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EDUCATION

2009 Diploma in Fine Art, Ruth Prowse School of Art, Cape Town, South Africa
2003 National Certificate (N6) in Art & Design, College of Cape Town, South Africa

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

(* publication/catalogue)

- 2025 *Igshaan Adams: Weerhoud*, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum
- 2024 *Igshaan Adams: Weerhoud*, Hepworth Wakefield, UK
blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
Lynloop, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA
- 2023 *Primary Objects*, Thomas Dane, London, UK
- 2022 *Vastrapplek*, Casey Kaplan, New York, NY
**Desire Lines*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Igshaan Adams: Kicking Dust, Kunsthalle Zürich, Switzerland
skarrelbaan, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2021 *Veld Wen*, Casey Kaplan, New York, NY
Igshaan Adams: Kicking Dust, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2020 *Getuie*, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA
stukkinne stories, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2019 *I am no more*, Akershus Kunstsenter, Oslo, Norway
- 2018 **When Dust Settles*, National Arts Festival, Makhanda, South Africa; Standard Bank Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa; South African National Gallery, Iziko Museums, Cape Town, South Africa; Johannesburg Stegmann Gallery, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa; Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, Gqeberha, South Africa; Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa; North West University Gallery, Potchefstroom, South Africa
Al Latff, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016 *Oorskot*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015 *Please Remember*, A Tale of a Tub, Rotterdam, Netherlands

- Parda*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 *Have you seen Him?*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
If that I knew, Rongwrong Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2011 *In Between*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 *Vinyl*, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2009 *Jou Ma se Poes*, Ruth Prowse School of Art, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Works on Paper*, Casey Kaplan, New York, NY
Woven Histories: Textiles and Modern Abstraction, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, Curated by Lynne Cooke (forthcoming)
Transcendence: A Century of Black Queer Ecstasy, 1924-2024, University of Texas at Austin Visual Arts Center
- 2024 *Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st-Century Art and Poetics*, LACMA, Los Angeles, CA
My World, Singer Laren Museum, Laren, Netherlands
If Not Now, When?, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, Netherlands
Spray and Stitch, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands
Stirring the Pot, Casa da Cultura de Comporta, Portugal
Leaps of Faith, Z33, Hasselt, Belgium
SPACE OF TOGETHERNESS, NEON at the National Theatre of Greece Drama School, Athens, Greece
Woven Histories: Textiles and Modern Abstraction, The National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C., Curated by Lynne Cooke (forthcoming)
Woven Histories: Textiles and Modern Abstraction, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Curated by Lynne Cooke (forthcoming)
Unravel: The Power of Textiles in Art, Barbican, London, UK
Unravel: The Power of Textiles in Art, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands
Translations: Afro-Asian Poetics, The Institutum, Singapore
Color is the First Revelation of the World, Orange County Museum of Art, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2023 *Between Shadows*, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
To Weave the Sky: Textile Abstractions from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection, El Espacio 23, Miami, FL
Islamic Arts Biennale, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Direito à forma, Inhotim Institute, Brumadinho, Brazil
Narrative Threads: Textile Art Now, Moody Center for the Arts, Houston, TX, curated by Alison Weaver
If You Look Hard Enough, You Can See Our Future, African American Museum of Dallas, Dallas, TX, Curated by Laurie Ann Farrell
How Do We Know the World?, Baltimore Museum of Art, MD, Curated by Jessica Bell Brown and Leila Grothe
Bienal De São Paulo, Brazil
Collector's Focus: The Kilbourn Collection, Norval Foundation in Cape Town, South Africa
Stranger in the Village, Aargauer Kunsthhaus, Aarau, Switzerland
Woven Histories: Textiles and Modern Abstraction, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California, Curated by Lynne Cooke

- Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st Century Art and Poetics*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California
 X, PARK, Tilburg, Netherlands
On Foot, Offer Waterman, London, UK, curated by Jonathan Anderson
- 2022 *Dreamhome: Stories of Art and Shelter*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
 23rd Triennale Milano, *Unknown Unknowns: An Introduction to Mysteries*, Milan, Italy
 59th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale Di Venezia, *The Milk of Dreams*, Venice, Italy
Customs, A4 Art Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa, curated by Sumayya Vally and Josh Ginsburg
 The Bunker Artspace, West Palm Beach, FL, curated by Thelma Golden and Anne Pasternak
- 2021 *Vernissage*, Kunsthaus Baselland, Basel, Switzerland
Step Out of Your Body, Enter New Ones, Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich
Adams, Beasley, Crowner, Dash, Casey Kaplan, New York, NY
Where the threads are worn, Casey Kaplan, New York
- 2020 *WHO ARE WE ARE WHO*, curated by Fabian Schöneich, Braunsfelder, Cologne, Germany
Allied with Power, Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), Miami, FL
Tomorrow there will be more of us, Stellenbosch Triennale, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 2019 *Risk*, curated by Josh Ginsburg, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
Ngoma: Art and Cosmology, JAG, Johannesburg, South Africa
the head the hand, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
Mapping Black Identities, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Kubatana, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Øvre Eiker, Norway
Matters of Concern, La Verrière, Brussels, Belgium
Material Insanity, MACAAL, Marrakech, Morocco
Filling in the Gaps, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
CONDO London, blank projects hosted by Corvi-Mora, London, UK
- 2018 *open agenda*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
Soft Power, curated by Julie Crenn, Transpalette, Bourges, France
In This Imperfect Present Moment, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
Pulling at Threads, Norval Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
Ravelled Threads, Sean Kelly Gallery, New York, NY
blank, Galerie Guido W. Baudach, Berlin, Germany
Sculpture, Institute of Contemporary Art Indian Ocean, Port Louis, Mauritius
Da Uno a Dieci, Galleria Massimo Minini, Brescia, Italy
- 2017 *Le jour qui vient*, Galerie des Galeries, Paris, France
- 2016 *Figure*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
The Quiet Violence of Dreams, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
3 881 days, blank lab, Cape Town, South Africa
The 55-Minute Hour, Trubok Factory, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015 *Furniture: a sculpture exhibition*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
Sacre du Printemps curated by AA Bronson, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria
Barriers, Wanås Konst, Knislinge, Sweden
- 2014 *next thing you know*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
No Fixed Abode, The New Church Museum, Cape Town, South Africa

Blind Spot, National Arts Festival, Grahamstown, South Africa
Between Subject and Object, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, South Africa
Bismillah, National Arts Festival, Grahamstown, South Africa

- 2013 *Three Abdullahs*, Centre for African Studies, Cape Town, South Africa
This is the thing, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa; blank projects in Johannesburg;
Ithuba Arts Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2012 *When Form Becomes Attitude*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
Ingekluer: Beyond The Borders, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
A Century of Self, The Copy Shop, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2011 *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa
Slices of Life, Infecting the City Public Arts Festival, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 *Laboratory of Recycled Revolutions*, Greatmore Studios, Cape Town, South Africa
Swallow my Pride, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
Greatest Hits 2009, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2018 Standard Bank Young Artist of the Year Award for Visual Art

RESIDENCIES

- 2022 Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, Cape Town, South Africa
2020 A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
2019 I.D.E.A. Residency Project, Nicoletta Rusconi Art Projects, Milan, Italy
2015 A Tale of a Tub, Rotterdam, Netherlands
2014 Sommer akademie im Zentrum Paul Klee in Bern, Switzerland
2013 IAAB / Pro Helvetia residency, Basel, Switzerland

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland
Inhotim Museum, Brazil
Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Standard Bank collection, Johannesburg, South Africa
University of Cape Town collection, Cape Town, South Africa
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands
Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

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O'Toole, Sean. "View of 'Pulling at Threads', 2018," *Artforum International*, July 18, 2018

Drysdale, Courtney. "Uncanny Nostalgia: Igshaan Adams' 'When Dust Settles'," *ArtThrob*, July 10, 2018

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