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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 *Slaw'n'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 Slaw'n's Homecoming in Lagos, Nahous Gallery, Federal Palace Hotel, Lagos, NG
The Pink Sun, Cerchia dei Navigli, Milan, IT
I present to you, Slaw'n, Saatchi Yates, London, UK
- 2024 *779 Expo*, Off-White EM PTY Gallery, New York City, USA
On a Darker Note, Efic Gallery, Dubai, UAE
- 2022 *Slaw'n*, The Truman Brewery, London, UK
- 2021 *TILTHG 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 Fr Car*, Collaboration with F1
Atlanta Pop up, Collaboration with Lil Yachty, Hole on Bowery
FA Cup, Collaboration with FA Cup
Slaw'n x Crocs Classic Clog, Collaboration with Crocs
Heroes Villains and Violence, The Art of Hip Hop, Miami Art Week
Collection Shirt, Slaw'n 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 Slaw'n and Talulah, Burberry
- 2023 *Installation*, Collaboration with Fin Flint X Dover Street Market London
Awards Statue, Collaboration with BRITS