

Alexandre Diop
b. 1995 Paris, France
lives and works in Vienna, Austria



Alexandre Diop is a Franco-Senegalese artist based in Vienna. His process is initially guided by the physical realities of the materials he employs in his works. Using everyday – and often discarded – materials and objects such as books, photographs, metal, and wood, as well as elements like animal hair, fire, and rust, Diop creates compositions that respect creativity and conceptually investigate the artistic essence. Serving as multilayered narratives, the works delve deeply into his own experiences, and his observations and interpretations of the world around him.

Inspired by contemporary African realities, experiences across Europe and the U.S., cultural and subcultural practices, and various musical forms from jazz to hip hop, Diop presents us with a multitude of queries, and socio-political and art-historical references that draw us deeply into the artist's mind, taking us beyond the immediate texture and materiality that define the aesthetics of his work. His references allude to the deep intellectual space that is an integral layer of his practice. Diop's process defies immediate definition or categorization, and his practice continues to occupy a space between painting, sculpture, and installation, between figuration and abstraction.

In 2022, the Rubell Museum in Miami selected Alexandre Diop as the artist in residence, which concluded with a solo exhibition at the institution. In November 2022, Ekow Eshun curated an exhibition about contemporary African portraiture at Kunsthalle Krems, Austria, which featured Diop prominently. His most recent exhibition “Hood Rich” opened at Jeffrey Deitch Gallery in New York in May 2023. His work is included in major institutional collections such as the Albertina Museum in Vienna, Rubell Museum in Miami or The Bunker Artspace in West Palm Beach.

As an interdisciplinary artist, Diop set up the artist collective *Le Mouton Noir* during his time in Berlin to explore intersections of visual and performing arts and collaborate with artists from Africa and Europe.

Exhibitions

- 2025 *Colors. Über jüdische Hautfarbe*, Jüdisches Museum, Vienna, Austria (opening 2 April)
- 2024 *The Beauty of Diversity*, Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria (opening 17 Feb)
- 2023 *Be Mortal*, Dom Museum, Vienna, Austria (opening 5 Oct)
- 2023 *Alexandre Diop: Hood Rich*, Jeffrey Deitch Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 *Alexandre Diop - Anatomie*, Josephinum Museum, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 *Jooba Jubba, l'Art du Défi, the Art of Challenge*, Rubell Museum, Miami, FL
- 2022 *Back to Basics*, Spinello Projects, Miami, FL
- 2022 *The New African Portraiture. Shariat Collections*, Kunsthalle Krems, Krems, Austria
- 2022 *Mentor and Young Talent 2022 with Kehinde Wiley*, Reiffers Art Initiatives, Paris, France
- 2022 *La Symphonie du Ghetto: Volume One. Natural Born Killer*, Galleria Poggiali, Milan, Italy
- 2022 *There Must Be Some Kind of Way Outta Here*, Galerie Crone, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 *There Must Be Some Kind of Way Outta Here*, Galerie Crone, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 *Alexandre Diop*, Salon94, New York, NY
- 2021 *Amendments*, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 *Surface is only a Material Vehicle for Spirit* by Kennedy Yanko, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL
- 2021 *Le Mouton Noir*, Gesso Art Space, Vienna, Austria
- 2020 *Rundgang*, Akademie der bildenden Künste, Vienna, Austria

Residencies & Talks

- 2022 *Mapping the Art World Post Pandemic*, British Council & Samsung, London, UK
- 2022 *Artist-in-residence 2022*, Rubell Museum, Miami, FL

Publications

- Alexandre Diop - Anatomie*, C. Druml, A. Shariat, F. Steininger (forthcoming)
- The New African Portraiture. Shariat Collections*, E. Eshun, F. Steininger, Walther Koenig
- Alexandre Diop - La prochaine fois, le feu*, T. Wychowanok, Editions Mazarine
- Alexandre Diop*, H.U. Obrist, M. Niang, Rubell Museum Publications
- Alexandre Diop*, C. Morales, The OG Magazine
- Alexandre Diop*, D. Patakos, Portray Magazine
- Alexandre Diop*, A. Spiegler, Die Presse
- In the Studio Alexandre Diop*, K. Kulakova, Collectors Agenda, Vienna
- Viennese Modernism Revisited*, J. Luxner, Vienna Intl Magazine

Public Collections

- Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria
- AMA Collection, Venice, Italy
- Amoca, Cardiff, Wales
- Brant Foundation, Greenwich, CT, United States
- Espacio Tacuari, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Kunsthalle Krems, Krems, Austria
- Michael Ballack Collection, Chemnitz, Germany
- Reiffers Art Initiatives, Paris, France
- Rubell Museum, Miami, FL, United States
- The Bunker Artspace, West Palm Beach, FL, United States