

## Raphael Kwame Ogoe

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### *Biography*

Raphael Ogoe (rafogoe) is a Ghanaian American Architect, Artist and designer. Born in Accra, the capital city of Ghana where he was influenced by traditional daily life that also nurtured his interest in art from an early age. Despite constant pressures from teachers to pursue science and math, he sticks to his passion and continue his training in visual arts.

He received his Bachelor of Architecture and Masters in Project Management from the New Jersey Institution of Technology. Prior to starting his own practice, he worked with some top tier architectural firms such as Robert A. M. Stern Architects and Grimshaw Architects. Raphael Ogoe maintains a dual career as an architect and artist

As an architect and designer, he has worked on numerous high-profile projects around the world, including the Museums of American Revolution in Philadelphia PA, New Residential Colleges at Yale, New Haven CT, Expo 2020 Sustainability Pavilion in Dubai, EAU, JFK Airport Master planning, Xi-Tan Di Residential Development in China, Museum of Black Civilization in Senegal and many private residences in Nigeria and Ghana.

Raphael's sketch renderings, graphic design, digital modeling work has been featured in the Architectural Record and Architect Newspaper. He has also been profiled in publications including Omenka Magazine and the Ghanaian Spectator

His choice of art subject might be surprising considering his architectural background, but he believes art influences everything and he applies artistic thinking to the need of each project. He finds drawing and painting more fulfilling and therapeutic. "It is a way to collect my thoughts, ponder on concepts and to express the diverse experience of the African culture and contemporary daily lifestyle in the diaspora".

He is very passionate about inspiring and improving the lives of the youth in Africa by providing opportunities through art exhibitions for the youth while also elevating art appreciation in his home country Ghana. He currently has a proposal for the redevelopment of an abandoned children's park in Accra, Ghana.

He currently lives in New Jersey and works in New York.

## Raphael Kwame Ogoe (CV)

### Solo Shows

#### 2020

*When Titans Return, Artworks Trenton, New Jersey (February 1, 2020 – February 29, 2020)*

### Exhibitions

#### 2020

Return to the Future Exhibition, Accra, Ghana. (January 10 - January 11, 2020)

#### 2019

*Google and ArtBridge #9 on 15<sup>th</sup> Exhibition, Chelsea, New York.*

*(November 1, 2019 – January 10, 2020)*

*Guild Hall Clothesline Art Exhibition, East Hampton, New York. (August 9, 2020)*

*Art All Night Trenton SELECTS, Artworks Trenton, New Jersey. (June 29 – July 19, 2019)*

*Black and White Erotica, Artfront Galleries, Newark, New Jersey. (July 20 – August 31, 2019)*

*Artist of Today, MC Gallery New York, New York. (June 1, 2019)*

*Lucid Moments, African Regent Hotel, Accra, Ghana. (April 27, 2019)*

#### 2018

*A View with a Room, Northern Soul, Hoboken, New Jersey.*

*(November 30, 2018 – December 4, 2018)*

#### 2017

*Rise in the City NYC. An Event Inspiring Change, New York (October 25, 2017)*

#### 2016

*Drawing from Experience, RAMSA office, New York.*

### *Selected Lectures & Talks*

#### 2020

Artist Talk, Conversation about *When Titans Returns* body of work

#### 2019

Guest Critic for Design Studio class, Pratt Institute School of Design, New York, New York

Guest Critic for Construction Studio class, NJIT, Newark –New Jersey

#### 2018

Guest Critic for Design Studio class, School of Architecture, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New Jersey

Guest Critic for Construction Studio class, NYIT School of Architecture, New York, New York

### *Special Projects & Donations*

#### 2019

Art for Life by DIFFA Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

FACE Africa WASH Gala 2019 (Auction to provide clean water access to sub-Saharan Africa)

#### 2017

Rise in the City NYC- (Raise Money to build Orphanage Homes in Lesotho)