

Sthenjwa Luthuli

B.1991

Based in Durban, South Africa.

UNIT LONDON

Introduction

The intricate and complex nature of Luthuli's artistic process ensures that each work he produces is a remarkable and singular result of a formidable artistic effort. Each work is meticulously hand carved and then painted; his pieces can take months to create. Luthuli has remarked on the importance of the circular shape in his works. For Luthuli, the circle opposes the starkness of the square, which is frequently used in modern architecture. Luthuli's use of the circle opposes any severity of form as his works undulate before the viewer in boundless and gentle movement. Luthuli's works frequently involve the notion of ancestral identity; his headless forms are tied to his Zulu culture and rituals.

Education

2012

Themba Shibase's Mentorship Programme, Durban University of Technology

2011

Velobala Art School, African Art Centre

2010

Artists In-Action Residence, Visual Arts Course, BAT Centre

Solo Exhibitions

2021

Imfumbatho

Unit London, London, UK

Umthente Uhlaba Usamila

BKhz Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2020

Inkaba Yami

WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, South Africa

Group Exhibitions

2020

Liminality In Infinite Space

Mike Adenuga Centre, Ikoyi, Nigeria

African Artists Foundation, Victoria Island, Nigeria

BLACK VOICES: Friend of My Mind

Ross-Sutton Gallery, New York, New York, USA

The Medium Is The Message

Unit London, UK

2017

Sasol New Signatures

Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, South Africa

Ukushintsha Isigcawu

Woordfees Festival, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Members Exhibition

KZNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa

2016

Johannesburg Art Fair

Johannesburg, South Africa

2015

New Printmakers

SA Print Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Emerging

Design Indaba Simulcast, Cape Town, South Africa

Izimpande

2015

Expo Durban

Durban, South Africa

Cape Town Art Fair

Cape Town, South Africa

Hilton Group Exhibition

Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Johannesburg Art Fair

Johannesburg, South Africa

Turbine Art Fair

Sandton, South Africa

2014

National Arts Festival

Grahamstown, South Africa

2013

Business of Art

Beautiful Things Gallery, Eshowe, South Africa

African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa

2012

Velobala Mentorship Exhibition

African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa

2011

Who am I

Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

Velobala Class

African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa

Don't Panic

Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

2010

Izikhwephe zethu

Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

Press (selected)

December 2020

'Artists We Love: Sthenjwa Luthuli', Visi

December 2020

'Finding home in an 'unknown place'', Maverick Life

November 2020

'Sthenjwa Luthuli: Inkaba Yami', Contemporary And

November 2020

'Sthenjwa Luthuli: Inkaba Yami', Mail & Guardian

November 2020

'We have lost a limb': Azu Nwagbogu, the visionary curator bringing African art home', The Guardian

October 2020

'Sthenjwa Luthuli', Elephant

September 2020

'Emerging Artists Explore Blackness at Unit London', Widewalls

November 2019

'Sthenjwa Luthuli – Tackling Tradition with a Carving Knife', Tame Until

September 2019

'Latitudes Art Fair', House & Garden

April 2017

'Centre kick starts artist's career', news24

April 2017

'Telling stories with silhouettes', The North Coast Courier

August 2015

'Edition 4', Ja. Magazine

Collections

Gatreux Collection

Norval Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa

Leiterin der Stadtischen Galerie, Bremen, Germany, Private Collection

Oliewenhuis Museum in Bloemfontein, Public Collection

Cape Town Homestead, Private Collection

Judith Greenblatt , Private Collection

Alicia Keys & Swizz Beatz, Private Collection

Standard Bank, Private Collection

National Art Bank, Public Collection

Sasol, Private Collection

University of Pretoria, Private Collection

FNB Umhlanga, Private Collection

Australia, Private Collection

Switzerland, Private Collection

Metropolitan, Private Collection

Phansi Museum, Private Collection

Swaziland, Private Collection