

46 Museum Shows and Biennials to See This Summer

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“Akinsanya Kambon: Soul Sessions” at Center for Art, Research and Alliances and SculptureCenter, New York



Akinsanya Kambon, *Yemoja (carrying spirits we lost through the middle passage)*, 2010.
Photo: Courtesy the artist and Pan African Art Gallery, Long Beach, California

Before Akinsanya Kambon appeared in the 2023 edition of the Hammer Museum’s “Made in L.A.” biennial, he was not so well known. Now, this California artist who once helped lead the Sacramento chapter of the Black Panther Party seems poised to become a star of the New York scene this summer. In a survey split across SculptureCenter in Queens and the Center for Art, Research and Alliances in Manhattan, Kambon will exhibit the full range of his art, with an emphasis at the Queens venue on his ceramic sculptures, which reconfigure symbols from the African diaspora. Made using the Japanese raku firing technique, these ceramics will be on view at the same time as CARA’s show of paintings, drawings, and archival matter.

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