

## **SELECT EXHIBITION HISTORY**

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

	<b>2023</b>
SALA: A Living Room of Ideas listening party + Zine Launch, Chicago Art Department	
Things, us, at The Plan, Chicago	
Seeding Ceremony, Contra Corriente Festival, Chicago Art Department	
	<b>2022</b>
New Futures...Back in the Arena, Chicago	
HomeGrown, MDW fair, Chicago	
The Other Art Fair, Revel space, Chicago	
Heaven Gallery group exhibit; Confluence, Chicago	
	<b>2021</b>
The Good work exhibit, Color me Africa Fine Arts, Virtual, Chicago	
The BRAAI, Silent Funny, Chicago	
A Rostrum312 event, Chicago	
Raw edge featured artist, Chicago	
	<b>2020</b>
The Immigrant Artist Biennial, Virtual, New York	
Group exhibit at Tradition, Chicago, IL	
	<b>2019</b>
Substantial threads, two person exhibit at the Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL	
SOFA Chicago exhibit, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL	
Group exhibit, the Bhavan Gallery, London	
New beginnings, 47th ward alderman office, Chicago, IL	
International Beethoven festival, Chicago, IL	
	<b>2018</b>
Between the Seams, juried exhibit, Woman made gallery, Lacuna lofts, Chicago, IL	
Fundraiser Chicago Art Department, Make Puerto Rico lit again, Chicago, IL	
DIFFA/Arts for life pop up at the Golden triangle , Chicago, IL	
Local AF pop up at Esquina, Chicago, IL	
DIFFA/Arts for life Chicago 2018 Gala, Chicago, IL	
Group exhibit with Artsaroma - Curators, Consultants, Designers, Aqua Art Fair, Miami, Florida	
	<b>2017</b>
Group Fundraiser for Puerto Rico "Viva la llsa," Congruent Space, Chicago, IL	
2 Person exhibition with Ty Wubbenhorst: "Spatial Interaction: Defined," Arcade Gallery, Columbia College Chicago	
2 Person exhibition with Sara Law "Sans Soleil Non Eau," Thrivent Financial, Chicago, IL	

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

Earth Tea, Pigment, Stained on display at J.Emmet Studio, Chicago, IL	<b>2023</b>
Coffee and Tea series on display at Chicago French press, Chicago, IL	<b>2021</b>
Quarterly exhibit at Tradition Chicago, Chicago, IL	<b>2020</b>
Tea Stained Residue, Wild Prairie, Chicago, IL	<b>2019</b>
Pop up at the Virgin Hotel, Chicago, IL	
Plastic installation "Yesterday these sentiments came tumbling, hanging down," Stony Arts Island Bank, Chicago, IL	<b>2016</b>

## **ART RESIDENCIES/FELLOWSHIPS**

In-Session Fellowship, Threewalls, Chicago 2023  
Professional Museum Fellowship, Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art, Chicago, 2022  
W.A.R.P Resident, The Weaving Mill, Chicago, 2021  
Self directed residency, Respite in the Round, North Carolina, 2020

## **SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE LINKS**

[www.abenaart.studio](http://www.abenaart.studio)  
<https://www.instagram.com/abenaart/>

## **OTHER RELEVANT PRESS**

Seeding Ceremony Exhibit, 2023

[https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0610/2790/9794/files/Seeding\\_Ceremony\\_Press\\_Release\\_1.pdf?v=1689339509](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0610/2790/9794/files/Seeding_Ceremony_Press_Release_1.pdf?v=1689339509)

Sixty Inches from the center article -The Evolution of a Thought: Interview with Abena Motaboli, 2022

<https://sixtyinchesfromcenter.org/the-evolution-of-a-thought-interview-with-abena-motaboli/>

The Visualist; Confluence exhibit, 2022

<http://www.thevisualist.org/2022/01/confluence/>  
<https://www.heavengallery.com/work/confluence>

The Weaving Mill Natural Dye Residency 2021

<https://www.theweavingmill.com/abena-motaboli-september-2021>

Create! Magazine - Sustainable Art: Listening Deeply to Plants with Abena Motaboli, 2021

<https://www.createmagazine.com/blog/interview-with-abena-motaboli>

Poetry featured in NEIU'S SEEDS Literary and Visual Arts Journal 2021

[https://www.abenaart.com/\\_files/ugd/54ca6c\\_2cbc1e5a6a6e409ea0a8f659568cbccd.pdf](https://www.abenaart.com/_files/ugd/54ca6c_2cbc1e5a6a6e409ea0a8f659568cbccd.pdf)

And 2020

[https://www.abenaart.com/\\_files/ugd/54ca6c\\_f241d8716b394989ab911ad8913a255a.pdf](https://www.abenaart.com/_files/ugd/54ca6c_f241d8716b394989ab911ad8913a255a.pdf)

Borderless magazine; Art and environment meet in new curriculum - 2020

[https://borderlessmag.org/2021/12/01/art-and-environment-meet-in-new-curriculum/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA09eQBhCxAARIsAAYRiYlqh5PD70B3zzi9Xffu5\\_ByeGh61qFIsFBw-QsldjKNv\\_Jecjh2XpQaAofdEALw\\_wcB](https://borderlessmag.org/2021/12/01/art-and-environment-meet-in-new-curriculum/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA09eQBhCxAARIsAAYRiYlqh5PD70B3zzi9Xffu5_ByeGh61qFIsFBw-QsldjKNv_Jecjh2XpQaAofdEALw_wcB)

Art Spiel The Immigrant Artist Biennial: Abena Motaboli, 2020

<https://artspiel.org/the-immigrant-artist-biennial-abena-motaboli/>

<https://virtual2020.theimmigrantartistbiennial.com/the-imminent-arrival/abena-motaboli>

*Catalogue*

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f176b6498df463c0e92de9e/t/5fdd103f96ca956a7af9d7ec/1608323138677/TIAB\\_HereTogether-VirtualCatalogue.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f176b6498df463c0e92de9e/t/5fdd103f96ca956a7af9d7ec/1608323138677/TIAB_HereTogether-VirtualCatalogue.pdf)

## **PODCAST EPISODES**

[Abena Motaboli: The Joy of Deep Listening, 2023](#)

[Diasperio podcast hosted by Sophia Ou - Ep2: The Complexities of Immigration, 2021](#)

[Creatives Making moves hosted by Victoria Timpo: Nature as Art Inspiration, 2021](#)

[A pretty Normal Podcast hosted by Xavier Diaz - Ep52 2020](#)

**SELECT EXHIBITION CATALOGS**

<a href="#">HomeGrown</a>	2022
<a href="#">The Immigrant artist Biennial</a>	2020