

A portrait of Queen Kuko Yi, a Black woman with her hair pulled back, wearing a pink tank top. She is looking slightly to the side with a thoughtful expression. The background is dark with a large yellow circle behind her head and some yellow brushstrokes. The overall aesthetic is modern and artistic.

QUEEN KUKOYI

Artist CV

EDUCATION

September 2020- to Present

DESIGN FABRICATION ZONE

TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

- Interdisciplinary design and fabrication zone that strategically propels early-stage ideas for inventions, businesses and installations along the continuum from design to prototype to mass manufacturing. Providing mentorship to advance their design/fabrication projects through Woodworking, Digital Fabrication and entrepreneurial advice and assistance.

January-April 2019

ART AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

This course provides students with knowledge of the intersections between community practice and the uses of art. Specifically, the focus of the course will be on how art has been used to advance the cause of social transformation and resistance to marginalization, exploitation and powerlessness. Diverse mediums of art-production and performance such as photography, film, drama and storytelling will be explored. The course is framed within anti-oppression, anti-colonial and decolonizing theoretical frameworks.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2022| Heritage Toronto| Among Us | Public History Nomination

2021| Neighborhood Arts Network | Community Arts Award finalists

2021| City of Toronto | Shortlisted for Lawrence Heights Triangle Park Public Art Competition

2020| ArtworxTO | Unveiling Heroes of the Block

2020| City of Toronto | B3 Emergency Response Funds - ResponseAbility Youth Resilience Program

2019 | Centennial College | Alumni of Distinction Award

2019 | Trillium Foundation | Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF)

2019 | Toronto Arts Council | Community Arts- Baobab Project

MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

2021| CP24 | Olamina

2021| Global New | Love Letters

2021| Global New | Olamina

2021| DFZ | Carving Space for Black Creativity & Restorative Healing

2020| Spotify | Black Don't Crack Podcast

2020| Radio Western | Afrofuturism

2020| Toronto Arts Report | Afrofuturism, Activist Art and The Feminist Art Fest

2020| Book | Cosmic Underground Northside

2019| CBC Toronto | Afrochic

2019| CBC Ottawa | Still Standing: 400 Years of Black Excellence in Canada

2019| CBC Ottawa | Black History Month - Ministry of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism

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PERFORMANCES, ARTIST TALKS, & EXHIBITS

Selected Works

2022

AR & VR Exhibition • IMAGInuity • Ontario Black History Society, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Keynote • Disrupting Design: Black Placemaking • X University, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Co-host • Astro-Blackness from the Northside • Carnegie Hall, New York, USA
Artist Talk • Black Women Organizing the Future • Carnegie Hall, New York, USA
AR & Exhibition • Muva I am • Journey Into AfroCosmicMelatopia • Carnegie Hall, New York, USA
Screening & Artist Talk • Rahyne Film • Six Nations, Ohsweken, Ontario, CA
Screening & Artist Talk • Rahyne Film with James Baxter of Netflix • TAAFI, Toronto, Ontario, CA
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AR, Design, Curation, & Exhibition • IMAGInuity • ArtworxTO, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Artist Talk • Aurora Master Art Plan • Municipality of Aurora, Aurora, Ontario, CA
Artist Talk • Mosaic • X University, Toronto, Ontario, CA
AR & Exhibition • Muva I am • Bentway, Toronto, Ontario, CA
AR & Exhibition • Muva I am • Artscape Bayside Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, CA

2021

Artist Talk • Community Building and Wellness Through the Arts • ArtworxTO, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Keynote • Designathon: Disrupting the Creative Industry • X University, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Co-host • Monumental Dialogues • Monument Lab, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Artist Talk • Glimpsing the Future • Power Plant, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Installation • Earthseeds: Olamina • BSAM Canada, Toronto, Ontario, CA
AR & Installation • Love Letters 150-foot Construction hoarding • BSAM Canada, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Screening • Rahyne Film • Artistic Director & Voice Actor • BSAM Canada, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Screening • Among Us • Artistic Director • BSAM Canada, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Artist Talk • Black Youth Legacy Conference: Design Your Future • MACAA, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Artist Talk • Grant Writing for BIPOC Artists • X University's DFZ, Toronto, Ontario, CA
Artist Talk • Earthseeds: Space of the Living Project • BSAM Canada, Toronto, Ontario, CA

2020

Performance • Black Spaces Symposium • Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, CA
Curation & Public Exhibit • #ITSALLRIGHTNOW, The Bentway • Toronto, Ontario, CA
Screening • Blxck Womxn Film, Black Women in Film, OCAD University • Toronto, Ontario, CA
Screening • Blxck Womxn Film, Feminist Art Conference, OCAD University • Toronto, Ontario, CA
AR & Exhibit • They Must They Also Be Gods, Flux Factory Inc. • Queens, New York, USA
Exhibit • Blxck Womxn Instillation, Feminist Art Conference, OCAD University • Toronto, Ontario, CA
Performance • Resistance, Rematriation, and Diasporic Futurity, OCAD University • Toronto, Ontario, CA