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## HAJAR BENJIDA

### Artist Bio / statement

Hajar Benjida is a Moroccan-Dutch photographer and visual artist based between The Hague and New York. Her personal work takes an intimate and documentary approach, from photographing some of today's biggest names in hip-hop to capturing the strip club scene in Atlanta and its impact on the music industry and narratives around women and the agency of their bodies. Hajar graduated from HKU University of the Arts Utrecht in 2019 with a BA in photography. Her debut exhibition was held at Art Basel at Scope Art Fair Miami 2018 with her project Young Thug as Paintings, made in collaboration with Young Thug himself. She was the recipient of LensCulture's 2019 Emerging Talent Award and her project, Atlanta Made Us Famous was selected by Unseen as one of nine outstanding graduation projects of 2019, Foam Talent 2021 and the BJP International Photography Award 2022. Hajar's accomplishments also put her on the list of Forbes 30 under 30 Arts & Culture Europe 2022.

### WEBSITES

Portfolio

[hajarbenjida.com/](https://hajarbenjida.com/)

### SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.instagram.com/hajarbenji/](https://www.instagram.com/hajarbenji/)

### MEMBER OF ARTISTS' INITIATIVE/COLLECTIVE/INCUBATOR

Nee

### EDUCATION

2015 - Photography Utrecht, HKU faculteit Kunst  
2019 en Vormgeving diploma

### EXHIBITIONS

2025	Atlanta Made us Famous FOAM Amsterdam, Netherlands <a href="#">Solo</a>
2024	Atlanta Made us Famous Van Gogh Museum Amsterdam, Netherlands <a href="#">Group</a>
2024	Atlanta Made us Famous PROSPECTS (Mondriaan Fonds) Rotterdam, Netherlands <a href="#">Group</a>

### PROJECTS

2019	Atlanta, GA, United States 2018 - ongoing
2018	Young Thug as Paintings Netherlands 2016 - 2019

- 2022 Atlanta Made us Famous TJ BOULTING  
Londen, United Kingdom  
[www.tjboulting.com/hajarbenjida](http://www.tjboulting.com/hajarbenjida)  
Solo
- 2019 Vogue Italy A Glitch in the System,  
deconstructing stereotypes Base  
Milano Milaan, Italy  
Group
- 2019 Outstanding Graduate Unseen  
Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Group
- 2018 Young Thug as Paintings Scope Miami  
Beach Miami, FL, United States  
[www.vice.com/en/article/how-young-thug-as-paintings-went-from-a-viral-instagram-account-to-an-art-exhibit/](http://www.vice.com/en/article/how-young-thug-as-paintings-went-from-a-viral-instagram-account-to-an-art-exhibit/)  
Solo

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES/RESIDENCIES

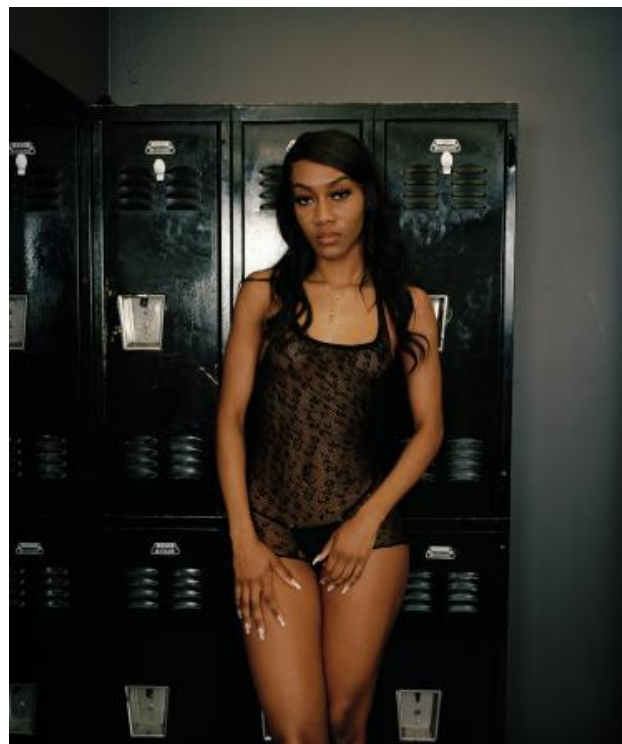
- 2018 Cam Kirk Studios, United States  
Internship

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2022 British journal of Photography International  
award London, UK, United Kingdom
- 2022 Mondriaan Fonds, Amsterdam (NL)  
Amsterdam, Netherlands



Atlanta made us Famous, 2023



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Atlanta made us Famous, 2019  
Medum format film



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