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## ROTIMI FANI-KAYODE CV

Born 1955, Lagos, Nigeria  
Died 1989, London, UK

### Education

1983  
MFA in Photography, Pratt Institute, New York, NY, USA

1980  
BA in Fine Arts and Economics, Georgetown University, Washington, WA, USA

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode: Tranquility of Communion, The Polygon Gallery,  
Vancouver, Canada

2024  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode: Tranquility of Communion, Wexner Center for the Arts,  
OH, USA

2021  
Tranquility of Communion, Hales Gallery, London, UK  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode (1955 – 1989), Georgetown University Art Galleries,  
Washington, WA, USA

2018  
Rage & Desire, Hales Project Room, New York, NY, USA

2016  
Shores Like You, Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode (1955-1989), Palitz Gallery, New York, NY, USA

2015  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode (1955-1989), Light Work, Syracuse, NY, USA  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode (1955-1989), Chobi Mela VIII Festival, Dhaka, Bangladesh

2014  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode (1955-1989), Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode: Traces of Ecstasy, Iziko South African National Gallery,  
Cape Town, South Africa

2012  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode: Nothing to Lose, Walther Collection Project Space, New  
York, NY, USA

2011  
Rotimi Fani Kayode (1955-1989), Rivington Place, London, UK

2009  
Rotimi Fani-Kayode (1955-1988): Photographs, Rudenstine Gallery, W.E.B. Du

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Bois Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

2007

Rotimi Fani-Kayode: Bodies of Experience, Michael Stevenson Contemporary Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Rotimi Fani-Kayode, Jean Marc Patras Galerie, Paris, France

2006

Rotimi Fani-Kayode: Black and White Photographs from the Estate, Michael Stevenson Contemporary Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

1999

Communion - Selected Works, Café Gallery, London, UK

1995

Communion - Selected Works, Impressions Gallery, York, UK

1989

Rotimi Fani-Kayode, Photographer (1955-1989): Retrospective, 198 Gallery, London, UK Submarine Gallery, London, UK

1986

Yoruba Light for Modern Living, Riverside Studios, London, UK

1985

Rotimi Fani-Kayode, B&J Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

Queer Histories, Museum of Art São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Edges of Ailey, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, USA

Translations: Afro-Asian Poetics, Andreas Teoh collection / Nouri 72 Amoy Street, Singapore

2023

Trace, Formations of Likeness: Photography and Video from The Walther Collection, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

A Hard Man is Good to Find!, The Photographer's Gallery, London, UK

2022

The Spirit of Revue Noire: A Founding Collection, Hakanto Contemporary, Antananarivo, Madagascar

Cosmogony, Cobra Museum of Modern Art Amstelveen, Amsterdam, Netherlands

African Cosmologies: Redux, The Alta Arts - FotoFest, Houston, TX, USA

Living with Ghosts, Pace Gallery, London, UK

Living with Ghosts, Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA

A Century of the Artist's Studio 1920 - 2020, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

2021

Cut and Mix, New Art Exchange, Nottingham, UK

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Masculinities: Liberation through Photography, Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany;  
FOMU Antwerp, Belgium  
Greater New York, MoMA PS1, Queens, NY, USA

2020

Masculinities: Liberation through Photography, Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK  
GENDERS: Shaping and Breaking the Binary, Science Gallery, London, UK  
Feast for the Eyes – The Story of Food in Photography, The Photographers Gallery, London, UK  
African Cosmologies – Photography, Time and the Other, Houston FotoFest Biennial, TX, USA

2019

Implicit Tensions: Mapplethorpe Now, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, USA

2018

Artist and Society: Intimacy, Activism and AIDS, Tate Modern, London, UK

2016

Shores Like You, Huis Marseille, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2013

Glyphs: Acts of Inscription, Pitzer Art Galleries, Claremont, CA, USA

2012

Foreign Exchange - or the stories you wouldn't tell a stranger, Weltkulturen Museum, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

2011

Events of the Self: Portraiture and Social Identity, Paris Photo - Walther Collection Project Space, Paris, France  
ARS 11: Taking Africa, Kiasma-Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland

2010

Disidentifikation, Göteborgs Konsthall, Göteborg, Sweden  
Events of the Self: Portraiture and Social Identity, Walther Collection Project Space, Neu-Ulm, Burlafingen, Germany

2009

Transatlantic Pride Art Show, Clifford Chance, New York Gay Pride, New York, USA & London, UK

2008

Africa and the World, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2005

Über Schönheit, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany

2004

Staged Realities: Exposing the Soul in African Photography 1970-2004, Michael Stevenson Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa

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2003

Dreams & Conflicts - the Dictatorship of the Viewer, African Pavilion, 50th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

2000

Mardi Gras Arts Festival, E1 Gallery, London, UK

Porträt Afrika / Portrait Africa: A Century of Photographic Standpoints, Verein der Freunde, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany

1999

Eye Africa: African Photography 1840-1998, South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

1996

The Other Story, Kunsthalle Krems, Salzburg, Austria

In/Sight: African Photographers 1940 to the Present, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY, USA

1994

Significant Losses: Artists who have died from AIDS, The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park MD, USA

1992

Foto-Fest, Houston, TX, USA

1990

Ecstatic Antibodies, Battersea Arts Centre, London, UK

1989

Bodies of Experience: Stories about Living with HIV, Camerawork, London, UK  
Essential Contact, CEPA Gallery, Buffalo, USA

1987

Misfits, Oval House Gallery, London, UK

1986

Same Difference, Camerawork, London, UK

1985

Sacred and Profane Love, South West Arts, London, UK  
No Comment, Brixton Art Gallery, London, UK

## Selected Collections

Carnegie Museum of Art, PA, USA

Chapman University, CA, USA

Guggenheim Museum, NY, USA

Harvard University Hutchins Centre MA, USA

Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland

Princeton University Art Museum, NJ, USA