

SUNARA BEGUM

Education

2007 – 2008 Central St. Martins College of Art and Design / MA Fine Art
2004 – 2007 Central St. Martins College of Art and Design / BA (Hons) Fine Art
2003 – 2004 Camberwell College of Arts / Art and Design Foundation

Solo Exhibitions

2018 Transcending Borders / Dimbola Museum & Gallery / Isle of Wight UK
2017 Memories of My Mentor / Dimbola Museum & Gallery / Isle of Wight UK
2016 Who Am I / Whitespace Gallery / Lagos Nigeria
2016 Retracing the Eye / Dimbola Museum & Gallery / Isle of Wight UK
2015 Retracing the Eye / Lionel Wendt Gallery / Colombo Sri Lanka
2015 Truth & Art / Centre for Contemporary Art / Lagos Nigeria
2014 Retracing the Eye / St. Martin in the Fields / London UK
2013 The Modern Griot / Khalili Lecture Theatre SOAS / London UK
2012 Truth & Art / St. Martin in the Fields / London UK
2011 The Water's Will / Drik Gallery / Dhaka Bangladesh
2010 Ara: A New Face of the Old World / 198 Gallery / London UK
2009 The Trilogy / Departure / London UK
2008 Ara's World / Shoreditch Gallery / London UK
2007 Abba / East-Side Educational Trust / London UK
2007 Amma / Brady Arts Centre / London UK

Group Exhibitions

2018 Retrace – Oval Space Containerville / London UK
2017 Saout Radio – Web Radio on Contemporary Audible Art / Maghreb / North Africa
2017 Art Africa Fair – Jubilee Hall V&A Waterfront / Cape Town South Africa
2016 Mall Galleries – The Royal Society of British Artists (RBA) / London UK
2016 V&A – Julia Margaret Cameron at 200 International Conference / London UK
2015 LAFGA – Muri Okunola Park / Lagos Nigeria
2014 Tate Britain – Urban Encounters: Movements, Mobilities, Migrations / London UK
2013 F.A.M.E – Festival of Art & Music Evolution / London UK
2013 Oitij-jo / Bargehouse Oxo Tower Wharf / London UK
2012 Truth & Art / October Gallery / London UK
2010 Addis Foto Fest / Laphto Art Gallery / Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2010 The East London Sukkah / London UK
2010 London Art Fair / Business Design Centre / London UK
2010 Bearspace Gallery / London / UK
2010 London Art Fair / Business Design Centre / London UK
2009 Drik Gallery / Dhaka Bangladesh
2009 Art Vendors – Alhamra Art Council / Lahore Pakistan
2009 LUDA Gallery / St Petersburg Russia
2009 Garden Gallery / Karachi Pakistan
2009 Oxford House / London UK
2008 Nolias Gallery / London UK
2008 Dray Walk Gallery / Brick Lane / London UK

2008 The Bargehouse / London UK
2008 Room 212 Gallery / Bristol UK
2007 East London Photography Festival / Art Pavilion / London UK
2007 Enter 07 / Watermans / London UK
2005 Trinity Buoy Wharf / London UK
2004 National Annexe Gallery / Cape Town South Africa

Festivals & Screenings

2018 Living Legacies / Music Museum of Nepal / Kathmandu Nepal
2018 Truth & Art / Kathmandu International Folk Music Film Festival / Kathmandu Nepal
2018 Memories of My Mentor / Sapumal Foundation / Colombo Sri Lanka
2018 Who Am I / Prana Lounge Conscious Cinema / Colombo Sri Lanka
2018 Transcending Borders / University of Rajasthan / Jaipur India
2018 Memories of My Mentor / Studio Sukriti / Jaipur India
2017 Memories of My Mentor / Dimbola Museum & Gallery / Isle of Wight UK
2017 Who Am I / Jubilee Exhibition Hall / Cape Town South Africa
2016 Who Am I / Whitespace Gallery / Lagos Nigeria
2016 Truth & Art: Diana Baroni / Nigerian Film Corporation / Lagos Nigeria
2016 500 Years Later / I Rep International Film Festival / Lagos Nigeria
2015 Truth & Art / AFRIFF Africa International Film Festival / Lagos Nigeria
2015 Genesis Cinema, Silver Bird Galleria, Lagos Island / Nigeria
2015 Genesis Cinema, City Mall, Lagos Island / Nigeria
2015 Truth & Art / The Quintessence Festival / Lagos Nigeria
2015 Truth & Art / Centre for Contemporary Art / Lagos Nigeria
2015 Truth & Art / I Rep International Film Festival / Lagos Nigeria
2015 Ara's World / Women as Hidden Influencers / Bonny Island Nigeria
2014 Truth & Art / Lights Camera Africa Festival / Lagos Nigeria
2013 Derek Johnson Truth & Art / AfrikàBa Festival / Hastings UK
2013 The Water's Will / Whitechapel Library / London UK
2013 The Pilgrim Within / Festival of Art & Music Evolution / London UK
2013 The Water's Will / Festival of Art & Music Evolution / London UK
2013 The Pilgrim Within / Bargehouse Oxo Tower Wharf / London UK
2012 Visions of a Traveller: DH Lawrence / Planetarium de Vaulx-en-Velin / Lyon France
2012 Visions of a Traveller: DH Lawrence / Lyon Opera House / Lyon France
2012 Truth & Art / Film Africa Rich Mix / London UK
2012 Truth & Art / Bolivar Hall Embassy of Venezuela / London UK
2011 Ancient Futures / Drik Gallery / Dhaka Bangladesh
2011 The Road to Basiliqué / Kembujeh Video Club / Brikama Gambia
2010 Ara's World & Ara's Sojourn / Horsebridge Arts Centre / Kent UK
2010 The Road to Basiliqué / WOMEX World Music Expo / Copenhagen Denmark
2010 The World of Tunde Jegede / Rich Mix / London UK
2009 Ara's World / Brooklyn Photo Salon / New York USA
2009 African Classical Music Ensemble / Tara Arts / London UK
2008 Ara's Sojourn / Video Art Gallery / London UK
2008 Ara's Sojourn / Portobello Film Festival / London UK
2007 Our Story Our Voice / ICA Institute of Contemporary Arts / London UK
2007 Our Story Our Voice / The Pan African Film Festival / Los Angeles California
2006 The Idea / Brady Arts Centre / London UK

Multi-Media Collaborations

2018 Nomad Tour / October Gallery / London UK
2018 Nomad Tour / Église Ceaulmont / Ceaulmont, Indre France
2018 Nomad Tour / The Poly / Falmouth UK
2018 Nomad Tour / Morrab Library / Penzance UK
2018 Nomad Tour / Dimbola Museum / Isle of Wight UK
2018 Nomad Tour / Ventnor Exchange / Isle of Wight UK
2018 Nomad Tour / Front Room / East Croydon, London UK
2018 Nomad Tour / Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall / Chichester UK
2018 Nomad Tour / University of Oxford / Oxford UK
2018 Nomad Tour / Norden Farm / Maidenhead UK
2017 TEDGlobal Builders. Truth-tellers. Catalysts / Arusha Tanzania
2017 Testimony Tour / The Poly / Falmouth UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Morrab Library / Penzance UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Under Ground Theatre / Eastbourne UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Bradford Festival / Bradford UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Dimbola Museum / Isle of Wight UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Ventnor Exchange / Isle of Wight UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Norden Farm / Maidenhead UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Newcastle Arts Centre / Newcastle UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Norwich Arts Centre / Norwich UK
2017 Testimony Tour / The Whitty Theatre / Berkshire UK
2017 Testimony Tour / The Forge, Anvil Arts / Basingstoke UK
2017 Testimony Tour / Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall / Chichester UK
2017 StringFEST Festival of Plucked and Bowed Instruments / London UK
2016 Festival des Musiques Rares / Fleurville France
2016 Federal Government Printing Press / Lagos Nigeria
2016 NFA Nigerian Film Corporation: Archives in Africa / Lagos Nigeria
2016 British Council: Pecha Kucha / Lagos Nigeria
2015 New Horizons Series at Muson Centre / Lagos Nigeria
2014 Dunstan Perera Studio / London UK
2013 Africa Centre Summer Festival Piazza / London UK
2013 Nitin Sawhney OneZero Roundhouse / London UK
2013 Guest Projects Africa / London UK
2012 Planetarium de Vaulx-en-Velin / Lyon France
2012 Lyon Opera House / Lyon France
2012 Royal Opera House / London UK
2011 Wiltshire Music Centre / Wiltshire UK
2011 Diana Baroni Trio / Marseilles France
2011 Abuja Philharmonic Orchestra / Abuja Nigeria
2011 Norden Farm Centre for the Arts / Maidenhead UK
2011 Kings Place / London UK
2011 St Ethelburga's Centre / London UK
2010 Tara Studio Theatre / London UK
2010 Pound Arts Centre / Corsham UK
2010 Wiltshire Music Centre / Wiltshire UK
2010 Beaford Arts Centre / Devon UK
2010 Lee Parish Church / Devon UK
2010 St Mathew's Church / Devon UK

2009 Contact Theatre / Manchester UK

Awards, Talks, Research & Residencies

2019 Artist Residency / Studio Sukriti / India
2018 Truth & Art / Commendation Award at Kathmandu International Music Film Festival / Nepal
2018 Truth & Art / Commendation Award at Music Museum of Nepal / Nepal
2018 Transcending Borders Residency / Studio Sukriti / India
2018 Transcending Borders Residency / University of Rajasthan / India
2017 Testimony Residency / Supported by Guest Projects Africa / UK
2016 Emidy Residency / Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud / France
2016 Julia Margaret Cameron at 200 International Conference / V&A / UK
2015 Living Legacies Archive / World and Traditional Music at British Library / UK
2015 Truth & Art / Video Archives / Centre for Contemporary Art / Nigeria
2015 Retracing the Eye / Word & Image Department / V&A Collection / UK
2014 Emidy Residency / Supported by Guest Projects Africa / UK
2014 Truth & Art / Online Library / Sanya Films / UK
2014 Living Legacies Research / Supported by Prince Claus Foundation / Netherlands
2013 The Griot's Tale Residency / Supported by Guest Projects Africa / UK
2012 La Macorina Residency / Supported by Lyon Opera House / France
2011 Tempo Realities Research / Supported by Openvizor / Bangladesh
2010 Griot Greats Research / Supported by Xiom / Gambia
2009 Dream Memories Residency / Supported by Axion Foundation / UK
2008 Professional Masters Scheme / Supported by Arts & Humanities Research Council / UK

Performance Art & Theatre

2018 The Emidy Project / Chateau de Flawinne / Namur
2018 The Emidy Project / The Cité Miroir, Liège
2018 GEKKA, Under the Moon, Hastings Museum & Art Gallery / Hastings
2018 ERÍ:Testimony / Ventnor Fringe Festival / Ventnor / Isle of Wight
2018 The Emidy Project / Chateau de Portes / Alès
2018 The Emidy Project / Festival Itinerant Music / Saint Laurent Les Bains / Ardèche
2018 The Emidy Project / Theatre of the House of Khemisset, Khemisset
2018 The Emidy Project / Youth Theatre of Khemisset / Khemisset
2018 The Emidy Project / Supported by Institute Français / The Night of the Story / Marrakesh
2018 The Emidy Project / Eco Museum of Berber, Ourika Valley / Marrakesh
2018 The Emidy Project / La Marbrerie, Montreuil / Paris
2017 The Emidy Project / Hautecourt Romanèche / Place de l'Église / Hautecourt
2017 Beaujolais en Scène et en Musique Festival / Le Château des Gimarets / Gimarets
2017 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Theatre Utopia / London
2017 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Groundlings Theatre / Portsmouth
2017 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Lyric Theatre / Bridport
2017 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Tara Theatre / London
2017 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Shonibare Studio / London
2017 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Cave Poesie / Toulouse
2016 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud / Fontevraud
2014 Emidy: He Who Dared to Dream / Guest Projects Africa / London
2013 The Griot's Tale / Africa Centre / London
2013 The Griot's Tale / Guest Projects Africa / London

2008 Blood Wedding / Departure Arts Centre / London
2004 Reach / Drill Hall Theatre / London
2003 Pace / Soho Theatre & Tabernacle Arts Centre / London
2002 Wide Asleep / Talawa Theatre & Arcola Theatre / London

Publications & CD

2017 Who Am I / Chand Aftara
2016 Music Makes The People / Light Camera Africa
2015 Art is for Transformation / Levekunst
2015 Journey of Ascension / Levekunst
2015 A Journey of Ascension / Vesess
2011 The Legend of Ara / Chand Aftara

Filmography

2017 Memories of My Mentor / London
2014 Night Paintings / London
2013 The Pilgrim Within / London
2013 Truth & Art / London
2012 Visions of a Traveller / Lyon
2012 The Brodsky Quartet / London
2012 Nomadic Mystics / London
2012 African Classical Music / London
2011 The Water's Will / Dhaka
2011 One Take Wonders / International
2010 Ara Trilogy / London
2010 When Night Falls / London
2010 The Road to Basilique / Paris
2010 The World of Tunde Jegede / London
2009 Menantol / Cornwall
2008 Ara's World / London
2007 Ara's Sojourn / London
2007 Our Story Our Voice / London
2006 The Idea / London
2002 Justice for the Youth / London

International Television & Radio Broadcasts

2018 Newsday BBC World Service
2016 NTA – Nigerian Television Authority
2014 NTA – Nigerian Television Authority
2014 – Eye Africa – Gambia TV
2013 Women's Voice – Bangla TV
2013 Living the Life – Islam Channel
2012 Channel S – Bangla TV

Press

2017 Le Journal

2017 Le Progres
2017 Songlines
2016 The Guardian
2016 Business Day
2016 Tribune
2016 The Guardian
2016 This Day
2014 Music in Africa
2014 Royal Times
2014 New Telegraph
2014 This is Africa
2014 The Net (Nigerian Entertainment Today)
2014 New Telegraph

Production, Costume Design & Staging

2018 New Horizons: NOK Orchestra
2017 New Horizons: Art Ensemble of Lagos
2016 New Horizons: An African Ballet
2016 New Horizons: New Worlds
2016 New Horizons: Resistance & Revelation
2015 New Horizons: Testimony
2015 New Horizons: African Messiah
2015 New Horizons: African Connections

Community Experience

2018 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Jaipur India
2018 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Varanasi India
2017 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Wassu Gambia
2017 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Ekiti Nigeria
2017 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Ilorin Nigeria
2016 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Oyo Nigeria
2015 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Colombo Sri Lanka
2015 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Osun Nigeria
2014 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Banjul Gambia
2013 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Delhi India
2012 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Marrakech Morocco
2011 Volunteer / Chand Aftara Village Teaching Project / Chittagong Bangladesh

Founder / Co Founder

2016 Kora Yoga Africa
2015 New Horizons Africa
2014 Living Legacies Archive
2006 Chand Aftara Visuals

Collections

Sapumal Foundation, Colombo

Morrab Library, Cornwall
Ann Hardisty, Isle of Wight
Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo
Rex Morgan, Bathurst
Dimbola Museum & Galleries, Isle of Wight
Musical Society of Nigeria, Lagos
Centre for Contemporary Art, Lagos
Saint Martin In-the-Fields, London
Drik Gallery, Dhaka
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design, London