



Fidelis Joseph

b. 1989, Jimeta, Adamawa State, Nigeria

Location Lives and works in New Haven, CT

EDUCATION:

2023 MFA Painting, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Michigan, USA

2017 B.A. Fine Arts, Drawing and Painting, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria

2012 Nigeria Certificate in Education, Fine and Applied Arts, Federal College of Education, Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2023 1-54 Art Fair, Harlem New York, presented by Dada Art Gallery, London

2021 In search of home, presented by Philos, curated by Kadara Enyeasi, Lagos State, Nigeria

2020 Today A Dream of Yesterday, presented by Philos, curated by Kadara Enyeasi, Lagos State, Nigeria

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2026 *Labyrinth / Laboratory: Selections from the Cranbrook Museum Collection*, Cranbrook Art Museum, Michigan, USA

2026 Drawing Biennial, Drawing Room, London, UK (forthcoming)
Sanctuary, Fridman Gallery, New York, USA

Borderlands: Soft Margins, Hard Truths curated by Nico W. Okoro, Connecticut College's Cummings Arts Center, New London, Connecticut, USA

2025 *Seen/Scene: Artwork from the Jennifer Gilbert Collection*, The Shepard, curated by Laura Mott and Nick Cave, Detroit, Michigan, USA

'THIS IS NOT A RETREAT! NXTHVN Through The Years, Ford Foundation Art Gallery, New York, USA

1-54 Art Fair, Fridman Gallery, New York, USA

2024 *Untitled Art Fair*, Fridman Gallery, New York, USA

The Flow, Fridman Gallery, New York, USA

Double Down, James Cohan Gallery with NXTHVN, The Campus, Hudson, New York,

- USA
Independent Art Fair, Fridman Gallery, New York, USA
2023 *Untitled Art Fair* Miami, Fridman Gallery, USA
Graduate Degree Exhibition, Cranbrook Art Museum, Michigan, USA
Benefit Auction in support of Artistic Noise, Harlem NY, Kasmin Gallery, New York, USA
Factory Reset Continued: curated by Dennis Osadebe, KONIG GALERIE, Berlin, Germany
Expo-Chicago Art Fair, Fridman Gallery, New York, USA
2022 FNB Art Joburg, South African Art Fair, Pacers Gallery (Wunika Mukan), Lagos State, Nigeria
2020 Rele Young Contemporaries Alumni exhibition at the National Museum Onikan, Lagos State, Nigeria
Ake Arts and book festival online exhibition, Lagos State, Nigeria
2019 *Collective Renditions*, African Artists Foundation African Artists' Foundation (AAF), Lagos State, Nigeria
2018 *The Maker Lab*, AAF, Lagos State, Nigeria
2017 *Kaduna Art Fair*, National Gallery of Art Abuja, in collaboration with the Fine Arts Department, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria

SELECTED AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:

- 2026 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Maine, USA (forthcoming)
2025 Professional career talk with the painting students, Maryland Institute College of Art, (MICA), Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Professional career talk with the Design Students, Wayne State University, Michigan USA
2024-2023 Studio fellow, Cohort 5, NXTHVN fellowship program, New Haven, Connecticut, USA. Mentor, Apprenticeship Program NXTHVN Fellowship, New Haven, Connecticut, USA
2023 Cranbrook Art Museum, Purchase Prize Award, Michigan USA
Professional career talk with the Design Students, Wayne State University, Michigan USA
2023-2021 Cranbrook Academy of Art Merit Scholarship
2022 Leslie T. and Francis Posey Scholarship Fund Recipient
2021 Art residency at the Treehouse facilitated by Wura Ogunji, Lagos State, Nigeria
2019 Art residency at African Artists' Foundation, Lagos State, Nigeria
2019 The Back to base workshop in collaboration with Goethe-institute, Lagos State, Nigeria. Kuta Arts Foundation, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria

Art workshop with RELE Art Foundation, Lagos State, Nigeria

2017 Artist of the year award, Fine Arts department Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS:

Cranbrook Art Museum

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Roli O'tsemaye. "Rele's Young Contemporaries Alumni Exhibition at the National Museum." *TSA*

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