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Celebrating Black History Month at Frieze Los Angeles

Fair presentations, onsite projects, Frieze Week gallery shows and institutional exhibitions foregrounding Black history across Los Angeles

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Black History Month recognizes the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society. As 'Repossessions' opens at the California African American Museum (CAAM) and the Getty Center surveys the practice of María Magdalena Campos-Ponsand, at Frieze Los Angeles, artists such as Zanele Muholi, Emmanuel Louisnord Desir, Noah Purifoy, Romare Bearden and Akinsanya Kambon shed new light on Black history.

This year, Frieze also **extends its community-led initiatives**, partnering with Summaeverythang Community Center – Lauren Halsey's South Central LA nonprofit that 'develops Black and Brown personal, political, economic and sociocultural empowerment' – and collaborating with The Black Trustee Alliance to capture the legacy of Altadena's historically Black and culturally diverse communities in the aftermath of the Eaton fire.

Here are just some of the celebrations of Black history and culture happening at the fair and across the city during Frieze Week LA, 17–23 February.



Akinsanya Kambon, Talking Drum Tama. Raku fired ceramic, 104 × 51 × 15 cm. Courtesy: the artist and Marc Selwyn Fine Art. Photo: Paul Salveson

Akinsanya Kambon was instrumental in the Sacramento Chapter of the Black Panther Party. With a practice spanning drawing, painting, sculpture and ceramics, Kambon creates works charged with the history and mythology of the Black diaspora and African histories, portraying past and present acts of resistance. Presented by Marc Selwyn Fine Art at Frieze Los Angeles, Kambon's sculptural works will be activated by Senegalese *tama* (talking drum) master Massamba Diop, known for his work on the Grammy and Oscar-winning *Black Panther* score, who will perform at the fair on Saturday 22 February.

Akinsanya Kambon is presented by Marc Selwyn Fine Art at Frieze Los Angeles 2025.