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MUSEUMS IN AFRICA

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Basic African art reference tools


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Serials: African art

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- **Adire African Textiles** (Dr. Duncan Clarke, London, UK)
  A commercial site that contains useful information on the history and manufacturing techniques of adire cloth and other textiles of western Nigeria; plus links.

- **Africa Forum** (H-Africa, H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences OnLine, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.)
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- **Africa Reparations Movement (UK)**: [Campaign for Return of the Benin Bronzes](http://www.beninbronze.co.uk/) (via ARC Net Ltd., UK)
  Note: this site has not been updated since 2002.

- **"Africa's Iron and Copper Currencies: Suggested Reading"** (Compiled by Columbia University Libraries.)
  A short bibliography to accompany [an exhibition curated by Philip Gould](http://wwwlibrary.columbia.edu/exhibitions/benin/) which was held at Columbia University during March 2000.
AFRICA: ARTS & ARCHITECTURE

• Africa Museum (Belgium)

In order to arouse public interest in the Congo Free State King Leopold II had a major exhibition organised in 1897 on the country and its importance for Belgium. From 1898 onwards the scientific mission of the Museum became its main task and because of the rapid growth of scientific collections from Central Africa the need for a new and bigger building was felt very soon.

• African Rock Art

Hyperlinked essay exploring rock art sites of Southern Africa.

• UPenn: African Gallery

These resources are provided by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. The majority of objects in this gallery come from the colonial period of Africa's history.

• Ancient Art: Egypt

The works here demonstrate the basic principles of Egyptian sculpture in its symbolic formality. For over three thousand years the Egyptians adhered to a prescribed set of rules as to how a work of art in three dimensions should be presented. Resources also include a selection of cross-curricular lesson plans created by local teachers

• Architecture of Islam

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Topics: African Art on the Internet

See also: South African Art | Photographs

**14th Triennial Symposium on African Art, Arts Council of the African Studies Association (ACASA)**
March 28 - April 1, 2007, University of Florida, Gainesville
http://www.doce-conferences.ufl.edu/acasa/

**Addis Art - Ethiopian Art and Artists Page**
Contemporary Ethiopian art and artists - paintings, sculptures and digital art work by students and professionals from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. University instructor, Getahun Assefa's paintings, drawings, sculpture, digital art. Also work by his brother, Tesfaye Assefa. Based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. [KF]
http://www.addisart.com/

**Addis Art - Nouveau Art from Ethiopia**
Artists include Shiferaw Girma and Lulseged Retta. Photographs of each artist's work, a biography, and video. Founded by Mesai Haileleul. [KF] http://www.addis-art.com/

**Adire African Textiles - Duncan Clarke**
History, background, and photographs of adire, adinkra, kente, bogolan, Yoruba aso-oke, akwete, ewe, kuba, and nupe textiles. The symbolism of images is often provided. One can purchase textiles as well. Clarke's Ph.D. dissertation (School of Oriental and African Studies) is on Yoruba men's weaving. Based in London. http://www.adire.clara.net

**Afewerk Tekle**
"Ethiopia's leading artist." Biography, his paintings, sculptures, mosaics, murals, art in the artist's home. Afewerk created the stained-glass windows at the entrance of Africa Hall, headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. In 1964, he became the first winner of the Haile Selassie I
Art and Life in Africa Online contains information about African Art and Culture. Some of the material on this site has been adapted from similar material developed for the Art and Life in Africa CD-ROM being produced at The University of Iowa. Additionally, some material is specific to this site (and not found on the CD), as noted below. Links to further resources on the web have been added where appropriate.

**Chapter Material Recontextualizing African Art** NEW! I am adding chapters from the CD to the Art and Life program on-line. The first of these is the "Abundance" chapter below, which I have added to the "Key Moments in Life Chapter."

The Art and Life in Africa CD-ROM contains 11 chapters recontextualizing African Art in all aspects of life in Africa. The abbreviated online version of Key Moments in Life and Abundance is accessible:

- Ancient Africa
- Arts of Healing
- **Abundance** new
- Cultural Exchange
- Death and the Ancestors
- Divination
- Education/Initiation
- Everyday Encounters
Warren M. Robbins Library, National Museum of African Art

- African Archaeology and Rock Art
- African Art at the Smithsonian
- African Art Exhibitions
- African Art Galleries
- African Art History
- African Art Journals
- African Artists
- African Artists: Congolese (Brazzaville) artists
- African Artists: Congolese (Democratic Republic) artists
- African Artists: Ethiopian artists
- African Artists: Kenyan artists
- African Artists: Senegalese artists
- African Artists: South African artists
- African Artists: Tanzanian artists
- African Artists: Zimbabwean artists
- African Beads and Beadwork
- African Currency
- African Metalwork
- African Posters
- African Pottery
- African Textiles
- African Writing Systems
A Museum Grows in Brooklyn

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“Black Madonna” is now at Mocada. (Angela Jimenez for The New York Times)

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