

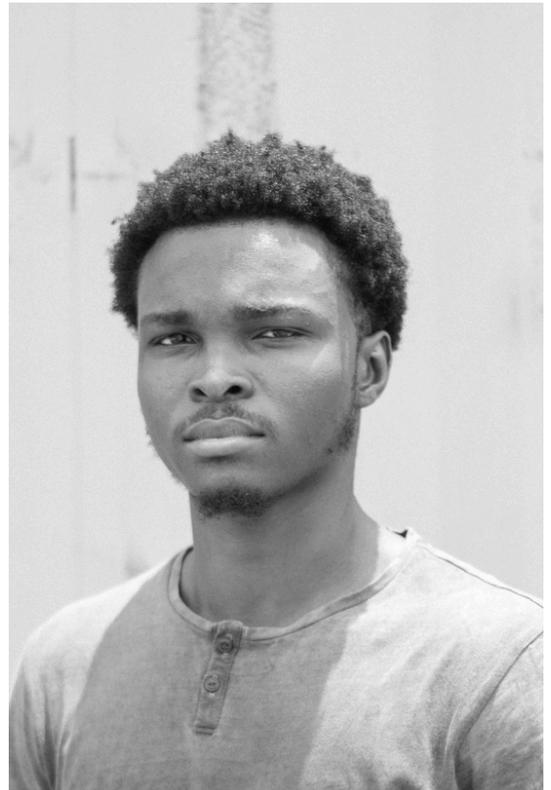
About Talut Kareem

Talut Kareem (b. 1994, Lagos, Nigeria) is a multidisciplinary artist exploring the intersections of visual art, sound, and performance. He holds a National Diploma in Mass Communication from Moshood Abiola Polytechnic and a B.A. in Visual Art from the University of Lagos.

Kareem's practice is deeply rooted in drawing and painting, with painting being his primary form of expression. Through his practice, he investigates the transitory nature of awareness, probing the complexities of human emotions, mental states, and social behaviors. His visual language, characterized by smudged charcoal pastel portraits, blurs the lines between reality and abstraction, echoing the fluidity of our inner experiences. Sound and performance have become integral to his exploration, allowing him to tap into the ephemeral and the intangible while being self-conscious. By curating immersive sonic experiences, he aims to capture the essence of collective consciousness, inviting viewers to confront their own emotional landscapes.

Kareem has participated in artist residencies at the Rele Arts Foundation and the African Artists' Foundation. He has exhibited internationally, including at CFHILL Gallery, Stockholm, and Jeffrey Deitch Gallery, New York, where he featured in *Self-Addressed*, curated by Kehinde Wiley.

In February 2026, Kareem will present a new body of work, titled *When in Doubt*, at Cape Town Art Fair with THK Gallery.



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Talut Kareem. Neglecting Misery 3, 2026

CV

Education

B.A. in Visual Art, University of Lagos, Nigeria
National Diploma in Mass Communication, Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Nigeria

Residencies

2023
3x3x3 Artist in Residence, Shores Hotel, Lagos

2022
Young Contemporaries Residency, Rele Arts Foundation, Lagos

2021
AAF Artist in Residence Program, African Artists' Foundation, Lagos

2020
Young Contemporaries Residency, Rele Arts Foundation, Lagos
3x3x3 Artist in Residence, Shores Hotel, Lagos

Group Exhibitions

2026
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2025
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2024
Light + Space, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2023
On the fringe, AG 18 Gallery, Vienna, Austria

2022
IN SITU: Encounters of place, Kó, Lagos, Nigeria
Group Show, kó Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
de.code, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Africa Now: Contemporary Painters, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Art X Lagos, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2021
Self-Addressed, Jeffrey Deitch gallery, Los Angeles, USA
Unusual Suspects, AAF, Lagos, Nigeria
Stop, listen!, CFHILL, Stockholm, Sweden
Cologne Fine Art & Design, THK Gallery, Cologne, Germany
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
AKAA Paris, THK Gallery, Paris, France
ArtXLagos, THK Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

2020
Conversations, Nosa Creatives, Lagos, Nigeria
Sublime: Between Solid and Vapour, Rele Art Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria
Latitudes Art Fair, Online

2018
Next of kin, thought Pyramid Art Centre, Lagos Art Fair, Nigeria