

## MERIKOKEB BERHANU

1977 Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Lives and works in Maryland

## EDUCATION

2002 B.F.A. Addis Ababa University, Alle School Fine Arts and Design, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Merikokeb Bernabu*, James Cohan, New York, NY (*forthcoming*)
- 2024 *Tête-Bêche*, Bortolami Gallery, New York, NY
- 2023 *A World Grows Within*, Addis Fine Art Project Space, London, UK
- 2019 *Beneath the Surface: The Mysteries of Living and Dying*, Addis Fine Art Project Space, London, UK
- 2016 *Corporeal Contemplation*, Addis Fine Art Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2015 *Latest Artworks*, Red Hill Art Gallery of Contemporary African Art, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2011 *Merikokeb Berhanu*, Ethiopian National Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Making Their Mark: Art by Women in the Shah Garg Collection*, Kemper Art Museum, St. Louis, MI (*forthcoming*)
- 2024 *Ethiopia at the Crossroads*, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH  
*Making Their Mark: Art by Women in the Shah Garg Collection*, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA  
*Ethiopia at the Crossroads*, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA  
*Twilight is a Place of Promise*, Esther Schipper, Berlin, Germany  
*Connected Threads: Contemporary Art from the Horn of Africa and Diaspora*, Addis Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2023 *Ethiopia at the Crossroads*, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD  
*Making Their Mark: Art by Women in the Shah Garg Collection*, Shah Garg Foundation, New York, NY
- 2022 *Where Cloudy Waters Collide*, Pippy Houldsworth Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *From Modern to Contemporary: Artists from the Horn of Africa and Diaspora*, CFHILL, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2013 *Ashara*, Laphto Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2011 *My Self Portrait*, Asni Gallery, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## BIENNALES

2022 *Milk of Dreams*, Venice Biennale, curated by Cecilia Alemani, Venice, Italy

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Artistic Museum of Contemporary Art, Cardiff, Wales  
 Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD, USA  
 Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, USA  
 Fondation H, Antananarivo, Madagascar  
 High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA, USA  
 Inhotim Museum, Brumadinho, Brazil  
 Komal Shah & Gaurav Garg Collection, CA, USA  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, USA  
 Peabody Essex Museum, MA, USA  
 Rachofsky Collection, Dallas, TX, USA  
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, USA  
 Tate Modern, London, UK

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- 2025 Brady, Anna, “Rising Ethiopian artist Merikokeb Berhanu’s gallery joins forces with two major dealers to help her go global,” *The Art Newspaper*, March 28, 2025.
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- 2022 Luke, Ben, “A world of possibility: Cecilia Alemani, the curator of the 2022 Venice Biennale, discusses the show,” *The Art Newspaper*, April 11, 2022.  
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## PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Godfrey, Mark and Siegel, Katy, ed., *Making Their Mark: Art by Women in the Shah Garg Collection*, Gregory R. Miller & Company, New York, NY, 2024.
- 2022 Bosnu, Osei, *African Art Now: 60 Pioneers Defining African Art for the 21st Century*, Chronicle Books, San Francisco, CA, 2022.