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Image: This year's resident artists at Black Rock Senegal. Top row: Tyna Adebawale, Abbesi Akhamie, and Delali Ayivor. Bottom row: Mbali Dhlamini, Abdi Farah, and Moses Hamborg.

Black Rock Senegal, the lavish seaside studio in Dakar that belongs to celebrated painter Kehinde Wiley, has named the 16 artists selected for its 2021 residency. Hailing from various locales around the world, the artists will spend several weeks at the studio alongside Wiley, sharing his passion for using art to explore and galvanize social change. The 2021 residents include Hilary Balu, Abbesi Akhamie, Irene Antonia Diane Reece, Delali Ayivor, Mbali Dhlamini, and Arinze Ifeakandu, among others. Perhaps best known for his portrait of former U.S. president Barack Obama, Wiley has spent much of the quarantine in Dakar, using the pandemic as an occasion to pause and paint. He recently unveiled *Go*, a stained-glass fresco that depicts young Black New Yorkers break dancing, at the new Moynihan Train Hall.