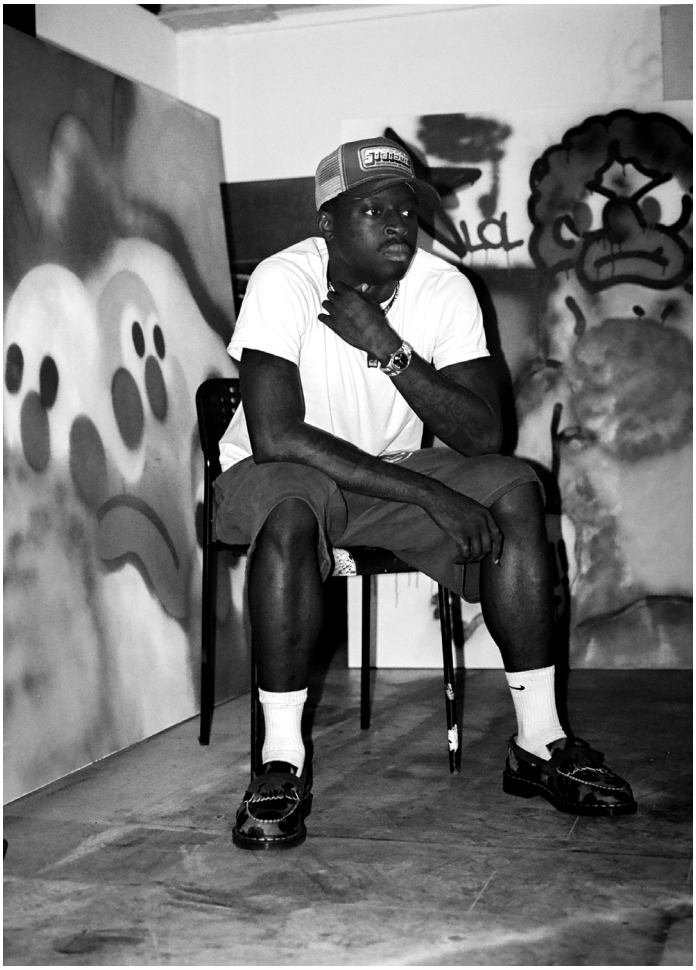

Olaolu Slawn

b. 2000, Lagos, Nigeria.

Olaolu Slawn's work blends his Yoruba heritage with contemporary youth culture, creating a unique voice in the art world. Operating outside traditional art institutions, Slawn has built a dedicated online following. His art satirizes modern society, often playing with tongue-in-cheek stereotypes. His bold, primary-colored portraits are striking, capturing attention with their vivid expression. In his first solo exhibition in London, a monumental installation of 1000 A4 canvases stood out as a gallery-wide explosion of colour in the St. James' space. His Miami exhibition in 2024 showcased instinctive paintings featuring psychedelic, jazz-like patterns transforming into crowds and satirical portraits of his iconic frowning caricatures. At the end of last year, Slawn shared a studio with Soldier and Francesco Risso, creative director of Marni, creating a series of paintings and reimagined Baroque Italian furniture which spilled into the Marni AW25 fashion show, immersing the guests among the artworks while the models walked in custom looks featuring hand-painted elements from the exhibition. Known for challenging public obsession with luxury brands, Slawn has released defaced "Slawn" collaborations with Rolex, Ferrari, Louis Vuitton, and Rimowa, which consistently sell out within minutes. He became the youngest artist to receive a commission from the Brit Awards. His early collectors include global rap artists like Skepta, Central Cee, Dave, A$AP Rocky, and Wizkid. Slawn was also nominated for GQ' s Man of the Year 2024.

ARTIST CV

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

2025 *High Museum of Art,* Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Rubell Museum, Miami, USA

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Olaolu Slawn: SLawn on W18th,* Saatchi Yates, New York, USA

Slawn's Studio, Saatchi Yates, London, UK

2025 *Once Upon a Time in London*, Saatchi Yates, London, UK

Surface Tension, D'Stassi Art, London, UK

BOBO: Olaolu Slawn's Homecoming in Lagos, Nahous Gallery, Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos, NG

The Pink Sun, Cerchia dei Navigli, Milan, IT

I present to you, Slawn, Saatchi Yates, London, UK

2024 *779 Expo,* Off-White EM PTY Gallery, New York City, USA

On a Darker Note, Efie Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2022 *Slawn,* The Truman Brewery, London, UK

2021 *TILT HG Summer Group Show,* Hoxton Gallery, London, UK

SELECTED COLLABORATIONS

2026 *'Not An Artist', Album in Collaboration with Saatchi Yates and featuring Skepta*

Oyster Perpetual, Collaboration with Rolex

Streetwear Collection, Collaboration with Mertra

Nike Air Max 90, Collaboration with Nike

2025 *Hugo F1 Car,* Collaboration with F1

Atlanta Pop up, Collaboration with Lil Yachty, Hole on Bowery

FA Cup, Collaboration with FA Cup

Slawn x Crocs Classic Clog, Collaboration with Crocs

Heroes Villains and Violence, The Art of Hip Hop, Miami Art Week

Collection Shirt, Slawn x Sky Sports

The Big Issue, Collaboration with Opake, TABOO

Calm and Hype Cans, Collaboration with Peak Moods

2024 *Stolen Bag Collection,* Collaboration with Louis Vuitton

ICONIC, Collaboration with Timberland

Holiday Campaign with Slawn and Talulah, Burberry

2023 *Installation,* Collaboration with Fin Flint X Dover Street Market London

Awards Statue, Collaboration with BRITS