

Layo Bright

Born in 1991, lives and works in Lagos, Nigeria

EDUCATION

- 2018 MFA (Hons.), Parsons the New School of Design, New York, NY
- 2015 The Nigerian Law School, Lagos, Nigeria
- 2014 L.L.B. (Hons.) Babcock University, Ogun State, Nigeria

COLLECTIONS

- The Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA
- The Horseman Foundation, St. Louis, Missouri

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Invasive Blooms, curated by Megan C. Austin, Montclair State University Galleries, Montclair, NJ
- 2024 Heartwood, Halsey McKay Gallery, New York, NY
- 2024 Dawn and Dusk, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield CT
- 2022 Rockhaven, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Perspective, Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery, Paris, FR
- 2025 Smaller Objects, Larger Pictures, Halsey McKay Gallery, East Hampton, NY
- 2024 Saturn Gives Structure to the Dream, Superposition Gallery, New York, USA
- 2023 Neo-Custodians: Woven Narratives of Heritage, Cultural Memory and Belonging, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha NE
- The Glass Show, Halsey McKay Gallery, New York, NY
- A Two Way Mirror: Double Consciousness in Contemporary Glass by Black Artists, Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA
- Between the Seams, PM/AM Gallery, London, England
- The Alchemists, Johnson Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- Death of Beauty, Sargent's Daughters, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 Undercurrents, Sean Kelly Gallery, New York, NY
- moniquemeloche presents..., Lubeznik Center for the Arts, IN
- Woman to Woman, Bode Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 House of Crowns, Phillips, NY
- The Meeting Point, RegularNormal Gallery & ARTNOIR, NY
- Faces of the Hero: From New York to Athens, Lincoln Center (NYC) and Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (Athens, Greece)
- Ebony G. Patterson, Brittney LEEANNE Williams, Layo Bright, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Showfields: Layo Bright & Adama Delphine Fawundu, Showfields, NY
- To Heal and Protect, Welancora Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

- I Am Not A Goddess...Unless I Say I Am, Alliance Française – Mike Adenuga
Centre, Lagos, Nigeria
Something About Us, Anthony Gallery, Chicago, IL
2020 A Chance Encounter, Parts & Labor, NY
Flat File 2020, Peep Space, NY
A Familiarity That Warms, Flux Factory, NY
Here We Are, BSB Gallery, Trenton, NJ
You Don't See Me, Cuchifritos Gallery + Project Space, NY
Migrations and Meanings in Art, Meyerhoff Gallery at Maryland Institute
College of Art, MD
Boiling Point, Superposition Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA Interwoven, BSB
Gallery, Trenton, NJ
in the eye of the needle, Tri-tryagain Studio, Brooklyn, NY
Wish You Were Here '19, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
2019 Maid in Nigeria, AWCA, Lagos, Nigeria
2018 Through Her Eye, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL
Carry Over: New Voices from the Global African Diaspora, Smack Mellon,
Brooklyn, NY
The Hybrid of Being, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Westbeth Gallery, Chelsea, New
York, NY
Growing Pebbles, Sleep Center, New York, NY
2017 Reality Check, Sotheby's Institute of Art, New York, NY
2016 Art Salon, The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Lagos, Nigeria
2015 Group Exhibition at The Nimbus Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

RESIDENCIES

- 2025 Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY
2024 Ron Desmett Award Residency, Pittsburgh Glass Center, Pittsburgh, PA ()
2023 Visiting Artist Residency, Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA
2023 Visiting Artist Fellowship, UrbanGlass, Brooklyn, NY
2022 Laurie Wagman Visiting Artist & AIR at Tyler School of Art, PA
2021 NXTHVN Fellowship, New Haven, CT
2020 Triangle Residency, Brooklyn NY
2020 Flux Factory Artist Residency, Queens, NY
2019 The Studios at MASS MoCA (Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art),
North Adams, MA
2019 Tri-tryagain Studio Residency, Brooklyn, NY

AWARDS

- 2024- 2025 FST Studio Projects Fund, NY
2023 Ron Desmett Award for Imagination with Glass, Pittsburgh Glass Center,
Pittsburgh, PA
2021 Urbanglass Scholarship Award, Decorative Decals
2020 Urbanglass Scholarship Award, Kiln casting

- 2018 International Sculpture Center Sculpture Residency, Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton Township, NJ
- 2017 Beyoncé Formation Finalist Scholarship, New York, NY

TEACHING AND LECTURES

- 2023 Parsons Fine Arts Visiting Artist Lecture series, Parsons School of Design, New York NY
- 2022 Laurie Wagman Visiting Artist & AIR at Tyler School of Art, PA
O1 Artist Visa lecture, Center for Art Law, NY
- 2021 Artist Mentor for the Soul of Nations Foundation's "Indigenous International: Green Architecture Project"
(partly sponsored by the U.S. Consulate General in Lagos, Nigeria and the U.S. Department of State)
- 2021 Visiting Artist Talk, Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021 Visiting Artist Talk, Parsons School of Design, NY, USA
- 2018 Professor, Department of Integrated Design, Parsons The New School of Design, New York, NY, USA (Integrated Design Studio 01, Fall 2018)

PUBLICATIONS

- The Hopkins Review
- The Winter 2025 edition, introduction by Karen Wilkin, the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum
- New Women's Work: Reimagining "feminine" craft in contemporary art
by Angelik Vizcarrondo-Laboy