

# KAMBUI OLUJIMI: THE ROCK THAT CUTS THE NIGHT IN TWO

## Read, Watch, & Listen List

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### TO READ

#### Website:

<https://kambuiolujimi.com/>

#### Interviews:

- *Bomb Magazine*: [Hank Willis Thomas and Kambui Olujimi](#) — Hank Willis Thomas and Kambui Olujimi
- *Interview Magazine*: [Artist Kambui Olujimi Wants to Float Free](#) — Mark Alan Burger

#### Exhibition Reviews:

- *Wisconsin State Journal*: [Artist at MMOCA links time and power dynamics](#) — Gayle Worland

#### Articles:

- *Hyperallergic*: [Water as a Cinematic Metaphor for the Tides of Time](#) — Seph Rodney
- Joan Mitchell Foundation: [In The Studio: Kambui Olujimi](#) — Jenny Gill
- *JSTOR Daily*: [Dance Marathons](#) — Betsy Golden Kellem
- *MPR News*: [2 years after it burned, no clear path forward for Minneapolis 3rd Precinct site](#) — Grace Birnstengel
- *NY Times*: [In 177 Portraits, an Artist's Homage to His Bed-Stuy Muse](#) — Siddhartha Mitter
- *Vogue*: [The Wide Awakes Are the Civil War-Era Activist Group Making a Comeback in Bold, Joyful Style](#) — Brooke Bobb

#### Art Books:

Books and exhibition catalogues featuring Kambui Olujimi's work:

- [The Bearden Project](#) — Lauren Haynes et al.
- [Black American Portraits from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art](#) — Christine Y. Kim et. al.
- [Fantasy America](#) — Alan Pelaez Lopez et. al.
- [An Infinite and Omnivorous Sky](#) — ed. Kendra Paitz
- [When We See Us: A Century of Black Figuration in Painting](#) — ed. Koyo Kouoh

Books on associated artists, concepts, and art techniques/methods:

- [African Cosmos: Stellar Arts](#) — Christine Mullen Kreamer et. al.
- [Beyond the Face: New Perspectives on Portraiture](#) — eds. Wendy Wick Reaves and Lauren Lessing
- [Bisa Butler: Portraits](#) — Bisa Butler, Erica Warren, et. al.
- [Cosmographics: Picturing Space Through Time](#) — Michael Benson
- [Dance Marathons: Performing American Culture of the 1920s and 1930s](#) — Carol J. Martin
- [Drawing Projects: An Exploration of the Language of Drawing](#) — eds. Mick Maslen and Jack Southern
- [Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories](#) — Pamela A. Parmal et. al.
- [Faith Ringgold: American People](#) — Faith Ringgold, Massimiliano Gioni, et. al.
- [Free as They Want to Be: Artists Committed to Memory](#) — Cheryl Finley and Deborah Willis
- [Grief and Grievance: Art and Mourning in America](#) — Okwui Enwezor et. al.
- [Hank Willis Thomas: All Things Being Equal...](#) — Hank Willis Thomas, Sarah Elizabeth Lewis, et. al.
- [S\\*PeRM\\*\\*K\\*T](#) — Harryette Mullen
- [Sleeping with the Dictionary](#) — Harryette Mullen
- [Stop Motion: Passion, Process and Performance](#) — Barry C. Purves
- [They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us](#) — Hanif Abdurraqib
- [Vitamin C+: Collage in Contemporary Art](#) — Phaidon Editors, with an introductory essay by Yuval Etgar
- [Watercolor Sketching: An Introduction](#) — Paul Laseau

## Children's Books:

### Dance:

- *The Electric Slide and Kai* — Kelly J. Baptist
- *Firebird* — Misty Copeland
- *Parker Shines On: Another Extraordinary Moment* — Parker Curry
- *When Langston Dances* — Kaija Langley

### Climate Change/Icebergs:

- *Emperor of the Ice* — Nicola Davies
- *Our World Out of Balance* — Andrea Minoglio
- *The Story of More* — Hope Jahren
- *We Are Better Together* — Bill McKibben

### Community/Found Family:

- *The All-Together Quilt* — Lizzy Rockwell
- *Big Tune* — Alliah L. Agostini
- *Just Like a Mama* — Alice Faye Duncan
- *Happiness* — Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie
- *Hey, Wall* — Susan Verde
- *Jump in!* — Shadra Strickland

### Monuments:

- *The Wall of Respect* — Abdul Alkalimat
- *We Deserve Monuments* — Jas Hammonds

### Mythology:

- *Black Gold* — Laura Obuobi
- *Children of Blood and Bone* — Tomi Adeyemi
- *The Gilded Ones* — Namina Forna
- *Sulwe* — Lupiya Nyong'o

### Quilts:

- *A Flag for Juneteenth* — Kim Taylor
- *Stitch by Stitch* — Rob Sanders
- *Sweet Clara and her Freedom Quilt* — Deborah Hopkinson

### Segregation:

- *The First Step* — Susan E. Goodman
- *Going Places* — Tonya Bolden
- *Let the Children March* — Monica Clark-Robinson
- *We Are Your Children Too* — Patricia O'Connell

### Star-Mapping/Constellations:

- *Exploring Constellations* — Sara L. Latta
- *She Stitched the Stars* — Jennifer Harris
- *Sky Gazing* — Meg Thacher
- *Star Child* — Ibi Aanu Zobi
- *Usha and the Big Digger* — Amitha Jagannath Knight

## TO WATCH

### Videos:

- [In Your Absence the Skies Are All the Same](#) — Kambui Olujimi on the screens in Times Square
- [Kambui Olujimi](#) — Vimeo
- [Kambui Olujimi, Artist Talk 03-09-22](#) — Brown University
- [Kambui Olujimi with Yasi Alipour](#) — The Brooklyn Rail
- [Kambui Olujimi: Wayward North](#) — Art in General
- [Studio Visit with Kambui Olujimi](#) — The Andy Warhol Museum

### Films:

- [Holy Motors](#) — Leos Carax

## TO LISTEN

### Podcasts:

- [Kambui Olujimi – Flight and Freedom](#) — Biennial Bytes