

AKINSANYA KAMBON

Formerly Mark Teemer

Born in 1946, Sacramento, CA
Lives and works in Long Beach, CA

LIFE AND SERVICE

2017-present

Pan African Art Museum, Long Beach, CA, co-founder with Tama-Sha Kambon

2003-present

The Gallery Kambon, Long Beach, CA, artist

1995

Pan African Art Inc., non-profit, Long Beach, CA, co-founder with Tama-Sha Kambon

1985-2010

Gangs for Positive Action, Long Beach, CA, leadership and arts educator

1984-2020

Pan African Art, Long Beach, CA, founder

1968-1970

Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, Sacramento Chapter

1966-1968

Combat Illustrator and Infantryman, United States Marine Corps

EDUCATION

1976

Master of Arts, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA
Bachelor of Arts, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA

1965-1970 (drafted 1966-68)

Sacramento City College, Sacramento, CA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022

Akinsanya Kambon, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York, NY (Forthcoming)

2020-2021

American Expressions/African Roots: Akinsanya Kambon's Ceramic Sculpture, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA. February 2, 2020 – February 28, 2021

1991

CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA: Honoring El Hajj Malik El Shabazz "Malcolm X", Pan African Art, Long Beach, CA, February 16, 1991

1969

An Evening with Mark Teemer: A Study in Black, The Oak Park School of Afro-American Thought, Sacramento City College, Sacramento, CA, November 29 - December 6, 1969

Date Unknown*

Akinsanya Kambon: An Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture in Commemoration of Black History Month, College of the Arts Gallery C, February 9 - February 18

*1982 OR 1993

Date Unknown

Akinsanya Kambon: An Artistic View of the Struggle, Pan African Art Gallery & School, Sacramento, CA

Date Unknown

Art Exhibit & Lecture by Akinsanya Kambon, Pan African Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022

This Tender, Fragile Thing, The School | Jack Shainman Gallery, Kinderhook, NY, January 15 - April 30, 2022

2016-2017

All Power to the People: Black Panthers at 50, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA, October 8, 2016 – February 26, 2017

2016

The Point Is...2.0, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA, October 7 – October 29, 2016

2011

Made in America: An African American Fine Art Perspective, Evolve the Gallery, in collaboration with California Legislative Black Caucus, Sacramento, CA, February 4 - February 26, 2011

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Rennie Collection, Vancouver, BC

TEACHING

1984-2010

Professor, California State University, Long Beach

1995-1996

Pan African Art, Long Beach, CA (youth program)

AWARDS

2022

Regional Award for Excellence, The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts

1996

Design Award, Building a Better Long Beach, Department of Planning and Building, City of Long Beach

1994

Distinguished Arts Award for Outstanding Community Arts, Public Corporation for the Arts, City of Long Beach

1994

Commendation for Community Arts, County of Los Angeles

1993

Community Fellowship Award, California Wellness Foundation, Violence Prevention Initiative

1973

1st Place Award, 1st Annual Legislative Black Art Exhibition sponsored by the Honorable Frank Holoman, 65th Assembly District