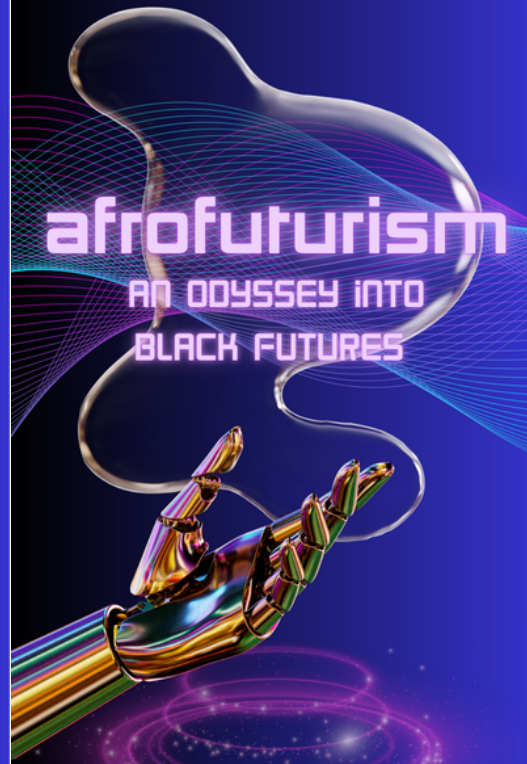


"can a community whose past has been deliberately rubbed out, and whose energies have subsequently been consumed by the search for legible traces of its history, imagine possible futures?"

- mark dery

afrofuturism

AN ODYSSEY INTO BLACK FUTURES



Fine Arts Excellence Nick Cave

is known for soundsuits, which he began creating during the LA riots in 1992 after the beating of Rodney King by the LAPD. The

suits serve as an armour for the wearer, concealing their race and gender. They appear alien and otherworldly. Cave's works is used as performance art; he is trained as a dancer

and the suits have elements that make noise. Nick Cave's work can be found in museums around the world.



AFROFUTURISM

An aesthetic, literary, cinematic, pop culture, and social movement focused on the intersection of science fiction, technology, history, and liberation futures

For black people



"[afrofuturism] looks backward and forward in seeking to provide insights about identity, one that asks what was and what if."
-alondra nelson

MUSIC LEGEND SUN RA



Sun Ra was a jazz musician known for experimental and avant-garde compositions. With his group, the Arkestra, Sun Ra was a pioneer of Afro-futurism in music. The National Endowment for the Arts describes Sun Ra as

"An outsider who linked the Egyptian mythology and outer space. Sun Ra was years ahead of all other avant-garde musicians in his experimentation with sound and instruments, a pioneer in group improvisations and the use of electric instruments in jazz."

LITERARY ICON

Octavia E. Butler

Butler is thought to be the first African-American woman to write science fiction, a genre dominated by white male voices. Her work explores themes of race, sexuality, and gender.

Parable of the Sower (1993)

Set in a future Earth ravaged by climate change and inequality, Parable of the Sower is the story of teenager Lauren Olamina, who experiences hyperempathy, rendering her sensitive to others' emotions in a world full of immense suffering. Lauren's sheltered upbringing ends when her family is killed and she must enter the world on her own.



BLACK PANTHER (2018)

SORRY TO BOTHER

YOU (2018)

NOPE (2022)

BLADE (1998)

NEPTUNE FROST

(2021)

BROWN GIRL BEGINS

(2012)