ISABEL OKORO
Born in 2001, Lagos NG
Lives and works in Toronto ON

EDUCATION
2021 BSc, University of Toronto

SELECTED ONE AND TWO-ARTIST EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Fond Traces of Fluid Landscapes* - Smokestack Gallery, Hamilton ON

2024 *Colour and Feel* - Patel Brown Gallery, Toronto ON

2023 *Constructing Eternity* - FÁBRICA, Mexico City MX
it's real, i watched it happen - Nuit Blanche, Toronto ON
Matters of the Heart - Ninth Editions, Toronto ON

2022 *magic dreams* - The Gallery at Mason Studio, Toronto ON

2021 *Is Love a Synonym for Abolition?* - Gallery 44, Toronto ON

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Reminds me of Home* - Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto ON
Summer Group Show - Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto ON
Love Letter: An Ode to Toronto - Hannah Traore Gallery, New York NY

2025 *Summer Group Show* - Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto ON
Collective Visions: Celebrating 25 Years of Photography - Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto ON

2024 *Summer Group Show* - Olga Korper Gallery, Toronto ON
Manifold Lagos - FF Projects, Lagos NG
Within The Mould, Against the Grain - The Black Arts Centre, Surrey BC

2023 *Dancing in the Light* - Museum of Contemporary Art, Toronto ON
Home as Corpus - Strada Gallery, New York NY
MANIFOLD Deluxe - FF Projects at Frieze Mayfair, London UK

2022 *BLACK_BOX* - Trinity Square Video, Toronto ON
MANIFOLD - FF Projects, London UK

2021 *We Buy Gold* - Gallery TPW, Toronto ON

SELECTED PRESS/BIBLIOGRAPHY

2024 Alessia Glaviano, "Interview with Isabel Okoro", PhotoVogue: Jan 4

2023 Sarah MacDonald, “Finding Black joy in normatopia: Inside the sentimental world of photographer Isabel Okoro”, CBC Arts: May 24
Mobólúwajídìde Joseph, “The Dreaminess of Isabel Okoro’s Normatopia”, The Republic: June 14

2022 Flossie Skelton, “These photos show what a Black utopia could look like”, Dazed: Feb 28
Mary Ojidu, “The photographer building a 'normatopia' for her community”, i-D: Feb 23

SELECTED LECTURES AND PANELS

2024 *On World-Building: A Conceptual Framework of Life*, University of Toronto: Daniels Faculty, Toronto ON, Nov 13

2023 *Envisioning Black Futures*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto ON, Feb 4
All good things must firstly begin, Artscape Daniel’s Launchpad, Toronto ON, Jul 28

2020 *A Multimedia Exploration of a Black Utopia with Isabel Okoro*, Daisie, London, UK, Jul 7

RESIDENCIES, AWARDS, AND HONOURS

2026 Smokestack - Printmaker in Residence

2025 Ontario Culture Days - Creator in Residence, Toronto ON

2024 University of Toronto - Daniels Faculty Filmmaker in Residence, Toronto ON
The Drake Hotel - Artist in Residence, Toronto ON

2024 Toronto Friends of the Visual Arts (TFVA) Prize

2023 FÁBRICA, Artist-in-Residence, Mexico City, MX

2022 FLDWRK x DesignTO ‘6ft (a)part’, Designer-in-Residence, Toronto ON

2021 Gallery 44, Artist-in-Residence, Toronto ON

2021 Getty Images ‘Definition Future’ Prize

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of Ontario
The Wedge Collection

SELECTED CLIENTS

Apple, SSENSE, Nike, Adidas, Dazed, Essence, Vogue, Havana Club, Atmos