

Margaret Njeri Ngigi Artist CV

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Summary

Margaret Ngigi is a Kenyan visual artist, photographer and filmmaker. Ngigi's creative practice is a visual record of her growth and development as she navigates the world around her. Her work explores the complexities of growing up, exploring stories surrounding her environment and cultures, and themes that grapple with the changes and challenges that come with transitioning through life and womanhood.

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Education

2018 - 2022 Bachelor of Arts in Film Production and Directing, **United States International University** - Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

2016 - 2017 Diploma in Fine Art , **Kenyatta University**, Nairobi, Kenya

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023 Forever Is Not Ours, One- Off Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya

2020 Murky Waters, Doyle Wham Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 Afrotopia, Ethnographic Museum of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

2024 Form and Fantasy, Afriart Gallery, Kampala, Uganda

2024 Abafa(ba)zi, Goethe Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa

2023 Sisi Ni Hao, African Women Photography Exhibition, Goethe Institute, Nairobi, Kenya

2023 African Identities, AKKA Gallery, Venice, Italy.

- 2022 Antifragile, Circle Art Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2021 I EXIST! AKKA Project Gallery, Venice, Italy
- 2021 Deus ex Femina, AKKA Project Gallery, Dubai, UAE

Selected Art Fairs and Festivals Exhibitions

- 2024 Kraków Photo Festival, Kraków, Poland
- 2023 Shanghai Art Fair, ArtCN Shanghai, China.
- 2021 Photo Base, Represented by AKKA Project, Switzerland, Europe.
- 2020 Photo London, Represented by AKKA Project, London, United Kingdom.
- 2020 Photo Basel, Beyond the Cosmos, Represented by AKKA Project, Switzerland, Europe.

Residencies

- 2026 Anidan Artists Residency, The African Art Trust, Lamu, Kenya
- 2025 Her Story Residency, The Space Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2023 AIRBRUSH Residency, BrushTu Studios, Nairobi, Kenya

Collections

- 2025 Private Collection, Netherlands, Europe
- 2023 SINA JINA Collection, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2023 Private Collection, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2023 I&M Bank Collection, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2021 Private Collection, Switzerland, Europe.
- 2021 Private Collection, Dubai, UAE.

Lectures & Panels

- 2025 Rethinking Contemporary Art, Virtual Lecture, Ethnographic Museum of Warsaw, Poland
- 2023 What Makes a Fine Art Photographer?, Alliance Française, Nairobi, Kenya

Awards & Nominations

- 2026 AFRICA'SOUT! Writers and Artists Fund for Travel
- 2022 FOTEa, East Africa Photography Awards Imagine - Category Winner(2020)
- 2022 Cultures of resistance, Creative Activism Awards
- 2020 Photo London's Emerging Photographer of the Year Award - Shortlisted

Selected Press

2025 Sherie Ngigi: The photographer immortalising life's fragility through lens and memory The Standard

[<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/arts-culture/article/2001513795/sherie-ngigi-kenyan-photographer-immortalising-lifes-fragility-through-lens-and-memory>]

2025 Someday We Overflow: Sherie Ngigi's messy exploration of vulnerability, The Standard

[<https://www.tnx.africa/arts-culture/article/2001528822/someday-we-overflow-sherie-ngigis-messy-exploration-of-vulnerability>]

2023 Margaret Ngigi addresses life and death issues on canvas, Business Daily

[www.businessdailyafrica.com]

2022 Essere donna in Africa. Una mostra a Venezia - [https://www.africarivista.it/essere](https://www.africarivista.it/essere-donna-in-africa-una-mostra-a-venezia/188091/?fbclid=IwAR1uxp6QR1HHdulqGkrE7TI9WOUB9CqjBfPuJ3Lkichy2MzBr_demVHFIVE0)

[donna-in-africa-una-mostra-a-venezia/188091/?fbclid=IwAR1uxp6QR1HHdulqGkrE7TI9WOUB9CqjBfPuJ3Lkichy2MzBr_demVHFIVE0](https://www.africarivista.it/essere-donna-in-africa-una-mostra-a-venezia/188091/?fbclid=IwAR1uxp6QR1HHdulqGkrE7TI9WOUB9CqjBfPuJ3Lkichy2MzBr_demVHFIVE0)

2022 'I Exist!' a collaboration between AKKA Project and David Krut Projects

https://artafricamagazine.org/i-exist-a-collaboration-between-akka-project-and-david-krut-projects/?fbclid=IwAR0AQ6LLkVKmwVJay_MvSL0Cl5jqLUzjOCc0gKNHyMr9565rqBziOjt3_Jg

2021 2021 Photo London digital curated picks - [https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-fairs-photo](https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-fairs-photo-london-digital-curated-picks)

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2021 Le novità di Luglio e Agosto con AKKA Project, **Stylise** [www.stylise.it] Essere donna in Africa.

2021 Una mostra a Venezia, **Africa Rivista** [www.africarivista.it]

2021 Essere donna in Africa. Una mostra a Venezia - [https://www.africarivista.it/essere](https://www.africarivista.it/essere-donna-in-africa-una-mostra-a-venezia/188091/?fbclid=IwAR1uxp6QR1HHdulqGkrE7TI9WOUB9CqjBfPuJ3Lkichy2MzBr_demVHFIVE0)

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2021 Lebo Thoka and Margaret Ngigi, I Exist!, **Latitudes** [latitudes.online]

2020 Margaret Ngigi – Murky waters - <https://contemporaryand.com/exhibition/margaret-ngigi-murky-waters/>

2017 Best of the Nation, Margaret Ngigi -

<https://www.thestar.co.ke/sasa/entertainment/2020-01-30-the-best-of-the-nation-margaret-ngigi-the-artist-at-heart/>

Publications

2026 Der Grief Issue 19, I Am Because of You, Mother Earth, by Zenele Muholi

2026 Menelick 2^o Ato Issue 22,

2021 Canvas Magazine, Uncovering The Divine Feminine.

2021 At the altar of womanhood by Ellen Agnew, Art Africa, Digital Issue 21 January-March, pp 170 – 187

<https://en.calameo.com/artafrica/read/0048361912fbb43af3a37?authid=19Pom4jyofrL&page=334>

2021 Murky waters - <https://www.daedalusmagazine.it/3167-2/>

2021 I Exist!, **Urbanautica** August Newsletter [madmimi.com]

2021 Margaret Ngigi. Murky Waters by **Elisa Dainelli**, **Urbanautica** [urbanautica.com], August

2021 I Exist!, **Widewalls** [www.widewalls.ch], July

2021 Thoka and Margaret Ngigi: I Exist!, **Contemporary & CO** [contemporaryand.com], July

2021 I Exist, **Artribune** [www.artribune.com], July

2021 Le novità di Luglio e Agosto con AKKA Project, **Stylise** [www.stylise.it], 28 June

2021 Essere donna in Africa. Una mostra a Venezia, **Africa Rivista** [www.africarivista.it], 6

Luglio

2020 Issue 30 – Emerging Photographer Awards -

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/805166/46/?fbclid=IwAR2vkCXDphCkrQ1zIE5PmBflmCHdX7H0ilAgpeYR7ts3S7ZsZD1SgqPRP5Q>