

## **NNENA KALU**

Born in Glasgow, 1966

Lives and works in London



### **Solo Exhibitions:**

- *Nnena Kalu: Infinite Drawing*, Deptford X, Enclave, London, 2022
- *Nnena Kalu: Studio Voltaire elsewhere*, Old Burlington Street, 2020
- *Nnena Kalu: Wrapping*, Humber Street Gallery, Hull, 2019
- *Nnena Kalu*, Glasgow International, Glasgow, 2018

### **Group Exhibitions:**

- *TAGELDIMDE/MIDDLEGATE*, Geel, Belgium, 2023
- *Trickster Figures: Sculpture and the Body*, MK Gallery, Milton Keynes, 2023
- *Allied Editions, House of Voltaire*, Frieze London, London, 2022
- *To all the Kings who have no Crowns*, Carl Freedman Gallery, Margate, 2022
- *Open House*, Studio Voltaire, London, 2021
- *Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, 2021
- *Evolving Echoing Entities*, Jennifer Lauren Gallery, London, 2020
- *Fair Vanity*, Summertime Gallery, New York, USA, 2020
- *Outside In: Environments*, Piano Nobile Kings Place, London, 2019
- *TUBE LINES*, Tate Exchange, London, 2019
- *Outside In: Discover*, Cerno Capital, London, 2018
- *Spectrum Arts Prize*, Saatchi Gallery, London, 2018
- *Spring Syllabus*, J Hammond Gallery, London, 2018
- *Voltaire Open*, Studio Voltaire, London, 2017
- *Paris Outsider Art Fair*, Hotel du Duc, Paris, France, 2016
- *Threads Contemporary Textile Open*, Salisbury Arts Centre, 2016
- *Magical Offspring*, Geddes Gallery, London, 2016
- *Imagine if That Said...*, Safe House II, London, 2016
- *Voltaire Open*, Studio Voltaire, London, 2016
- *Radical Craft: Alternative Ways of Making*, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, 2016
- *Capharnaum*, Theatre de Liege, Belgium, 2016
- *Paris Outsider Art Fair*, Hotel du Duc, Paris, France, 2015
- *Open House*, Studio Voltaire, London, 2015
- *Parallel Lines*, Area 44, London, 2014
- *The Trouble with Painting Today*, Pump House Gallery, London, 2014
- *Dizziness of Freedom*, Bermondsey Project, London, 2014
- *Epiphanies! Secrets of Outsider Art*, St Pancras Hospital Gallery, 2013
- *Open House*, Studio Voltaire, London, 2013
- *Side by Side International Exhibition*, Southbank Centre, London, 2013
- *Dreamcatcher. Moment in Time*, Shape in the City, London, 2013
- *Uninterrupted*, Shape Arts Open, London, 2011
- *Under Glass*, University College Hospital Gallery, London, 2008

- *18 Drivers*, Studio Voltaire, London, 2005
- *Big Show*, Studio Voltaire, London, 2004

### Commissions, Residencies and Awards:

- Paul Hamlyn Awards for Artists, 2021
- The Mark Tanner Sculpture Development Grant, 2021
- Shortlisted for The Mark Tanner Sculpture Award, 2021
- LOEWE FOUNDATION / Studio Voltaire Award, 2021
- Shortlisted for Spectrum Art Prize, 2018

### Acquisitions:

- Arts Council Collection: 'Drawing 27', graphite ink on paper, 2022
- Tate: 'Drawing 25', graphite ink on paper, 2022

### Press and Publications:

- *Thinking is Making: Objects in a Space: Mark Tanner Sculpture Award.*, Michael Taylor, Emma Benyon and Jon Wood, Black Dog Press, 2023
- *LOEWE FOUNDATION / Studio Voltaire Award Profiles*, LOEWE, 2022
- *Interludes: Mandala*, Shade Podcast, 2022
- *Nonconformers: A New History of Self-Taught Artists*, Lisa Slominski, Yale University Press, 2022
- *ActionSpace: Nnena Kalu*, Talk Art Podcast, 2022
- *In Margate, an Exhibition Amplifies the Process of Making Marks*, Jareh Das, Ocula Magazine, 2022
- *To All The Kings Who Have No Crowns | Curated by Jennifer Lauren Gallery*, This is Tomorrow, 2022
- *Raw Reviews: Kings Without Crowns*, Lisa Slominski, Raw Vision, 2022
- *Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition*, BBC documentary, 2021
- *Works to know in the 2021 Summer Exhibition*, Alayo Akinkugbe, Royal Academy of Arts, 2021
- *Nnena Kalu online artist profile and film*, SHIFT, 2021
- *Online artist profile: Nnena Kalu*, Lisa Slominski, Slominski Projects 2020
- *Nnena Kalu for Elsewhere*, Alice Channer, Studio Voltaire, 2020
- *Nnena Kalu's Chrysalides of Material Quietly Evolve in Mayfair*, Ella Fleck, Frieze Magazine, 2020
- *Nnena Kalu Weaves a Wild Web of Sellotape and Wool*, Louise Benson, Elephant Magazine, 2020
- *Nnena Kalu creates organic forms for 'elsewhere' on show at Studio Voltaire*, James Zatka-Haas, Disability Arts Online, London, 2020
- *Nnena Kalu*, Time Out, 2020
- *Nnena Kalu, INSIDE THEIR STUDIO: Artists with Disabilities and Their Collaborators*, Ikouii Creative, 2020
- *The time of her life: how Nnena Kalu turned Patrick Swayze videos into art*, Tom Emery, The Guardian, 2019
- *Glasgow International 2018: recommended shows and works from across the festival*, A-n, 2018

*Nnena Kalu is a Resident Artist at ActionSpace*  
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