
Cristea Roberts Gallery

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Yinka Ilori

Born 1987, London, UK
Lives and works in London, UK

Education

2006–09 BA Furniture and Product Design
London Metropolitan University, London, UK

Yinka Ilori Foundation

2025 Founded

Exhibitions

- 2026 *Yinka Ilori: He Who Laughs Last, Laughs Best | Joy Through Resilience*, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
HAPPY!, Hatton Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
- 2025 *Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
The Future is Today: Prints and the University of Warwick, Mead Gallery, Warwick, UK
Flowers - Flora in Contemporary Art & Culture, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2024 *Here Today, Here Tomorrow*, Arnolfini Arts, Bristol, UK
Print Project Space, Cristea Roberts Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Yinka Ilori: Parables for Happiness*, The Design Museum, London, UK
- 2020 *KNIT!*, Kvadrat, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015 *If Chairs Could Talk*, The Shop at Bluebird, London, UK
Home Affairs, Now Gallery, London, UK
Making Africa (touring exhibition), Vitra Design Museum, Basel, Switzerland; Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Spain; Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands; High Museum of Art, Atlanta; Albuquerque Museum, New Mexico; Blanton Museum of Art, Texas, US
- 2014 *Just Africa*, Stockholm, Sweden
Africa Calling, Africa Utopia Festival, Southbank Centre, London, UK
- 2013 *It Started with a Parable, Jaguar Shoes*, London Design Week, London, UK
- 2012 *Creative Britain*, British European Design Group, International Contemporary Furniture Fair, New York, US

Exhibition Design

- 2021 Sonsbeek, Netherlands
- 2019 *Get Up Stand Up Now*, Somerset House, London, UK
- 2018 Dialogue Space, Museum of Ethnography, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 The Magnum Home, PLINTH, London, UK

Set Design

- 2021 Labrum SS22, Selfridges, London, UK
- 2019 Labrum SS20, Chance Street, London, UK

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Commissions

- 2026 Portland Art Museum Plaza, Oregon, US
- 2025 *Transparent Happiness*, Lasipalatsi Square / Amos Rex, Helsinki, Finland
You Are an Artist, Tate Publishing, London, UK
Walk With Your Dreams, Station Square, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, UK
Cherish Your Magic, Bloomingdale's, New York City, US
Man of the Match Trophies, Africa Cup of Nations Football Tournament
100 Found Objects, Fulham Pier, London, UK
- 2024 *Good Things Come to Those Who Wait*, Piccadilly Circus, London, UK
Reflection in Numbers, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
Omi Okun, Art on the Mart, Chicago, US
Slices of Peace, Orchard Park, Kent, UK
- 2023 *Types of Happiness*, The Line, Royal Docks, London, UK
There is good in all of us | Looking at me, MCM Haus, Seoul, South Korea
- 2022 *Listening to Joy*, V&A Dundee, Dundee, UK
Hope for a Better Tomorrow – Lucky Charms, Springfield University Hospital, London, UK
As You Pass Me By, Know That It Is Nothing But Love From Me, Heart Of Hale, London, UK
Promise Me Memories and I Will Let You, Greenwich Peninsula, London, UK
The Flamboyance of Flamingos Playground, London, UK
Filtered Rays, Berlin, Germany
Dancing Ribbons, River of Light, Liverpool, UK
The Fashion Awards Trophy, British Fashion Council, UK
- 2021 *Be The Best You Can Be*, Canary Wharf, London, UK
Hold Me For Love, St James Church, London, UK
Dream Together, You Can Still Win, Cinelli
Grow Your Dreams, MB&F M.A.D.EDITIONS
The Shrine of Affirmations, Chase Sapphire Reserve, SCOPE, Miami, US
Lift Me Higher with Joy, Chase Sapphire Reserve, SCOPE, Miami, US
Launderette of Dreams, Lego, London, UK
Blue Rider Cafe, Design Miami, Miami, US
Bring London Together, London Design Festival, London, UK
Block Cubes, Unique Design x Miami, Miami, US
Block Cubes, Unique Design x Savannah, Savannah, US
This is Human Kind, British Red Cross, London, UK
Love Always Wins, Harrow Council, London, UK
St Stephen's Centre, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK

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- 2025 Royal Designer for Industry, Royal Society for Arts, UK
- 2024 Honorary Doctorate, University for the Creative Arts, UK
- 2021 Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)
- 2020 Emerging Design Medal, London Design Festival, UK
- 2019 ELLE Decoration British Design Award for Best New Designer, UK

Public Collections

- UK Brighton and Hove Museum, Hove
Imperial Health Charity, London
Museum of London, London
The Jerwood Foundation, London
University of Warwick Art Collection, Warwick
Victoria & Albert Musuem, London
- DE Vitra Design Museum, Rhein
- US Cleveland Clinic, Ohio
Fidelity Investments, Boston
Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation, Oregon
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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