



PIGMENT INTERNATIONAL'S VENICE 2026 WATCH LIST

Black and African Artists Across the 61st Biennale & Parallel Programs

	Country	Artist(s)	Venue	
MAIN EXHIBITION — In Minor Keys				
	USA	Big Chief Demond Melancon	<i>Giardini & Arsenale</i>	★ PI FOCUS
	DRC Congo	Sammy Baloji	<i>Giardini & Arsenale</i>	Main Exhib.
	Nigeria	Ranti Bam	<i>Giardini / Arsenale</i>	Main Exhib.
	Ghana	blaxTARLINES KUMASI	<i>Giardini / Arsenale</i>	Main Exhib.
	Senegal	Seyni Awa Camara	<i>Giardini / Arsenale</i>	Main Exhib.
	USA / Chicago	Nick Cave	<i>Giardini / Arsenale</i>	Main Exhib.
	Barbados	Annalee Davis	<i>Giardini / Arsenale</i>	Main Exhib.
NATIONAL PAVILIONS				
	Great Britain	Lubaina Himid RA, CBE	<i>Giardini (British Pavilion)</i>	★ PI FOCUS
	The Bahamas	Lavar Munroe & John Beadle†	<i>San Trovaso Art Space</i>	★ PI FOCUS
	DRC Congo	Baloji, Bashizi, Bongoy, Lubondo, Makengo, Mpané, Pongo, Tobé + Damso	<i>Scuola Grande di San Marco</i>	Simba Moto!
	Ethiopia	Tegene Kunbi	<i>Palazzo Bollani</i>	Shapes of Silence
	Guinea	Bella Bah, Bachir Diallo, Sékou Oumar Thiam + more	<i>Isola di San Servolo</i>	DEBUT
	Equatorial Guinea	60 artists	<i>(TBC)</i>	DEBUT
	Sierra Leone	TBC	<i>TBC</i>	DEBUT
	Somalia	TBC	<i>TBC</i>	DEBUT



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	Haiti	Enock Placide	<i>Palazzo Albrizzi-Capello</i>	Yelena's Garden
	Brazil	Rosana Paulino, Adriana Varejão (curated by Diane Lima)	<i>Arsenale</i>	Pavilion
	Panama	Antonio José Guzmán	<i>TBC</i>	Pavilion
	Zimbabwe	Gideon Gomo, Eva Raath, Felix Shumba + more	<i>Santa Maria della Pietà</i>	Second Nature
ECC PERSONAL STRUCTURES – CONFLUENCES Pigment International is media partner				
	South Africa	Neo Mkgoshing	<i>Palazzo Mora / Bembo</i>	★ PI FOCUS
	Pan-African	Jala Foundation for Contemporary African Artists	<i>Palazzo Mora</i>	★ PI FOCUS
	Global	Bold Beauty Project (incl. Erin Brown, Bahamas)	<i>Palazzo Mora</i>	Photography

† John Beadle (1964–2024). Posthumous presentation. ★ **PI FOCUS** = Artists/programs. *TBC* – To Be Confirmed

EXHIBITION INFORMATION

Personal Structures – Confluences | ECC Italy | May 9–Nov. 22, 2026 | Palazzo Bembo, Palazzo Mora & Marinaressa Gardens | Free entry | personalstructures.com

Big Chief Demond Melancon | Mariane Ibrahim Gallery | Giardini & Arsenale | May 9–Nov. 22, 2026 | marianeibrahim.com

61st International Art Exhibition – In Minor Keys | La Biennale di Venezia | May 9–Nov. 22, 2026 | labiennale.org