

Wonder Buhle Mbambo

Born 1989, kwaNgcolosi, South Africa. Lives and works in Durban, South Africa.

EDUCATION

- 2013 Advanced apprenticeship training, Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Velobala Mentorship Programme, under the mentorship of Themba Shibase, Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Inkunzi Isematholeni*, Gallery 1957, London, UK
- 2022 *uNyezi*, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2020 *COMFORT*, BKhZ, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2019 *To Find Me*, Galerie Philippzollinger, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2018 *Ukumisa insika*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Filling in the Pieces in Black*. Curated by June Sarpong, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK / and Maruani Mercier Gallery, Belgium
- 2022 *If not now, then when?*, BKhZ Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Catharsis, Eduardo Secci Contemporary, Florence, Italy
- 2021 *(RE)Pose*, with Eniwaye Oluwaseyi, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, NL
- 2020 *BLACK VOICES: Friend of My Mind*, Ross-Sutton Gallery, New York, NY, USA
The Medium is the Message, Unit London, London, UK
- 2019 *The Head The Hand*, Blank Projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 The Art House, Wakefield, UK
- 2017 *Looking After Freedom*, Michaelis Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016 Bremer Kunststipendium Art Grant, Bremen, Germany
- 2015 *Members exhibition*, KwaZulu-Natal Society of the Arts (KZNSA) Gallery, Durban
Blowing In The Wind, KwaZulu-Natal Society of the Arts (KZNSA), Durban, South Africa
Henry George Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2014 *50 shades of Grey*, Art Eye Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

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- AWE*, KwaZulu-Natal Society of the Arts (KZNSA), Durban, South Africa
Young Blood Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2013 *Misconception*, Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa
Art Eye Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Margate Art Museum, Margate, UK
African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2012 *Velobala*, Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa
ABSA L'atelier competition, Art Space Gallery, Durban, South Africa
Städtische Galerie Bremen, Bremen, Germany
- 2011 *Don't Panic*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
Velobala, African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa
Who am I, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa
Izikhwephazethu, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- 2010 Student exhibition, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa

FAIRS

- 2022 1-54 New York, with BKhz Gallery, NY, USA
KIAF, with Eduardo Secci Contemporary, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 FNB Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2016 FNB Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2015 Joburg Art Fair Fringe, Johannesburg, South Africa

PUBLIC AND BRAND COMMISSIONS

- 2023 Coca-Cola *Masterpiece* campaign [ad](#), with his work *You Can't Curse Me*, 2022
- 2014 Mural at Colgate and Palmolive, Durban, South Africa
- 2012 Mural in Lindelani school, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Mural of Inqolo Noseyili, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Mural, Renewing BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Mural, Don't Panic exhibition, behind English Market, Durban, South Africa
- 2010 Mosaic, Sakhithemba Centre, Ilovu, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

COLLECTIONS

- Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
Art Eye Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

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Wonder Buhle's work is also included in private collections in Austria, Switzerland and the USA.

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 The Art House, Wakefield, England, UK
ROSL Arts, London, UK
- 2010 Visual Arts Residency Program, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Drawing and painting teacher, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa

WORKSHOPS AND TEACHING

- 2012 Visual Arts Network of South Africa (VANSA) Art workshop, Collective Studios (residency abroad discourse), Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2012 Don't Panic facilitated by Gabi Ngcobo, Zamani Makhanye & Sfiso Ka-Mkame, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Drawing and painting teacher, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Sculpture workshop with Danielle Ncube, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 Art workshop (Tribute to Ernest Mancoba) curated by Lionel Davis, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, , South Africa
- 2011 Art workshop exploring Contemporary art, Edel Studio, Bremen, Germany

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP

- 2020 The La Brea Studio Artists Residency, Los Angeles, USA
- 2018 'Artists in Residence', The Art House, Wakefield, UK
- 2016 'Artists in Residence', Bremer Kunststipendium Art Grant, Bremen, Germany

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- 2023 Mar 18, Art News Africa, "[WonderBuhle Announces Coca-Cola Collaboration for 'Masterpiece' Ad Campaign](#)", Lelethu Sobekwa
- Feb 14, SA Creative, "[Art Enthusiasts Joined WonderBuhle For His 'Kubongwa Okukhulu Nokuncane' Solo Exhibition](#)", Amogelang Mabena
- 2022 Dec 20, Between 10 and 5, "[IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN? FOR BKHZ | SHOWING WONDER BUHLE](#)"
- Oct 17, Anothermag, "[South African Artist WonderBuhle on the Influence of Ballaké Sissoko](#)", Ashleigh Kane

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- May 18, WePresent, “[WonderBuhle — Portraits inspired by South African traditions](#)”, Katie de Klee
- Apr 13, Something Curated, “[Interview: South African Painter WonderBuhle On Spirituality & The Rejuvenating Effects Of Colour](#)”
- 2021 Nov 18, The Sole Adventurer, “[Armelle Dakouo Highlights Ten Artists Presented at AKA 2021 | By Bukola Oyebode](#)”
- Oct 22, Culture Type, “[Auction Record: 3 Ernie Barnes Paintings Exceed \\$100k for the first time, Plus Bob Thompson and ‘White Male for Sale’](#)”
- 2020 Nov 27, MMUTLEAK, “[Intraparadox, Interview with Wonder Buhle Mbambo](#)”
- Oct 7, Nataal, “[Wonder Buhle Mbambo](#)”, Helen Jennings
- June 4, VISI, “[ARTISTS WE LOVE: WONDER BUHLE](#)”

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