

## Kwaku Alston

Born: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1971

Education: B.F.A, Rochester Institute of Technology, 1994

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2007 *Venice* Farmani Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 *On White* Focus Studio, Santa Monica, CA
- 2006 *Moto Saigon* Open Light Studio, Venice, CA
- 2004 *Road to Hana* Open Light Studio, Venice, CA

### Group Exhibitions

- 2009 Special Inauguration Exhibition and *Aspect:Ratio2*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, DC  
Manifest Hope:DC, Washington, DC
- 2008 *Industrial Color Culver City Opening* Industrial Color, Culver City, CA
- 2007 *Digital Masters Event M* Project Gallery, NY, NY
- 2006 *Fotos Sintes* Alter Ego, Piacenza, Italy  
*Trees* Farmani Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Sunflower* Milk Studios, New York, NY
- 2005 *Leave Out the Violence* Harry's Loft, New York, NY  
*Personal* Jaxon House, Venice, CA  
*Katrina Relief Benefit* Latin Collector Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004 *Love Now* Traveling Show, New York, NY
- 2003 *Because I'm Worth It* Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY
- 2002 *Youth Aids Auction* Red Dot Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000-2004 *Heroes in the Struggle* Paramount Studios, Los Angeles, CA

### Awards

- 2008 Photo District News World in Focus Competition
- 2005 Communication Arts Award of Excellence – Editorial
- 2005 Photo District News World in Focus Landscape and Travel Competition
- 2000 Communication Arts Award of Excellence – Advertising
- 2000 Communication Arts Award of Excellence – Editorial
- 1994 Kodak Grant from the Eddie Adams Workshop

### Selected Private Collections

- Maya Angelou, New York, NY
- Marcyliena Morgan, Palo Alto, CA
- Eileen Harris Norton, Santa Monica, CA
- Oprah Winfrey, Chicago, IL

### Commissions and Portrait Works

Oprah Winfrey's Legend's Ball

Miss Winfrey commissioned a historic group photograph of legendary African American women as well as individual portraits of these legendary icons. This included Coretta Scott King, Dorothy Height, and Elizabeth Catlett.

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## Eileen Harris Norton Personal Portraits

Personal family portraits were taken of Ms. Norton and her two children. It is a contribution to the continuous project called *mixed*, portraits of the offspring of interracial families.

Nelson Mandela

Oprah Winfrey

Barack Obama and the Obama Family (2008)

Halle Berry

Tiger Woods

## Selected Publications

Multiple cover and feature photography shoots for *The New York Times Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *Time Magazine*, *Essence Magazine*, and Sony Music.

Cover Portrait, Barack and Michelle Obama, *Washingtonian Magazine*, January, 2009

Cover Portrait, Barack and Michelle Obama, *Paris Match*, December, 2008

American Photography, 2005, AP19.

American Photography, 2005, AP21.

Cover Photography, Kanye West, *Time Magazine*, Aug. 29, 2005.

"Because I'm Worth it," Assouline Publishing, New York, NY, 1998, 115.

"Kwaku Alston", *Communication Arts*, January/February 2001, Cover, 72-81.

## Presentations

2007 Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, PDN Photo Plus Expo  
"Creativity and Commerce", New York, NY

2006 Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, PDN Photo Plus Expo,  
"The Yin and Yang: Photography as Business and Art", New York, NY

2006 Rochester Institute of Technology, "The Business of Photography", Rochester, NY

2003 Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, PDN Photo Plus Expo  
"Breaking into Celebrity Photography", New York, NY

2002 Howard University, OBD Design Conference, Washington, D.C.

2001 Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY