017

Studio Africa!, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, England, November 16 - December 20, 2017

De quoi l'image est-elle le nom ? Momenta, Biennale de l'image, Vox, Centre de l'image contemporaine, Montreal, Canada, September 7 - October 15, 2017

On aime l'art...!! Un choix d'Éric Mézil parmi les oeuvres de la Collection agnès b., Collection Lambert, Avignon, France, July 6 - November 7, 2017

AFRICA. Raccontare un mondo, PAC Padiglione d'Arte Contemporanea, Milan, Italy, June 27 - September 11, 2017

Art/Afrique : le nouvel atelier. Les Initiés : sélection d'œuvres (1989-2009) de la collection d'art contemporain africain de Jean Pigozzi, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France, April 26 - September 4, 2017

2016

Regarding Africa: Contemporary Art and Afro-Futurism, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel, December 9, 2016 - May 27, 2017

African Portraits, HackelBury Gallery, London, England, October 6 - November 19, 2016

Time and again, Photography from The Walther Collection, Fotografiska, Stockholm, Sweden, February 12 - May 15, 2016

2015

Telling Time, Biennale : Les Rencontres de la photo africaine, 10ème édition, Musée de Bamako, Bamako, Mali, October 31 - December 31, 2015

In and Out of the Studio : Photographic Portraits from West Africa, Metropolitan Museum, New York, USA, August 31, 2015 - January 3, 2016

Africa, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark, June 25 - October 25, 2015

Staying Power, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England, February 16 - May 24, 2015

2014

Mémoires vives, Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France, May 10 - September 21, 2014

Ici l'Afrique, l'Afrique contemporaine vue à travers le regard de ses artistes, Château de Penthes, Geneva, Switzerland, May 8 - July 6, 2014

Hommage à Frédéric Bruly Bouabré et J.D. 'Okhai Ojeikere, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France,
February 13 - April 29, 2014

2013

Sartorial Moments and the Nearness of Yesterday, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, USA, June 20 - September 29, 2013

Il Palazzo Enciclopedico, Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy, June 1- November 24, 2013

Keïta, Ojeikere, Sidibé, 11 Columbia, Monaco

2012

Cheveux Chéris, Musée du quai Branly – Jacques Chirac, Paris, France, September 18, 2012 - July 14, 2013

Africa/Africa, Abbaye Saint-André, Centre d'art contemporain, Meymac, France, March 18 - June 17, 2012

2011

ARS 11', Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland, April 15 - November 27, 2011

2010

Stare : The Pleasures of the Intensely Familiar and the Strangely Unexpected, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, USA, December 2010 - March 2011

J.D.'Okhai Ojeikere : Sartorial Moments and the Nearness of Yesterday, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Lagos, Nigeria, October 1 - 14, 2010

Anos 70, Fotografia y vida cotidiana, Centro Andaluz de Arte Contemporaneo, Seville, Spain, January 28 - April 25, 2010

2007

Art & about, City of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

2006

100% Africa, Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain, October 12, 2006 - February 2, 2007, p.88-89-90-91

Vive l'Afrique !!, Galerie du Jour, agnès b., Paris, France, May 21 - July 24, 2006

About Africa, part one, Fifty-One Fine Art Photography, Antwerp, Belgium, March 17 - April 22, 2006

2005

African Art Now: Masterpieces from the Jean Pigozzi Collection, National Museum of African Art, Washington DC, USA, November 16, 2005 - February 26, 2006 ; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA, January 29 - June 5, 2005

Arts of Africa, From Traditional Arts to Jean Pigozzi's Contemporary Collection, Grimaldi Forum, Monaco, July 16 - September 4, 2005

2004

Kurzdavordanach, Photographischen Sammlung, SK Stiftung Kultur, Mediapark, Köln, Germany, October 22, 2004 - January 9, 2005

Je m'installe aux abattoirs, La collection d'art contemporain d'agnès b., Les Abattoirs, Toulouse, France, April 9 - June 7, 2004

Joy of Life - Malick Sidibé and Ojeikere, Two Photographers from Africa, Hara Museum, Tokyo, Japan, 2004

2003

Parures de tête, Musée Dapper, Paris, France, September 25, 2003 - July 11, 2004

2001

Century City : art and culture in the modern metropolis, Tate Modern, London, England, February 1 - April 29, 2001

2000

La Beauté in fabula, Palais des Papes, Avignon, France, June - September 2000

Noorderlicht Photofestival 2000 : Africa Inside, Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

1996

Nigerian Traditional Hairstyle, Goethe-Institut, Lagos, Nigeria

1983

« *Ten top Photographers* », National Museum, Lagos, Nigeria

1978

Photography in Advertising, Lintas Limited, Lagos, Nigeria

Collections

Musée national d'Art Moderne – Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France

Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

The Art Institute of Chicago, USA

Tate Modern, London

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2025

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2022

The Pigozzi collection in Cannes 2021, edition Soeck, Grand, p.116-117-118-119

Faure, Pauline (ed.). *Cosmogonies. Zinsou, une collection africaine*. Milan: SilvanaEditoriale, 2021.

2021

OKEKE-AGULU Chika, UNDERWOOD (Joseph L.), *African Artists: from 1882 to now*, ed Phaidon, p.257

2017

Bria, Ginevra (ed.). *AFRICA. Raccontare un mondo*. Exhibition catalogue, Milan, PAC Padiglione d'Arte Contemporanea, 2017.

Magnin, André, and Suzanne Pagé (ed.). *Les initiés : un choix d'oeuvres (1989-2009) dans la collection d'art contemporain africain de Jean Pigozzi*. Exhibition catalogue, Paris, Fondation Louis Vuitton, 2017.

2015

Klein, Amelie, and Mateo Kries (ed.). *Making Africa: A Continent of Contemporary Design*. Exhibition catalogue, Weil am Rhein, Vitra Design Museum, 2015.

Silva, Bisi, Antawan I. Byrd, and Yves Chatap (ed.). *Telling time - Rencontres de Bamako Biennale africaine de la photographie 10e édition*. Berlin: Kehrer Verlag, 2015.

Africa : Architecture, culture, identity, Catalogue d'exposition, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, juin 2015, p.232

2014

Beaud, Marie-Claude, Hervé Chandès, Franco Cologni, Bernard Fornas, Richard Lepeu, Jean de Loisy, and Alain Dominique Perrin. *Mémoires vives*. Exhibition catalogue, Paris, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, 2014.

Off the wall, Culture Photo 3

2011

African Stories, Exhibition catalogue, Ancienne Banque du Maroc Marrakech, Maroc, 2011, p.64-65-66-67

2007

Magnin, André (ed.). *Why Africa ? La Collezione Pigozzi*, 19-25. Exhibition catalogue, Turin, Fondazione Pinacoteca del Lingotto Giovanni e Marella Agnelli, 2007.

2006

Magnin, André, and Jean-Christophe Pigozzi. *100% Africa: La colección de arte africano contemporáneo de Jean Pigozzi en el Guggenheim Bilbao*. Exhibition catalogue, Bilbao, Guggenheim Bilbao Museoa, 2006.

2005

Magnin, André. *Arts of Africa, From Traditional Arts to Jean Pigozzi's Contemporary Collection*. Exhibition catalogue, Monaco, Grimaldi Forum Monaco, 2005.

Magnin, André (ed.). *African Art Now: Masterpieces from the Jean Pigozzi Collection*. Exhibition catalogue, Houston, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, 2005.

Africa Today : The Pigozzi Collection

2003

Falgayrettes-Leveau, Christiane, and Iris Hahner (ed.). *Parures de tête/hairstyles and headdresses*. Paris: Dapper, 2003.

2000

Magnin, André (ed.). *J. D. 'Okhai Ojeikere photographs*. Exhibition catalogue, Paris, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, 2000.