Luke Agada
Biography

1992 Born in Lagos, Nigeria
Lives and works in Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

2023 School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
MFA, Painting and Drawing

2018 Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria
DVM, Veterinary Medicine

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RESIDENCIES

2025 Dragon Hill Residency, Dragon Hill Residence, French Riviera, Cannes, France

2024 Breakout Artist 2024, Newcity Art, Chicago, IL

2023 James Nelson Raymond Fellowship Award, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Teaching Fellowship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Fall Residency Fellowship, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, MA

2022 Helen Frankenthaler Award, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Janet and Russel Doubleday Award, The Art Students League of New York, New York, NY

2021 George and Ann Siegel Award, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2020 Global Warming International Art Prize, Art Impact International, New York, NY

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *When the Center Holds,* Sean Kelly Gallery, New York, NY

2025 *To Translate is To Move Across,* Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

2024 *Between Two Suns,* Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA

2023 *Arms, Feet, and Fitful Dreams*, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Nsi: After the harvest,* African Artists' Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria
In Abstracto, In Concreto: On Memory and Presence, Efie Gallery, Dubai, UAE

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2025 *Some More Dogs: a curated selection from the Hornik collection*, Four One Nine, San Francisco, CA
Ever So Present: Between Home and Elsewhere, Gagosian, New York, NY
Back to The Earth, Roberts Projects, Los Angeles, CA
25!, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
Master Class: Inside the last American Museum School, Secrist Beach Gallery, Chicago, IL

2024 *Shared Vision: Portraits from The CCH Pounder-Kone Collection*, African American Museum of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
In the Know Show, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, TX
Newcity Breakout Artists Group Exhibition, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL

2023 *Polireality*, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing, China
Arms, Feet and Fitful Dreams, Monique Meloche, Chicago, IL
Where the Wild Roses Grow, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Schloss Gorne, Berlin, Germany

2021 *Unusual suspects*, African Artists' Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria

2020 *Collective Reflections: A Contemporary African and Diasporic Expression of a New Vanguard*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana

2017 *Lagos for all*, Eko Hotel and Suites, Lagos, Nigeria

TEACHING

2023 Lecturer, Painting and Drawing, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Teaching Assistant, Painting and Drawing, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Green Family Art Foundation

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