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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 stuck to his passion and continued 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 in New York. Raphael Ogoe maintains a dual career as an architect and an artist.

As an architect and designer, he has worked on numerous high-profile projects around the world, including Museums, Universities, Airports, Commercial, Residential and Custom Residential Homes.

Raphael's sketch renderings, graphic design, and digital modeling work has been featured in the Architectural Record and Architect Newspaper. He has also been profiled in publications including Omenka Magazine, Flash Africa 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". His work deals with figurative imagery that addresses the ideas of cultural identity and humanity of the African 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 spearheading the design and construction of an Innovation and Incubation center in his Alma Mata in Koforidua, Ghana.

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

Raphael Kwame Ogoe (CV)

## Installations

2022

*'Dance in the Skies' Installation* at the new terminal in Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, NJ

2021

*'Dance in the Street' Installation* for NJ Transit bus stop in Trenton, NJ (Aug 2020 – Dec 2020)

*AfroSpaceCube Installation*, La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra - Ghana (Dec 2020 – April 30, 2021)

## Solo Shows

2024

*The Unveiling Exhibition*, Akwaaba Gallery Newark, New Jersey (March 9, 2024– April 27, 2024)

2020

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

## Exhibitions

2024

*Traditions & Transitions Exhibition* at Mayo Performing Arts Center, Morristown. (January 17 – March 3, 2024)

*Novartis Black History Month Exhibition* at Novartis Corporate Office, East Hanover, New Jersey. (January 23 – March 25, 2024)

2022

*Black Star Line Exhibition* at Triangle Loft, New York, New York. (October 21 - October 30, 2022)

2021

*Expo 2020 Dubai Sustainability Pavilion Courtyard* at Dubai, UAE. (October 2021 - March 2022)

*Transitional Art Exhibition* at Artworks, Trenton, New Jersey. (November 10 - December 11, 2021)

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 Exhibition*, 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 Exhibition*, 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 Exhibition*, RAMSA office, New York.

### *Selected Lectures & Talks*

2022

Building an art collection in the digital age, Organized by Triangle Loft & EKO system Inc, New York, NY

2021

Roundtable talk on Future Heritage, Organized by Accra Art Week, Accra-Ghana

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*

2024

Architectural Services and Project Advisory for Pope John High School Innovation and Incubation Center, Koforidua, Ghana

2023

Pope John High School mono desk donation project, Koforidua, Ghana

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)