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YANNIS DAVY GUIBINGA

Born 1995, La Tronche, France

From Libreville, Gabon

Lives and works in Montréal, Canada

Yannis Davy Guibinga is a 27 years old photographer from Libreville, Gabon currently based in Montréal, Canada. In order to contribute to a change in the narrative about the African continent, Yannis Davy Guibinga uses photography as a tool allowing him to not only celebrate but also to document and represent the many cultures and identities on the African continent and its diaspora.

Yannis has worked with clients such as Apple, Nikon, Adobe & Squarespace and has exhibited works internationally in England, South Africa, Nigeria, France, Russia, Qatar, Switzerland and more, as well as featured on platforms such as CNN Africa, Document Journal, I-D, Harper's Bazaar Russia, Condé Nast

Traveler and more. His works have also been acquired to be part of permanent art collections such as the Wedge Collection in Toronto.

His portrait photography is a documentation of a new generation of Africans, unapologetically embracing their many identities and cultures in the face of globalization and Western cultural imperialism. His work also focuses on highlighting the diversity of African identities, as well as how these identities are created through the intersection of different factors such as gender, culture and socioeconomic status. By letting each image tell a different story and illustrate a unique experience, point of view and perspective, Guibinga uses colours, shapes and shadows to create a world of powerful, beautiful and dignified Africans regardless of gender performance, class or sexual orientation.

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, *Honors Bachelor of Arts (with Distinction)* Digital Enterprise Management (Specialist program CCIT Department) (2013 - 2017)

Sheridan College, *Certificate of Digital Communication* (2014 - 2017)

College De Photographie Marsan, *Professional Photography Program* (2017-2018)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017: "Black Portraiture - Decolonized" Odyssey. Moscow, Russia. September 2017

2018: "Je Suis Montréal" Eastern Bloc. Montréal, Canada. December 2018

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020: "Solidarity" Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA, USA. *October 2020 – January 2021*

"photoSCHWEIZ" Halle 622, Zürich, Switzerland. *January 2020*

"I Know Why The Caged Bird Sing" Fonderie Darling, Montréal, Canada. *February '20*

"The New Black Vanguard" Bunjil Place, Victoria, Australia. *March 2020*

2019: "The New Black Vanguard: Photography between Art and Fashion" Aperture Gallery, New York, USA *October 2019*

"Boy Wives & Female Husbands" M5, Musée McCord, Montréal. *November 2019*

"AKAA Art Fair" Carreau du Temple. Paris, France. *November 2019*

2018: "Olaju African Market: A Creative Arts Festival" San Antonio, Texas. *January 2018*

"Exposition de Mi-Session: Collège Marsan" Montréal, Canada. *May 2018*

"PICHA & COLOURS" Libreville, Gabon. *August 2018*

"Parcours Photo: Sherbrooke" Sherbrooke, Canada. *September 2018*

"Exhibition Finale" Collège Marsan. Montréal, Canada. *December 2018*

2017: "UTMSU's Black History Month Art Show" UTM. Mississauga, Canada. *February 2017*

"The Platform" UTM. Mississauga, Canada. *February 2017*

"Moadiga x Yannis Davy Guibinga: Opposition" 50 Boulevard Strasbourg. Paris, France. *Mars 2017*

2016: "Stock Art Show" Sheridan College. Oakville, Canada. *March 2016*

"We Are Africa" Capetown Soccer Stadium. Capetown, South Africa. *May 2016*

"The Sawubona Project" Daniels Spectrum. Toronto, Canada. *August 2016*

"Moadiga x Afro-fusion" Paris, France. *November 2016*

"Afro Frontal Exhibition" White Cloud Gallery. Washington D.C, *November 2016*

"African Lens: Exhibition" Taj Hotel. Capetown, South Africa. *December 2016*

"Panorama" Get Arena, Leki. Lagos, Nigeria. *December 2016*

SELECT COMMERCIAL CLIENTS

Apple - Black History Month project - February 2019

Nikon - Nikon Z50 Campaign - February 2020

PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

TEDxUofT - The Role of Photography in Africa. Toronto, Canada. *February 2017*

500px - Life After Likes: Masters of Beauty. With 500px & Makeup For Ever. Montréal, Canada - *October 2019*

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts - Creation & Politicization of Black & Queer Identities. With Massimadi & Nigra Iuventa
Montréal, Canada - August 2020

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2020: *Vivid Depiction* - Issue #96 Cover Story - Aesthetica Magazine

Yannis Davy Guibinga exposes the imperialist roots of photography in Africa - Document Journal

20 photographers capturing the beauty of modern Africa to follow in 2020 - I-D

2019: *Young Bloods: Photographing the future of fashion* - Hunger Magazine

These African Photographers Are Reframing Their Homelands - Condé Nast Traveler

2018: *An examination of the color black in gorgeous portraits* - Colossal

Behind the lens: A conversation with photographer Yannis Guibinga - Rolling Out

10 Emerging Photographers presenting fresh black narratives - i-D

Yannis Davy Guibinga - Living In Colour - FREQ Magazine

Les Arènes de Picasso - The Photographic Journal

Celebrating the connection between spirituality and femininity - 10and5

2017: *Yannis Davy's Colourful Portraits Celebrate The Diversity Of Africans* - Konbini

Preserving African Culture: Yannis Davy Guibinga's Latest Series – eduPDN

Gabon-born photographer tells the story of the Central African country's youth - Design Indaba

Afro-futuristic photo series "2050" highlights the timelessness of black beauty - Afropunk

Forget football, there's another side to Gabon - True Africa

2016: *Yannis Davy Guibinga's celebration of the many shades of blackness in his series "Spectrum"* - Afropunk

Photographer involves spirit of the Yoruba Orishas in "ode to oya" photo series - Afropunk

The Spectrum of African identities - Design Indaba

Invoking the spirits of the Yoruba orishas: Yannis Davy Guibinga's "Ode to Oya" photo series - Farabale Weekly

Apollo by Yannis Davy Guibinga - The Photographic Journal

Through an African Lens: Gabon - We Are Africa

2015: *A Voice for Central Africa: The Photography of Yannis Davy Guibinga* - Afropunk

Fresh Eyes: Yannis Guibinga's Photos of Gabon - Africa Is A Country

Conversations on Creativity: Yannis Davy - Creative Nestlings

AWARDS

Nestlings Awards, Photographer of the Year (2015) January 2016. Capetown, South Africa

LCC Program, Photography Competition: Mention Spéciale (6th Edition) February 2018. Casablanca, Maroc

College Marsan, Exposition Photographique de Mi-Session: Première Place May 2018. Montréal, Canada