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Kehinde Wiley and Amy Sherald's iconic portraits of Barack and Michelle Obama will travel to five cities across the US from June 2021 through May 2022.



Image: Left: Kehinde Wiley, "Barack Obama" (2018), oil on canvas, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, © 2018 Kehinde Wiley | Right: Amy Sherald, "Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama" (detail) (2018), oil on linen, National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.

From the moment of their unveiling at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, the museum's official portraits of President Barack Obama and Mrs. Michelle Obama have become iconic. Kehinde Wiley's portrait of President Obama and Amy Sherald's portrait of the former First Lady have inspired unprecedented responses from the public.

The Obama Portraits Tour, organized by the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, will travel to five cities across the US from June 2021 through May 2022 and is expected to reach millions of people who might not otherwise have an opportunity to view these remarkable paintings. This special presentation will encourage conversations on the power of portraiture and its potential to engage communities.

Tour locations include:

The Art Institute of Chicago; Chicago — June 18, 2021–August 15, 2021

Brooklyn Museum; Brooklyn, New York — August 27, 2021–October 24, 2021

Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Los Angeles — November 7, 2021–January 2, 2022

High Museum of Art; Atlanta — January 14, 2022–March 13, 2022

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; Houston — March 27, 2022–May 30, 2022