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### PERSONAL.

Afi Ese (b. 1982, Houston, TX)

Oils, soft pastel, charcoal

Identifies as a disabled artist (wheelchair-dependent)

### EDUCATION.

BS, Psychology, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor 2003

MS, Psychology, University of Houston 2009

MS, Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View A&M University 2013

Certification in Art Therapy 2014

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS.

2026 **Everyday People**. Obama Library, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Curated by Elijah Rashaed

2026 **The Big Show 2026**. Lawndale, Houston, TX. Curated by Valerie Cassel Oliver

2026 **Harris County Juried Exhibition**. Sawyer Yards, Houston, TX. Curated by Hesse McGraw

2026 **Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition**. Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

2025-26 **Everyday People**. The Historic Black Police Precinct Courthouse and Museum, Soul Basel Art Basel, Miami, FL. Curated by Elijah Rashead [READ MORE](#)

2025 **Bridges: Because of Them**. Detroit Fine Arts Breakfast Club/The CARRcenter, Detroit, MI

2025 **Pigmented Black Fine Art Faire**. Blackbird Gallery, Detroit, MI/Chicago, IL

2025-26 **ArtAbility Exhibition and Sale**. ArtAbility, Bryn Mawr, PA

2025 **Echoes of Joy**. Akwaaba Gallery, Newark, NJ

2025 **I Am**. Blue Prolific Studios, Houston, TX

2025 **Fade To Black Arts Festival**. MATCH Houston, Houston, TX

2025 **A Tribute to Water**. Mexican Consulate of San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

2025 **American Visions III**. Brown & Juanita C Ford Gallery, Larry K. Lewis Education Center NW, Detroit, MI

2025 **28th Carroll Harris Simms National Black Art Competition and Exhibition**. African American Museum of Dallas, Dallas, TX

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  
 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 **Citywide African American Art Exhibition.** *Museum of Fine Arts*, Houston, 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 **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  
 2020-21 **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.

2026 June 5 - 27. **Northbound: What survives?** *934 Gallery*, Columbus, OH  
 2024 August 19 - September 28. **Interconnected: The African Influence of Urban Adornment**, Side Gallery, *The Jung Center Museum*, Houston, TX. 8/14 works sold opening night  
 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. 7/12 works sold opening night  
 2017 **Revolution or Exodus**, *Yoga House Houston*, Houston, TX. 13/20 works sold opening night

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY.

2026 June. Afi Lane explores concepts of memory, migration in stirring 934 Gallery exhibition, Matter News [READ MORE](#)  
 2026 February. Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, Daytime Chicago [READ MORE](#)  
 2025 March. *the-System \**. In Conversation With Afi Ase, Featured Artist Spread  
 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.  
 2021 September. *Blk Voices Magazine*, Cover.  
 2021 August. *Root Work Journal*. Artwork.  
 2021 February. *Sanctuary Magazine*. Interview.  
 2020 September. *Critical Bounds Podcast*. Interview.  
 2020 March. *Brown Girls and Mental Health Magazine*. Artwork and poetry.  
 2020 January. *Black Art in America Newsletter*.

#### COLLECTIONS.

The Mansion at Strathmore, Rockville, MD  
 David and Linda Whitaker, Detroit, MI

Private collection, Ed Gordon, 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

**RESIDENCIES. MEMBERSHIPS. ASSIGNMENTS. APPOINTMENTS.**

2023-2026 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.**

2026 **3rd Place General Category**, Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition, *The Three Musketeers*  
2024 **1st Place**, Citywide African American Artists Exhibition, *Sir Charles*  
2024 **Judge's Choice**, The Doris B. Gordon Award, 2023-24 ArtAbility Exhibition and Sale, *The reward*  
2024 **Finalist**, Jerry's Artarama Self-portrait Competition, *Self-portrait 2021*  
2022 **1st Prize Drawing and Fine Printmaking**. The Stephen Panacsi Memorial Award, 2021-22 Art Ability Exhibition and Sale, *Sultan of Algadez*  
2022 **Honorable Mention**, Citywide African American Art Exhibition, *Sir Caesar*  
2021 **Rauschenberg Grant**, Cycle 9, New York Foundation for the Arts  
2021 **Juror's Choice Award**, EXPO 2021