

**Sthenjwa Luthuli**

**B.1991**

**Based in Durban, South Africa**

## 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, Durban, South Africa

2011 Velobala Art School, African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa

2010 Artists In-Action Residence, Visual Arts Course, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa

## Solo Exhibitions

2022 *Imbewu Yokhokho (The Seed of Our Ancestors)*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana

2021 *Imfumbatho*, Unit London, London, UK  
*Umthente Uhlaba Usamila*, BKHz Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2020 *Inkaba Yami*, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, South Africa

## Group Exhibitions

2022 *1-54 Art Fair*, Unit London, London, UK

2021 *Untitled Art fair*, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Miami, Florida, USA

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, 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*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa  
*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

2011 *Don't Panic*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

2010 *Izikhwephe zethu*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

**Press (selected)**

2022 October  
'The Best Booths at 1-54, From an Indigo Bed to a Wall of Crosses', ARTnews

2020 December  
'Artists We Love: Sthenjwa Luthuli', Visi  
'Finding home in an "unknown place"', Maverick Life

November  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli: Inkaba Yami', Contemporary And  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli: Inkaba Yami', Mail & Guardian  
"We have lost a limb": Azu Nwagbogu, the visionary curator bringing African art home', The Guardian

October  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli', Elephant

September  
'Emerging Artists Explore Blackness at Unit London', Widewalls

2019 November  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli – Tackling Tradition with a Carving Knife', Tame Until

September  
'Latitudes Art Fair', House & Garden

2017 April  
'Centre kick starts artist's career', news24  
'Telling stories with silhouettes', The North Coast Courier

2015 August  
'Edition 4', Ja. Magazine

**Collections**

Gatreaux Collection, Kansas City, USA

Norval Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa

Leiterin der Stadtischen Galerie, Bremen, Germany

Oliewenhuis Museum, Bloemfontein, South Africa

Cape Town Homestead, Cape Town, South Africa

Judith Greenblatt, New York, USA

The Dean Collection, New York, USA

Standard Bank, Johannesburg, South Africa

National Art Bank, Bloemfontein, South Africa

Sasol, Johannesburg, South Africa

University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa

FNB Umhlanga, Umhlanga, South Africa

Phansi Museum, Durban, South Africa