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A Wiki Edit-a-Thon Dedicated to Women Artists of Color

Here's a complete list of the Wikipedia articles updated during this year's Edit-a-Thon, *Black Artists Matter*, focused on artists of the African diaspora in the National Museum of Women in the Arts's collection.

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Organized by the nonprofit organization Art+Feminism, the annual Wiki Edit-a-Thon enlists volunteers to help close the gender gap in Wikipedia's coverage of female artists by creating new profiles and enhancing existing ones. The National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) has hosted the edit-a-thons in person since 2014; because of the ongoing pandemic, this year's edition was held entirely online today, August 11. Titled *Black Artists Matter*, the event was dedicated to artists of color in the NMWA's collection, with a focus on women from the African diaspora.

Most of these artists, such as Zanele Muholi, Amy Sherald, and Alison Saar, already had Wikipedia pages. But even existing profiles require significant updating, proofing, and expanding: 1,085 words and 14 new references were added to African American photographer Lorna Simpson's article, for example. In total, volunteers edited 85 articles and created two profiles, adding 17,200 words and 180 references to pages primarily about Black women.

Some artists, like printmaker Delita Martin — whose work resides in the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the Crystal Bridges Museum in Arkansas, and the Mid America Print Council, among institutions — are still not represented on the website. Unfortunately, the absence of artists from the free online encyclopedia mirrors their underrepresentation in museum collections: a survey of 18 major US museums conducted by researchers at Williams College found that 85.4% of the works in institutional collections belong to white artists, and 87.4% are by men.

When considering that Wikipedia is one of the world's most visited sites, the impact and importance of Art+Feminism's edit-a-thons comes into full view. Since 2014, over 18,000 people at 1,260 events worldwide have participated in the edit-a-thons, creating and improving nearly 84,000 articles on Wikipedia and sister pages.

"Today's event was great and really speaks to our overall mission: Art+Feminism is an intersectional feminist non-profit organization that directly addresses the information gap about gender, feminism, and the arts on the internet," Kira Wisniewski, the organization's executive director, told Hyperallergic.

“Our work is centered on building an equitable global community striving to close the gaps in content and editorial representation on Wikipedia, ensuring that the histories of our lives and work are accessible and accurate.”

A complete list of the profiles updates during today’s today’s edit-a-thon can be found below:

Agatha Bennett
Akua Lezli Hope
Aline Réveillaud de Lens
Alison Dunhill
Alix Cléo Roubaud
Alma Thomas
Amy Sherald
Andrea Kruis
Angela Davis Johnson
Angela M. Rivers
Anita Weschler
Anna Russell Jones
Annie E. A. Walker
April Bey
April Sunami
Bessie Harvey
Bisa Butler
Bruce Johnson
Caitlin Cherry
Candace Hill-Montgomery
Candida Alvarez
Carrie Mae Weems
Chakaia Booker
Clarissa Sligh
Consuelo Jimenez Underwood
Deborah Willis
Dwinita Larasati
E Boyd
Eileen O’Meara
Elizabeth Colwell
Emma Amos
Faith Ringgold

Ilah
Ingrid Mwangi
Jen Lee (cartoonist)
Joyce J. Scott
Juana Borrero
Kay Brown
Kebedech Tekleab
LaToya Ruby Frazier
Laura Molina
Lisa Congdon
Lisa Wainwright
Lorna Simpson
Louisa Starr
M. Asli Dukan
Margaretta Mitchell
Marie Cochran
Martine Syms
Mary A. Bell
Mary Jackson
Mary Tillman Smith
Mavis Pusey
Mildred Beltre
Ngozi Ukazu
Nnenna Okore
Pauline Powell Burns
Phoebe Beasley
Queen Brooks
Ruth Clement Bond
Shinique Smith
Simone Leigh
Sonié Joi Thompson-Ruffin
Sonya Clark
Sylvia Snowden
Tatyana Fazlalizadeh
The Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation
Théa Rojzman
Tomashi Jackson
Val Verde, California

Mary Clare Carroll
Wilda Gerideau-Squires
Wilhelmina McAlpin Godfrey
Wini McQueen
Xenobia Bailey
Younna Chlala
Yvonne Pickering Carter
Zanele Muholi
Ziwe Fumudoh