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PERSONAL.

Afi Ese (b. 1982, Houston, TX)

Oils, soft pastel, charcoal

Identifies as a disabled artist (wheelchair-dependent)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS.

2024 **Citywide African American Artist Exhibition.** *Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX*

2024 **The Reveal: Prelude to a new season.** *Akwaaba Gallery, Newark, NJ*

2024-25 **ArtAbility Exhibition and Sale.** *ArtAbility, Bryn Mawr, PA*

2024 **Deve Amare David (Must Love David).** *Monterroso Gallery, Houston, TX*

2024 **Art Flow(s): Perspectives from the African Diaspora.** *Strathmore, Rockville, MD*

2024 **Hampton's Fine Art Fair,** Southampton, NY

2024 **Women Who Dare.** *The Houston Public Library - Central Library, Houston, TX*

2023 **Texas Heat.** *Women's Caucus for Art/Brazoport Center for the Arts & Sciences, Clute, TX*

2023 **Citywide African American Art Exhibition.** *The Houston Public Library - Central Library + The African American Library at the Gregory School, Houston, TX*

2022-23 **Citywide African American Art Exhibition.** *Glassell School of Art at Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX*

2022-23 **Art Ability Exhibition and Sale.** *Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA*
 2022 **Texas Now Online Showcase 2022.** *Artspace111, Fort Worth, TX. Virtual*
 2022 **Citywide African American Art Exhibition.** *Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX*
 2022 **What's Next.** *Cat Eye Creative, Atlanta, GA*
 2022 **This Is America 2022.** *5 Points Art Gallery + Studio, Milwaukee, WI*
 2022 **The Work of Women.** *Woman's Caucus for Art Texas/Frost Brown Todd Law Firm, Houston, TX*
 2022 **Citywide African American Art Exhibition.** *Texas Southern University, Houston, TX*
 2022 **Culture: Our New Norm.** *Prairie View A&M University-NW, Houston, TX*
 2022 **Black Creativity Juried Exhibition.** *Museum of Science & Industry, Chicago, IL*
 2021-22 **Art Ability Exhibition and Sale.** *Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA*
 2021 **EXPO 2021.** *500X Gallery, Dallas, TX*
 2021 **When Words Fall.** *Visionary Art Collective. Virtual. 2021 100th Day Show. Cat Eye Creative, Atlanta, GA*
 2021 **How We See.** *Pencil on Paper Gallery, Farmers Branch, TX*
 2021 **Black History Month Exhibition & Sale.** *Irving Black Arts Council, Irving, TX*
 2020-21 **26th Carroll Harris Simms National Black Art Competition & Exhibition.** *African American Museum of Dallas, Dallas, TX*
 2020 **Art Beat Miami,** *7TH Annual Virtual Art Fair Art Basel/Miami Art Week, Miami, FL*
 2020 **We the People,** *Artfront Galleries, Newark, NJ*
 2020 **See My Color:** *A Social Justice Call for Art, The Women's Caucus for Art of Greater Washington, DC. Virtual*
 2020-21 **Art Ability** Exhibition and Sale, *Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA*
 2020 **African American Artists Exhibition.** *University of Houston-Clear Lake Art Gallery, Clear Lake, TX*
 2019 **ArtLit,** *Humphreys Gallery, Kimberly, South Africa*

SOLO EXHIBITIONS.

2024 August 19 - September 28. **Interconnected: The African Influence of Urban Adornment,** Side Gallery, *The Jung Center Museum, Houston, TX.* 8/14 works sold
 2023 August 18 - September 16. **If We Had Wings,** *Gallery Guichard, Bronzeville, Chicago, IL.* 12/21 works sold opening night
 2023 February 4- April 8. **Flights from Antiquity,** Bert long Gallery, *Museum of African American Culture, Houston, TX.* 1/12 works sold
 2017 **Revolution or Exodus,** *Yoga House Houston, Houston, TX.* 13/20 works sold

BIBLIOGRAPHY.

2024 September. *Women's Caucus for Art.* Featured Artist Spread.
 2024 August. *Brown Girls and Mental Health Magazine.* Featured Artist Spread.
 2023 October. *Suboart Magazine.* Featured Artist Spread. [More info](#)
 2023 January. *RAW: Race & Disability Anthology.* Artwork. [More info](#)
 2023 January. *RAW: Race & Disability Anthology.* Artwork. [More info](#)
 2022 September. *Finding Paradise: A Black Mental Health Anthology.* Artwork and poetry.
 2022 April. *CanvasRebel Magazine.* Interview. [More info](#)
 2022 February. *Black Minds Magazine.* Artwork.
 2021 September. *Black Minds Magazine.* Artwork.
 2021 September. *Blk Voices Magazine,* Cover.
 2021 August. *Root Work Journal.* Artwork. [Press release](#)
 2021 March. *Art and Seek.* Artwork. [Press release](#)
 2021 February. *Sanctuary Magazine.* Interview. [Press release](#)

2020 September. *Critical Bounds Podcast*. Interview.
2020 September. *ShoutOut HTX Magazine*. Interview. [Press release](#)
2020 August. *Caribbean Radio Show*. Interview.
2020 March. *Brown Girls and Mental Health Magazine*. Artwork and poetry.
2020 January. *Black Art in America Newsletter*. [Press release](#)
2019. February. *NWI Times*. [Press release](#)
2019. January. *NWI Times*. [Press release](#)
2018 October. *NWI Times*. [Press release](#)
2018 February. *Voyage Houston Magazine*. [Press release](#)

COLLECTIONS.

The Mansion at Strathmore, Rockville, MD
David and Linda Whitaker, Detroit, MI
BET (Black Entertainment Television), Detroit, MI
The Ironman Sports Medicine Institute, Houston, TX
The Shrine of the Black Madonna, Houston, TX
Private collection, The Nation of Islam, Chicago, IL
Muhammad Mosque #1, The Nation of Islam, Chicago, IL
Private collection, Dick Gregory, Plymouth, MA
Works held in private collections in England, Trinidad, Canada, Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda, Kenya, and the United States.

RESIDENCIES. MEMBERSHIPS. ASSIGNMENTS. APPOINTMENTS.

2023-2024 NAACP Artist Residency – Ohio
2021-current Women's Caucus for Art – Texas Chapter, Treasurer & Membership Chair
2021 Texas Female Artists
2021 [Distance Learning](#): D.C. Teacher Art Show. Curatorial Assistant, website designer, graphic artist.
Curated by Zsundayka Nzinga Terrell. Washington, D.C.
2020 Women's Caucus for Art, 06723

AWARDS. GRANTS. HONORS. PRIZES.

2024 **1st Place**, *Citywide African American Artists Exhibition*.
2024 **Judge's Choice**, The Doris B. Gordon Award. 2023-24 ArtAbility Exhibition and Sale
2024 **Finalist**, Jerry's Artarama Self-portrait Competition
2022 **1st Prize Drawing and Fine Printmaking**. The Stephen Panacsi Memorial Award, 2021-22 Art Ability Exhibition and Sale.
2022 **Honorable Mention**, *Citywide African American Art Exhibition*.
2021 **Rauschenberg Grant**, Cycle 9, *New York Foundation for the Arts*.
2021 **Juror's Choice Award**, *EXPO 2021*.

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