

# Amir Khadar - CV

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Amir Khadar (They/Them) is a Sierra Leonean-American artist, designer, and cultural organizer from Minneapolis, Minnesota, currently residing in Philadelphia, PA.

## **EDUCATION**

**2017-2019** B.F.A. Fiber Arts. Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland. (transferred)

**2020-Spring 2022** B.A. Special Major in Black Studies. Swarthmore College, Swarthmore Pennsylvania.

## **SELECTED PROJECTS**

### **2022**

SHERO x Planned Parenthood Billboard project. Illustrator.

People's Paper Co-Op Mama's Day Bailout Poster Project. Illustrator.

BYP 100's She Safe We Safe report. Illustrator and graphic designer.

Artists for the Equal Rights Amendment. Illustrator.

Complex Movements movement strategy card deck. Illustrator

### **2021**

Adobe Community Fund Recipient. Illustrator

Creative Wildfire Artist Grant. Recipient/Illustrator.

10,000 Postcard Campaign with Frontline. Illustrator.

Black Alliance for Just Immigration's (BAJI) Report on Mental health in Black Femme Communities. Illustrator.

Color of Change's Racial Week of Action. Artist.

### **2020**

Astrea Technologies and Criminalization Report. Illustrator.

Wakanda Dream Lab Anthology: Abolition Day. Creative Director and Designer.

Plantin Magazine. Guest Editor and Collaborator.

Breathe Act with Movement for Black Lives. Contributing Artist.

Self Driven (sustainable and equitable) Mask Making and Distribution. Mask Maker & Distributor.

Tiny Pride Floats with VICE. Contributing artist

## **2019**

Women's March 2019 art build. Participating Artist.

Astraea Healing Justice Report. Creative Director and Designer.

Black Freedom Beyond Borders: Wakanda Dream Lab Anthology On Gender. Creative Director and designer.

Guide to Parenting Black Children: by Parenting for Liberation. Designer.

26th Annual MICA Benefit Fashion Show. Participating Artist.

Clifford Owens Anthology Project at Baltimore Museum of Art. Participating Artist.

## **2018**

Trans Day of Resilience Art initiative with Forward Together. Participating artist in 2017, 2018, and 2020.

## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

### **2022**

We Outside. Kitao Gallery. Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

### **2021**

Queer Visions. Haight Street Art Center. San Francisco, California.

### **2020**

Trans Resilience is Powerful. Haight Street Art Center. San Francisco, California.

Mothership: Voyage into Afrofuturism. Oakland Museum of Art. Oakland, California.

Devin B. Johnson & Gender Justice L.A. Benefit Exhibition. Nicodim Gallery. Los Angeles, California.

### **2019**

Women's Wave Rising! A 2019 Women's March Art Exhibition. Busboys & Poets. Washington D.C.

In Memory of Naomi Hersey: the impalpable lives and history of queer, trans and intersex people of colour. London School of Economics. London, England.

Natural Dye as an Intercultural Connector: Living Color. Reginald F Lewis Museum. Baltimore, Maryland  
BlackFreedomBeyondBorders: Storytelling with Augmented Reality. Betti Ono. Oakland, California.

## **WORKSHOPS, TEACHING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING**

### **2021**

Panel with Civil law center. Panelist

Where Are the Black Designers Artist Talk. Panelist and presenter.

Baltimore Youth Arts. Guest speaker

### **2020**

Power Speaker Series with Maryland Institute College of Art's Masters in Community Arts Program.  
Presenter and Facilitator.

Baltimore Youth Arts Spring and Fall Session Graphic Design Class. Facilitator.

Afro-Futurist Collage Workshop with Parenting for Liberation. Teaching Artist.

Baltimore Artists Joyce J. Scott and Amir Khadar: Discussion of their Work and Implications for Social, Spiritual and Creative Justice. Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Speaker.

Scrap B-More Workshop Series. Teaching Artist.

Fashioning Culture Research. Presenter.

### **2019**

Workshops at Duke Ellington for Kennedy Center Reach. Facilitator and Participating Artist.

### **2017**

Callout Culture in Spoken Word. Taught for the Voices for Racial Justice Youth Organizing Institute.  
Facilitator

### **2015**

TEDx Fridley - "Are you sure I'm a guy". Speaker.

## **CONFERENCES**

**2021**                    Where are the Black Designers Conference. Panelist.

**2019**                    Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design. Panelist.

**2018**            Facing Race. Presenter and Panelist

**2017**            Allied Media Conference. Presenter

Brave New Voices. Participant

Up & Out. Co-Organizer

**2016**            Brave New Voices. Participant

## **AWARDS**

### **2022**

Haystack Mountain BIPOC artist fellowship.

Swarthmore Intercultural Center award for activism through the arts.

### **2020**

Swarthmore McCabe Scholarship.

### **2017**

Button Poetry.

Congressional Art Competition, MN 4th District. 1st Place.

Scholastic Art Awards. 4 Gold Medals.

Scholastic Writing Awards. American Visions Medal, 2 Gold Medals and 7 regional awards.

Minnesota State Highschool League. 3 best in Show awards and 12 superior rankings.

Youth Speaks Poetry Series. First Place.

Point Foundation. Finalist.

### **2016**

Congressional Poetry Competition, MN 4th District. 1st Place.

Youth Speaks Poetry Series. One of 6 Winners.

## **ORGANIZING AND LEADERSHIP**

### **2019**

Benefit Fashion Show. Co-Director

Baltimore National Dye Project. Participant and Instructor.

## **2018**

Black Student Union. Vice President

Diversity, Equity, Identity and Globalization accountability taskforce. Member

## **2017**

Intermedia arts Youth Advisory Board. Board Member.

Black Student Union. President.

National Honor Society. Vice-President.

Administrative Accountability Task Force. Founder and Member.

Fridley Fine Arts Festival. Student Organizer.

## **2016**

Voices for Racial Justice. Contracted youth organizer.

Voices for Racial Justice Youth Organizer Training. Trainee.

Student Council. Treasurer.

## **2015**

Penumbra Youth Summer Institute. Participant and Performer.

## **Skills**

### **Design and Illustration**

Adobe Suite Programs

Book Layout Design

Illustrations for campaigns, reports, and products

Collage

Project Leadership

### **Fiber Arts**

Natural and Synthetic Dye work Embroidery

Peyote Stitch

Hand and machine sewing

Weaving

Garment Construction

Knitting