

ELIAS SIME

Born in 1968, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Lives and works in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

EDUCATION

1990 Graphic Art, School of Fine Arts and Design, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AWARDS

2019 Shortlisted for Hugo Boss Prize, Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, New York, NY

COMMISSIONS

2023 Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C.

2019 National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

2018 Facebook Artist-in-Residence Program, Menlo Park, CA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Elias Sime: Echo የገጸል ማሟቶ*, Kunstpalast Düsseldorf, Germany

2024 Elias Sime, James Cohan, New York, NY

Elias Sime: Dichotomy ፊት ከና ጂርባ, Official Collateral Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia, Spazio Tana, Castello, Venice, Italy

2023 *Elias Sime: Eregata*, Arnolfini, Bristol, United Kingdom; traveled to Hastings Contemporary, Hastings, UK

TIGHTROPE: አረንጓዴ ነው (IT IS GREEN), James Cohan, New York, NY

Tightrope: Behind the Processor, Grimm Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2021 *Elias Sime: Tightrope*, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada

TIGHTROPE: ECHO!?, James Cohan, New York, NY

2020 *Tightrope: Concave Triangles*, Grimm Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Currents 118: Elias Sime, St. Louis Art Museum, MO

2019 *Elias Sime: Tightrope*, Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY; traveling to Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH; Kemper

- Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO; Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada
- Elias Sime: NOISELESS*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- Elias Sime*, Zoma Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2018 *Tightrope*, Grimm Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2017 *Elias Sime: Twisted & Hidden*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2015 *Elias Sime*, James Cohan Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013 *Tightrope*, British Council, Goethe-Institut, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Alliance Éthio-française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2012 *Eye of the Needle, Eye of the Heart*, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
- 2011 *Ants and Ceramicists*, British Council, Goethe-Institut, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Alliance Éthio-française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2010 *Oedipus-Rex Opera*, Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia
- 2009 *Oedipus-Rex Opera*, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles, CA
- Eye of the Needle, Eye of the Heart*, Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
- 2008 *What is Love?*, Alliance Éthio-française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2006 *Metamorphosis*, Public mosaic sponsored by the European Union and Zoma Contemporary Art Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- GOTA Tarat-Tarat*, Alliance Éthio-française, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2004 *Min Neber*, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 1999 *Hilton Addis Ababa*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 1998 *Addis Ababa University*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 1996 *United Nations Economic Commission for Africa*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 1995 *Organization of African Unity*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 1993 *Alliance Éthio-française*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Tending and Dreaming: Stories from the Collection*, San José Museum of Art, San José, CA
- 2024 *Our Earth*, Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury, UK
- 2023 *To Weave the Sky: Textile Abstractions from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*,

- El Espacio 23, Miami, FL
Ethiopia at the Crossroads, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD
Together..., Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR
I'll Be Your Mirror: Art and the Digital Screen, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX
- 2022 *The Milk of Dreams*, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2021 *Reclaiming Magic*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, United Kingdom
Portals, NEON, Athens, Greece
Experience & Expression, Permanent Installation, Detroit Institute of the Arts, Detroit, MI
Butterflies Frolicking on the Mud: Engendering Sensible Capital, Thailand Biennale 2021, Korat, Thailand
- 2020 *Allied with Power: African and African Diaspora Art*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, FL
- 2019 *Borders*, James Cohan, New York, NY
- 2018 *I Was Raised on the Internet*, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Abstract Minded: Works by Six Contemporary African Artists*, N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art, Detroit, MI
- 2016 *The Distance of a Day*, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan
Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, AR
Cleveland Clinic Art Collection
Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
Princeton University Art Museum, NJ
Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada
Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Korn, Felicity & Grosche, Anna. *Elias Sime: Echo የገደል ማሚቶ*, Kunstpalast
Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2019 Adler, Tracy L. *Elias Sime: Tightrope*, New York: Prestel