

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

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

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

Group Exhibitions

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
Izimpende, 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
Don't Panic, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

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

Press (selected)

- 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