

## Ayana Gordon

An Antiguan-Haitian award-winning photographer and multimedia artist, has swiftly made a name for herself in the art world with her evocative use of rich textures and captivating compositions. Based out of Baltimore and New York, Ayana's journey in photography began a mere five years ago. As a self-taught artist, she has refined her skills through a process of continuous exploration and experimentation.

Despite her relatively recent entry into the art scene, Ayana has already garnered significant recognition for her distinctive perspective and innovative approach to photography.

Ayana's photographs poignantly capture identity and culture through the power of storytelling. Employing a keen sense of composition, styling, and narrative, Ayana crafts an empowering vision for her viewers. It is this singular artistic vision that has solidified Ayana Gordon's position as a rising star in the world of contemporary photography.

### Education

2016 - 2020      BS Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

### Studied Under:

2012              Kirsten Elstner, Severna Park, MD

2017              Francis Longaker, Richmond, VA

2019              Ron Johnson, Richmond, VA

2021              Paula L. Phillips, Baltimore, MD

2022              Kendall Bessent, Brooklyn, NY

2023              Ruth Nuhn, Baltimore, MD

### Residencies, Grants, and Awards

2022              Best of PhotoVogue, Vogue Italia

2022              Pic of the Day, Vogue Italia

2023              Best of PhotoVogue, Vogue Italia

- 2023 Ruby's Artist Grant (Shortlisted), Robert W. Deutsch Foundation, Baltimore, MD
- 2023 Best of PhotoVogue, Vogue Italia
- 2023 Analog Photography Residency, Baltimore, MD
- 2023 MetaU Art 2023 International Art Competition (2nd Place Winner), MetaU Art
- 2024 Portrait Awards 2024 (Finalist), LensCulture

### Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *#ASLONGASITSDOPE*, Flatform Studios, Baltimore, MD
- 2022 Ode To Hip Hop, SkateKamagraph, Santa Fe, NM
- 2023 Greyscale, SkateKamagraph, Santa Fe, NM
- 2024 *Positions of Power*, LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA

### Press

- 2021 Hebron, Grace. "For Flatform Studios, Creation and Community Are at the Core", *Baltimore Magazine*, September 15.
- 2021 Brown, Stacy. "Sibling Artists Create Baltimore's First Interactive Selfie Exhibition #aslongasitsdope", *The Baltimore Times*, April 15.
- 2022 "Meet Ayana AAMP'd" Gordon | Film Photographer & Artist", *Shoutout Atlanta*, March 23.
- 2022 "Rising Stars: Meet Ayana Gordon", *Voyage Baltimore*, May 9.
- 2023 "Beating Heart", Resilience, Issue 03, *Prazzle Magazine*, May 28.
- 2023 "Meet Ayana Gordon", Stories & Insight, *CanvasRebel*, July 6.