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# Birmingham Artists



BIRMINGHAM

## Jiggs aka Divin Nzessie

Jiggs is a multifaceted music artist and all-round creative enthusiast whose passion for music, and admiration of art in all its forms, began at a young age. He aims for his work to touch the hearts, minds and souls of everyone who experiences it.

 [@jiggsprodigy](https://www.instagram.com/jiggsprodigy)



BIRMINGHAM

## Leah Moses

Leah Moses is a photographer and videographer from Wolverhampton in the West Midlands. Through Leah Storm Content, her studio, Moses makes striking, innovative work driven by her passion for captivating audiences and creating images that linger in their minds.


 [@leahstormcontent](https://www.instagram.com/leahstormcontent)



BIRMINGHAM

## David Sanya

David Sanya is an artist from Walsall in the West Midlands. He is known for simplistic imagery which often references classical paintings and colonial Nigerian history, and for placing his subjects at the centre of compositions, drawing the viewer into their solitary character.


 [@davidsanyaa](https://www.instagram.com/davidsanyaa)



BIRMINGHAM

## Amarinda Smith

Amarinda Smith is a film-maker and musician with a focus on telling Afrofuturist and queer narratives. Through their work, Smith explores how humans relate to each other and the wider world. They strongly believe in the power of film to imagine visions of better, kinder ways of living.

 [@amar1nda](https://www.instagram.com/amar1nda)



BIRMINGHAM

## Justine Luaba

Justine Luaba is an artist who enjoys working in experimental, collaborative ways. She tells stories through sound and music, saying, 'Every project is a message from me to you'. As Luaba develops her craft, her hope is to change how we experience music by pushing the boundaries of technology.

 [@justinefrommaars2k](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## ELLE FIERCE

ELLE FIERCE is a performance artist, creative director and film-maker working in Germany and the UK. Their work focuses on transness, queerness and Blackness, speaking to the complexities of today's society. Her aim is to amplify voices which are underrepresented in mainstream discourse and artistic spheres.

 [@ellelle](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Canaan Brown

Canaan Brown is an artist and designer who works on creative projects that highlight, inspire and speculate upon legacies of cultural excellence. He is committed to maintaining a highly imaginative interdisciplinary practice with the aim of having a positive influence on wider communities and contributing to a more equitable society.

 [@canaanjbrown](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Daniel Adesina

Daniel Adesina is a creative from Nigeria, whose kaleidoscopic work aims to transform the mundane into something extraordinary. Their lens serves as a gateway to dimensions where fashion, lifestyle and architecture intertwine in a symphony of colour and form, evoking a profound sense of creativity in all who witness it.

 [@Exileartisan](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Christian Emanuel

Christian Emanuel is a film-maker and conceptual portrait photographer who uses film cameras and enjoys the analogue process. He recently developed his first collection of photographs, which featured in the *Humanity* exhibition at Sotheby's in London before touring to other notable galleries across the UK.

 [@novocem](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Kyle Douglas aka SKCAVA

Kyle Douglas is a Birmingham-born multidisciplinary artist specialising in illustration and graphics but also working with photography, videography, animation and musical practice. His aspirations for his art begin to bear fruit when he steps into his own culture and combines this with his ideas on how to reimagine the world.

 [@skcava](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Kchanna Gayle

Kchanna Gayle's creative journey began in Birmingham and is infused with the rhythms of their Jamaican roots. As a multifaceted artist, Gayle wears the hats of a DJ and musician, immersing themselves in the realms of electronic music, R&B and hip-hop, entwining beats with emotions to create a tapestry of music.

 [@kchanna111](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Taniya Dore

Taniya Kumari Doré is singer, songwriter, rapper and poet from Birmingham, who creates within the genres of R&B, trap soul and jazz. Doré's music pairs her delightfully delicate sounding vocals with her intensely sharp lyrical genius, which blend together to capture the minds of her listeners.

 [@butterflypimp](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Candice Nembhard

Candice Nembhard, aka okcandice, is a writer, artist-curator and musician who works in Birmingham and Berlin. They are a Jerwood Arts Curatorial Fellow and Obsidian Foundation Fellow, founder-director of the queer event series *all fruits ripe* and host of the radio show *Must Be The Music* on Refuge Worldwide.

 [@okcandice](https://www.instagram.com/okcandice)



BIRMINGHAM

## Carden Stapleton

Carden Stapleton is a film-maker, dancer and multimedia artist based in Birmingham. Along with his creative practice, Stapleton works as a youth facilitator and dance teacher with a focus on mentoring secondary school children through movement.


 [@cardenstapz](https://www.instagram.com/cardenstapz)



BIRMINGHAM

## Vyannah Campbell-Rose

Vyannah Campbell-Rose is a photographer who is inspired to use multimedia practices as a means of fully expressing herself in imagery, fashion and abstraction.

 [@vyannah\\_](https://www.instagram.com/vyannah_)



BIRMINGHAM

## Solomon Smith

Solomon Smith is a film-maker and musician exploring social political commentary. He interprets real-world issues and uncovers original, diverse perspectives through symbolism, imagery and fantastical stories.

 [@solomon7534](https://www.instagram.com/solomon7534)



BIRMINGHAM

## Cassius Ngwenya

Cassius Ngwenya is a producer, fashion and graphic designer releasing projects under the name Casslikeclay. Born in Zimbabwe and raised in the East Midlands, Ngwenya, with his team SK4, aims to unite and represent his beliefs in solidarity and community.

 [@casslikeclay](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Sharon Chance

Sharon Chance is an artist whose work speaks to life experiences such as identity, mental illness, love and growth, all set against today's ever changing landscape. Chance works across multiple media to tell her stories, but her favourites are poetry, music and illustration.


 [@sayshavashava](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Ryan Dre Sinclair

Ryan Dre Sinclair is a self-published author, producer, writer and spoken word poet from Birmingham. A visionary who is keen to develop in different media and improve his boundless artistic journey, Sinclair has a history of working with corporate, community and large art organisations across the UK.


 [@ryan\\_dre\\_sinclair](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Madi Saskia aka Madison Hall

Madi Saskia is a singer-songwriter from Birmingham. She captures her real-life experiences in her music through powerful lyricism and enchanting melodies, touching on themes such as heartbreak and mental health.

 [@madisaskiamusic](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Jamal Lloyd Davis

Jamal Lloyd Davis is a photographer and film-maker who explores identity, culture and social justice in his work. He aims to challenge stereotypes and societal norms by illuminating marginalized communities and amplifying their voices. Davis's practice also embraces experimentation with various artistic media.

 [@j.amals](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Vic Moyosola

Vic Moyosola is a photographer and storyteller whose work explores themes of community, identity, emotions and the beauty of connection. In highlighting these, she aims to show how important vulnerability is, using art to heal self and others. Her earlier work in portraiture has allowed her to shift focus onto more conceptual work.


 [@vicmoy\\_](#)



BIRMINGHAM

## Tyger Blue aka Tyger Gill

Tyger Blue is a multidisciplinary sound artist whose dedication lies in the exploration of computational art to inspire personal and collective growth. He specialises in the study of rhythms, frequency and intensity, which he translates into dynamic live electronic performances.

 [@tygerblue\\_](#)



# London Artists



LONDON

## J-Jai Allison

J-Jai Allison is an artist from west London who is driven by a passion to create melodies that leave audiences yearning for more. Inspired by the diverse voices that surround him at the Notting Hill Carnival, Allison strives to express his authentic self fearlessly, through music and creative direction.

 [@lifeofjxles](#)



LONDON

## Cherise Hewitt

Cherise Hewitt is a visual artist, illustrator and creative director based in south London, working across a wide range of media to bring her striking images to life. Hewitt's work explores her own journey of healing, taking inspiration from African and Caribbean cultures and embracing love, power, faith and hope.

 [@Dripeisha\\_\\_](#)



LONDON

## Robbie Spotswood

Robbie Spotswood is a London-based documentary-style photographer of Ghanaian and British descent. Using his camera to create visual poetry, Spotswood aims to share vivid, often dreamlike narratives revolving around notions of place, identity and belonging, in relation to interpersonal experiences.

 [@robbiespotswood](#)



LONDON

## Liz Naomi

Liz Naomi documents moments of stillness and intimacy within Black communities through photography and digital art. Her work explores introspective notions of mental health and identity, with the relationship between humans and nature, and its correlation to individual and collective healing, as a constant presence.

 [@afrosoulchild](#)



LONDON

## Matthew Beezer

Matthew Beezer is a boundary-pushing multi-instrumentalist from London. Their surreal, experimental music explores themes of adversity and identity, weaving emotive compositions that strive to empower underrepresented communities, reshape societal norms and leave an indelible mark on Black culture.

 [@Matthew\\_beezer](https://www.instagram.com/matthew_beezer)



LONDON

## Iman Villaruel

Iman Villaruel is a violinist and producer from London. Embracing a genreless approach, her work takes an ethereal and forward-thinking perspective. A former dancer, Villaruel seamlessly incorporates theatricality into her artistic expression, which plays an indispensable role in defining her unique identity.

 [@imvnmusic](https://www.instagram.com/imvnmusic)



LONDON

## Stefon Grant

Stefon Grant is a London-born, British Jamaican artist. His first camera was a borrowed DSLR but at art school in 2013 he discovered a passion for shooting on film and crafting black & white prints in the darkroom. His work mostly features friends, family and environments with which Grant has a personal connection.

 [@stefon.grant](https://www.instagram.com/stefon.grant)



LONDON

## Kareyni Davis

Born and raised in Brooklyn and now based in south London, film-maker Kareyni Davis is a storyteller inspired by identity and the exploration of different methods of narrative. Starting their journey aged 13, they've explored their interest in curation and programming. She now plans to continue developing her film-making.

 [@itskareyni](https://www.instagram.com/itskareyni)



LONDON

## Four Five Six Ward-Tucker

Four Five Six Ward-Tucker is a London-based photographer who specialises in shooting with analogue cameras and film. Starting out as a street photographer in 2016, Ward-Tucker's work now encompasses live music, events and studio portraiture.


 [@digit.fourfivesix](#)



LONDON

## Tracy L.M.

Tracy L.M. specialises in conceptual photographic portraiture. She is known for her innovative approach to capturing the raw emotions and hidden aspects of her subjects, and for her expertise in colour grading and post production. Her personal projects document her journey into self-discovery through a spiritual lens.

 [@31stworld](#)



LONDON

## Sejahari Saulter-Villegas

Sejahari Saulter-Villegas is a Blaxican multidisciplinary storyteller from Chicago who uses his artistry to investigate what it means to be, in the body he occupies. Through music, film, theatre, spoken word and fashion, he has travelled the world speaking truth to power and curating community through creation.


 [@amaru\\_ler](#)



LONDON

## Soipan Leteyio

Soipan Leteyio is a Kenyan-born singer-songwriter now based in south-east London. She started singing at a very young age and essentially decided to never stop. From girl band member to a now multifaceted artist, Leteyio plans to continue evolving, growing and travelling the world with her talent.

 [@ifyousaysoi](#)



LONDON

## Kes Eccleston

Kes Eccleston is a photographer, artist and director, based in north-west London. His work as an artist centres on understanding memory through photography and film-making, and is a reflection of the world as Eccleston sees it.


 [@mellozwrld](https://www.instagram.com/mellozwrld)



LONDON

## Hannah Oliver

Hannah Oliver is a London-based film-maker, primarily working as a writer-director. Her films speak to small moments, playing with the beauty and panic of the mundane, informed by Oliver's synaesthesia and finding contrast within colour, movement, sound and speech as a means of storytelling.

 [@hannahjoliver](https://www.instagram.com/hannahjoliver)



LONDON

## Tayo Adekunle

Tayo Adekunle is a Nigerian British photographer based in London. Her work explores narratives around race, gender and sexuality. Solo exhibitions include Tales of an Absent Truth at studio/chapple and Tayo Adekunle at Workplace Foundation, and she has featured in group shows at Christie's and the Saatchi Gallery.


 [@tayoadekunlephotography](https://www.instagram.com/tayoadekunlephotography)



LONDON

## Anna Gatti Pierrini

Anna Gatti Pierrini is a French-born multidisciplinary artist living in London. Her work explores themes of intimacy and identity, using the body as a tool of expression for the mind and soul. Through her lens, she aims to show the most honest reflection of the multilayered human.

 [@annagpierrini](https://www.instagram.com/annagpierrini)



LONDON

## The Black Esper aka Oba Moyo

The Black Esper is a multidisciplinary artist using his craft for introspection. Inspired by everyday experiences, his work explores religion, consciousness, politics, depression and human emotions, expressed through music, photography and film. He is currently based in London.

 @theblackesper



LONDON

## nella aka Ornella Botteri

nella is a French Malagasy indie pop artist based in London. Her sound is ethereal, heavy and conceptual, exploring topics from queer experiences to mental health. The self-produced musician has achieved 235,000 streams to date and their highly anticipated debut EP is coming out this year.


 @nellamusic



LONDON

## Ade Balogun

Ade Balogun is a versatile creative known as OMO Craft in the directorial realm and DEMIGOSH as an artist. As co-founder and director of the design lab Sons of Craft, he showcases his passion for artistic expression. *EGUN*, his short film, featured at the 2022 Everyman Music Film Festival.

 @demig0sh @0m0craft



LONDON

## Celine Pierron

Celine Pierron is a photographer and film-maker from New York, with Caribbean and European heritage. Pierron uses photography and film to showcase the day-to-day lives of others, applying her gentle gaze to capture the essence of connection and commonality while exploring themes of race, identity, culture and healing.

 @c\_v\_p



LONDON

## Stephen Akinyemi

Stephen Akinyemi sees his photography as dancing with light; as rhyming tones like a poet does with words. The medium gives Akinyemi the opportunity to tell stories without talking, thus removing the language barrier so everyone understands. But the question remains: how do we tell a story of what really matters?

 [@Bare\\_clips](#)



LONDON

## Audrey Damier

French-born Audrey Damier grew up on the outskirts of Paris and the influence of this suburban environment shows up in her photography. Another core influence is the discussion around representation. At the heart of her work is Damier's belief that it is up to us to support, promote and create the images that we want to see.

 [@shotby.drey](#)



LONDON

## Stee Moglie

Stee Moglie is a multidisciplinary artist who uses her skills in singing, songwriting, digital art/illustration and photography to bring her creative concepts to fruition. Having toured the UK and become a regular Sofar Sounds performer, Moglie now plans to add producer and DJ to her list of tricks.

 [@steemoglie](#)



LONDON

## Yvonne Shelling

As a film-maker, writer, musician and multimedia artist, south London's Yvonne Shelling is engaged in work that examines love in all its forms. Shelling is an artist enthralled by the idea of making the mundane fantastical and his work draws on absurd situations he has encountered in his own life.


 [@yvshells](#)



LONDON

## Luca Nembhard

Luca Nembhard is a visual artist from Lewisham in London. With a focus on portraiture, he captures the essence of his community and its ever changing landscape, weaving together past and present to create images that evoke a nostalgic charm while preserving the spirit of the now.

 [@luc.nem](#)



LONDON

## Adedamola Bademosi

Ade Bademosi trained as a quantity surveyor but shifted into writing, acting and film-making. He aims to generate empathy for the people from the African diaspora with his work, which includes two documentaries, produced by Anubis Pictures, and directing at the Marylebone Theatre.

 [@visionsbyrowdysharman](#)



LONDON

## Kadi Diallo

South London-based photographer Kadi Diallo started in street photography, capturing the essence of people and places, before focusing on portraiture and ways it can tell a story. Her evolving style draws inspiration from her surroundings, lived experience, artistic influences and a general interest in people.

 [@Kadi.diallo\\_\\_](#)



LONDON

## Piripa

Piripa is a singer, multi-instrumentalist, producer, engineer and composer, with a background in classical music and a love of jazz, soul and pop. She combines her signature vocals with a diverse range of musical styles and synthesized sounds, creating new sonic worlds for her stories.

 [@piripamusic](#)





LONDON

## Charles Mensah

Paris-born, south London-based Charles Mensah is an Afropean photographer and director who has been honing his craft with black & white fashion and portrait visuals. His approach is influenced by the work of Black photographers and artists such as James Barnor, Chi Modu, Darryl Daley and Eddie Otchere, Mensah's mentor.


 [@mensaach](https://www.instagram.com/mensaach)



LONDON

## Khevyn 'BE' Ibrahim

Khevyn 'BE' Ibrahim is a film-maker and poet whose films have featured at festivals including Aesthetic and Blackstar. They are now focused on producing via their production company The Dark M8tters, with two short films out this year: *The Broken Tree* and *We've Always Been Here*.

 [@the.visual.aid](https://www.instagram.com/the.visual.aid) [@the.dark.m8tters](https://www.instagram.com/the.dark.m8tters)

# Manchester Artists



MANCHESTER

## Izzy Odelola

Izzy Odelola is a Manchester-based drummer, percussionist and ambient composer who focuses on synthesis and music for film. Their approach to composing and performing is rhythmically dominant and heavily 'feelings' based; their philosophy is to follow their musical instincts and trust the power of improvisation.

 [@kejisound](#)



MANCHESTER

## Omari Taylor

Omari Taylor is a self-taught photographer and film-maker who works across fashion, sports and documentary. He draws inspiration from imagined dystopian futures and the inner-city environments in which he was raised, creating work which is often rich in contrast and has a generally sombre tone.


 [@omaritaylor.one](#)



MANCHESTER

## Shemel Rose-Thompson

Shemel Rose-Thompson is an established freelance photographer who takes inspiration from her home in Old Trafford, focusing on representations of people and place. Socially conscious and inspired by change, Rose-Thompson is driven by her experiences with the hardships of society and a desire to capture emotion.

 [@shemel.foto](#)



MANCHESTER

## Joshua R Drakes

Joshua R Drakes is a versatile creative from Manchester with a passion for photography and graphic design, who channels his creative energy into crafting visually captivating experiences. Drakes draws inspiration from art, nature and his mother to produce work which blends creativity and the essence of nature.

 [@photosbyjrd](#)



MANCHESTER

## Deela aka Adeola Oni

Deela is the stage name of Adeola Oni, a British Nigerian rapper known for her assertive lyrics and captivating cadence. Her style fuses trap and hip-hop, drawing inspiration from real-life experiences, which can currently be heard in a new remix of her track 'Take It Up', featuring Flo Milli.

 [@deelagram](#)



MANCHESTER

## Papa Nii Akushey Quaye

Papa Nii Akushey Quaye is a British Ghanaian artist whose practice discusses diasporic identity and experience using time-based media, photography and textiles, among others. He deconstructs cultural symbols, everyday objects and the fragments of memory, reassembling them to illustrate combat and harmony.

 [@pnaquaye](#)



MANCHESTER

## Micah Stalgic aka Alapelode Oluwatobi

Micah Stalgic is a versatile Nigerian artist who blends hip-hop, R&B and Afrobeat to craft a distinctive sound. He has long been captivated by the seamless fusion of music and dance, and this drives him to develop his skills to create electrifying experiences for audiences.

 [@micah\\_stalgic](#)



MANCHESTER

## Hannah Njoroge

Hannah Njoroge is an emerging multidisciplinary artist who aims to think outside the box. Her work explores the world through storytelling, music, painting, writing and photography, pushing the boundaries of contemporary art. Always embracing new possibilities, Njoroge is currently immersed in the world of digital art.

 [@its\\_han\\_ah](#)



MANCHESTER

## Ronke Jane Adelakun

Ronke Jane Adelakun is a multi-talented artist with a passion for conveying powerful messages through visual storytelling. As a photographer, poet and fashion designer, she showcases the multifaceted nature of Black women and challenges stereotypes. Her photography has appeared in titles including *Hello!* and *Stylist*.

 [@thishartofmine](#)



MANCHESTER

## Claire Muhlawako Madzura

Describing herself as a changemaker, researcher, storyteller and creative, Claire Muhlawako Madzura believes that storytelling gives us the power to share the truth in extraordinary ways. She is honoured, at the age of 18, to be a part of a residency that is empowering the next generation of young Black creatives.

 [@clairemmadz](#)



MANCHESTER

## Linda Wachaga


Linda Wachaga is a Kenyan film-maker, visual artist, performer and writer based in Manchester. She has appeared at venues like The Yard and the Almeida, as part of the National Youth Theatre. In 2022 she staged her first play, while the BFI DIY Film Challenge awarded her short film *Changing, Rearranging* an honourable mention.

 [@linda.wachaga](#)

MANCHESTER

## Alpha Twang

Alpha Twang is an electronic musician and radio presenter residing in Manchester. Their work concerns itself with landscapes and the relationships they have with memory and time. Manchester, specifically its geography, is a major influence on Alpha Twang's work.

 [@alpha\\_twang](#)



MANCHESTER

## Benedicte Tshepela

Benedicte Tshepela is a multi-genre artist carving out her dream career as a composer and singer-songwriter. Tshepela was born into a family of musicians, and began experimenting with different sounds as a young child learning the piano. Her unique style draws inspiration from pop, R&B and gospel artists.

 [@benedicte.tee](https://www.instagram.com/benedicte.tee)



MANCHESTER

## Solomon Hughes

Solomon Hughes is a Manchester-based photographer working in fields including documentary and portraiture. He also experiments with video and audio, embracing the added dimensions for artistic expression offered by these media.


 [@s.b.hughes](https://www.instagram.com/s.b.hughes)



MANCHESTER

## Monique Nsiah

Monique Nsiah is a multifaceted creative with a passion for storytelling through film-making, photography and poetry. Nsiah has a background in television production and also runs the sustainable clothing brand NSIAH, which features her affirmative, feelgood designs.

 [@moniquensiah\\_](https://www.instagram.com/moniquensiah_)



MANCHESTER

## Ruby Ramelize

Ruby Ramelize is a British-born film-maker and multidisciplinary artist who seeks out sentimental moments and connections through her work. Influenced by her Caribbean and Nigerian heritage, she sees her films as an extension of herself, delving into who she is and her own personal histories.

 [@ruby\\_ramelize](https://www.instagram.com/ruby_ramelize)



MANCHESTER

## Femi Tahiru

Femi Tahiru started his music career in 2021 while studying songwriting at the British Institute of Modern Music in Manchester. Since then he has played numerous shows and festivals, had his music broadcast on national radio, joined the CAA talent agency and signed to New York-based label Payday Records.

 [@femitahiru](#)



MANCHESTER

## Nico Walker

Nico Walker is a film photographer who is fascinated by stories. With a background in film-making/production, he has made documentary his primary medium, seeing his camera as a diary to capture meaningful moments and record life as it happens. Walker has used the Reframe residency to experiment with different approaches.

 [@nicowalker\\_production](#)



MANCHESTER

## WezLee

WezLee is a passionate, multifaceted creative with a focus on videography, photography and editing. From crafting captivating promo and music videos to hosting *HouseMuntu*, his Pie Radio show, WezLee shares his talents and unwavering love for house music.

 [@wezlees](#)



MANCHESTER

## Timon Benson

Timon Benson is a self-taught photographer who is interested in using documentary photography to ruminate over the sentimental parts of his life. By recounting these moments, Benson's aim is to create new, enduring narratives.

 [@timonbenson](#)



MANCHESTER

## David Rey

David Rey is an up-and-coming rapper who is based in Manchester. He is known for his deep lyrical content and unique style, mixing a 90s rap vibe with modern, heavy-hitting lyrics, drawing influence from Ghetts, Giggs, Rick Ross and J Cole, to name just a few.

 [@1davidrey](#)



MANCHESTER

## Filipe Rosario Da Silva

Filipe Rosario Da Silva is a graphic artist with a background in design engineering, graphic design and product development. His practice combines media including 3D, digital sketch and photography, to create striking work which effectively communicates a message and captures the viewer's attention.

 [@\\_silvarose\\_](#)



MANCHESTER

## Superlative aka Corey Brown

Superlative is a producer/rapper whose music combines complex, trap-inspired beats with a production style reminiscent of the golden age of hip-hop. He has collaborated with Manchester legend Mr Stuff and the jazz-influenced hip-hop collective The Mouse Outfit.

 [@official\\_superlative](#)



MANCHESTER

## LINTD aka Iyun Yemi-Shodimu

LINTD is an independent musician, director and composer. As a member of duos GOMID, Smooch Soundsystem and FEED, as with his solo project LINTD, he has produced music, film, and live art with an ever-growing community of young, ambitious and hypercompetent creatives at his side.

 [@sickoflintd](#)