

## G.A.S. and Y.S.F. Announce New Residency Exchange Partnership with Floating Museum

Guest Artists Space (G.A.S.) Foundation and Yinka Shonibare Foundation (Y.S.F.) are pleased to announce a new residency exchange partnership with nonprofit art collective Floating Museum through *The Burroughs Residency* in Chicago, United States. This initiative expands both organisations' commitment to supporting alumni and nurturing transnational exchange between artists, cultural practitioners, and communities across Nigeria and the United States.

Launched in 2024 by Floating Museum, *The Burroughs Residency* is a translocal programme inspired by the legacy of Dr. Margaret Burroughs, a poet, printmaker, activist, and advocate whose models of cultural facilitation and archiving are embedded within Chicago's cultural infrastructure. In line with the Floating Museum's organizational vision of creating a "museum without walls," *The Burroughs* envisions a "residency without walls," that supports creatives of colour and strengthens local and global creative communities.

As part of this partnership, G.A.S./Y.S.F. and Floating Museum each selected residents to participate in a fully funded exchange programme. Candidates were identified through a closed call across both organisations' alumni networks and previous Burroughs programme participants, based on the strength of their practices and their alignment with the aims of the programme.

Final selections were made by **Belinda Holden**, CEO of Yinka Shonibare Foundation, and **Moni Aisida**, Executive Director of Guest Artists Space Foundation, alongside **Ashwaty Chennat**, Burroughs Residency Manager, **Bianca Marks**, Deputy Director of Floating Museum and **Faheem Majeed**, Co-Director of Floating Museum.

Today, we are pleased to announce the inaugural 2026 cohort. The Burroughs residents are **Kosisochukwu Nnebe**, a conceptual artist, researcher and writer and **Dr. Phokeng Setai**, an interdisciplinary cultural practitioner; the residents joining G.A.S. are **Bweza Itaagi**, an urban farmer, community cultivator and horticulturist and **Erika Allen**, a multidisciplinary social change artist.

Kosisochukwu and Phokeng will be hosted at Dr. Burroughs' historic home in Bronzeville, where they will engage with Chicago's wider cultural ecosystem through visits, exchanges, and encounters with local practitioners and organisations. In exchange, Erika and Bweza whose residencies are funded by the Terra Foundation for American Art will be hosted at the G.A.S. Farm House in Ikiş, where they will develop research-led and site-responsive practices in dialogue with local communities.

*"Floating Museum values symbiotic partnerships that create opportunities for mutual learning, exchange, and cultural production. Our Burroughs Residency partnership with the G.A.S. Foundation expands local networks into international ones, creating meaningful connections between artists and global communities while fostering dialogue across cultural and geographic boundaries."* - **Faheem Majeed, Co-Director, Floating Museum.**

This initiative reflects G.A.S. and Y.S.F.'s ongoing commitment to supporting and engaging their alumni through international exchange, residencies, and collaborative opportunities.

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**About G.A.S. and Y.S.F**

Guest Artists Space Foundation (Nigeria) AND Yinka Shonibare Foundation (UK) were established in 2019 by the eminent British-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare CBE.

**Guest Artists Space (G.A.S.) Foundation** is a Nigeria-based non-profit that delivers residencies, public programmes, and research initiatives that support artistic production, critical inquiry, and interdisciplinary exchange. across two sites: in Lagos and Ikiş, Ogun State. It has supported over 100 residents from more than 20 countries over three years, working both locally and internationally to foster dialogue, collaboration, and new forms of cultural exchange.

**Yinka Shonibare Foundation (Y.S.F.)** is a UK-registered charity (charity no. 1183321) that fundraises, develops international partnerships and programmes, and offers strategic support and oversight to Guest Artists Space Foundation.

### About Floating Museum

Floating Museum is an interdisciplinary nonprofit art collective that creates new models for exploring relationships between art, community, architecture, and public institutions. Through site-responsive projects, the collective develops platforms for public engagement that are deeply rooted in the histories and lived experiences of Chicago's neighborhoods. Floating Museum is co-directed by Jeremiah Hulsebos-Spofford, avery r. young, Andrew Schachman and Faheem Majeed.

### About Terra Foundation for American Art

The Terra Foundation for American Art, established in 1978 and having offices in Chicago and Paris, supports organizations and individuals locally and globally with the aim of offering intercultural dialogues and encouraging transformative practices that expand narratives of American art, through the foundation's grant program, collection, and initiatives.

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