

**NICHOLAS HLOBO**

Born Cape Town, South Africa, 1975

Lives Johannesburg, South Africa

**EDUCATION**

2002 Technikon Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2019 Lehmann Maupin, Seoul  
*Unyukelo*, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA
- 2018 *Isango*, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Ulwamkelo*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY  
*UMTHAMO*, The Maitland Institute, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017 *umBhovuzo: The Parable of the Sower*, Performa 17, New York, NY  
*iimpundulu zonke ziyandilandela*, Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Zawelela ngale*, Uppsala Art Museum, Uppsala, Sweden
- 2016 *Sewing Saw*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Imilonji Yembali (Melodies of History)*, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, Netherlands  
*Nicholas Hlobo*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
- 2013 *Tyaphaka and Other Works*, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Intethe (A Sketch for an Opera)*, Locust Projects, Miami, FL
- 2011 *Nicholas Hlobo: Sculpture, Installation, Performance, Drawing*, National Museum of Art, Architecture, and Design, Oslo, Norway
- 2010 *Umtshotsho*, Standard Bank Young Artist for Visual Art 2009, Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein, South Africa; Standard Bank Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa; Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Paintings*, Galerie Pfriem, Savannah College of Art and Design, Lacoste, France  
*Paintings*, Brodie/Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2009 *Umtshotsho*, Standard Bank Young Artist Award 2009, Monument Gallery, Grahamstown, South Africa; Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Museum, Port Elizabeth, South Africa; Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa  
*Ngubani na lo?*, Galleria Extraspazio, Rome, Italy  
*Ingubo Yesizwe*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2008 *Uhambo*, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom  
*Monumentum 11: Nicholas Hlobo*, Institute of Contemporary Art Boston, Boston, MA  
*Kwatsityw'iziko*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2007 *Umdudo*, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom, South Africa  
*Umakadenethwa engenadyasi*, Galleria Extraspazio, Rome, Italy  
*Idiom[s]*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA
- 2006 *Izele*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2019 *In the Spotlight of the Night - Life in the Gloom*, Marta Herford Museum for Art, Architecture, Design, Herford, Germany (forthcoming)  
*Delirious*, Lustwarande Foundation, Tilburg, The Netherlands  
*Kiss My Genders*, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*Queer Abstraction*, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA  
*Material Insanity*, Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden (MACAAL), Marrakesh, Morocco
- 2018 *Face to Face: From Yesterday to Today, Non-Western Art and Picasso*, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada  
*After the Thrill is Gone: Fashion, Politics, and Culture in Contemporary South African Art*, The Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
*Blind Faith*, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
- 2017 *Abstract Minded*, The N’Namdi Center for Contemporary Art, Detroit, MI  
*After the Thrill is Gone: Fashion, Politics, and Culture in Contemporary South African Art*, College of Wooster Art Museum, Wooster, OH  
*Afriques Capitales*, Gare Saint Sauveur Lille 3000, Lille, France  
*Art/Afrique, le nouvel atelier*, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
- 2016 *The Quiet Violence of Dreams*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*After The Thrill Is Gone: Fashion, Politics and Culture in Contemporary South African Art*, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI  
*Energy and Process*, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 *Material Matters: New Art from Africa*, Institute of Contemporary Art Indian Ocean, Port Louis, Mauritius  
*The Divine Comedy: Heaven, Purgatory and Hell Revisited by Contemporary African Artists*, Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.  
*A History (art architecture design, from the 80s to now)*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
*Spatial Stories: Topographies of Change in Africa*, Center for Visual Art, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO  
*Liberated Subjects: Present Tense*, Foundation De 11 Lijnen, Oudenburg, Belgium
- 2014 *Thinking, Feeling, Head, Heart*, The New Church Museum, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Chroma*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*The Danjuma Collection: One Man’s Trash (Is Another Man’s Treasure)*, 33 Fitzroy Square, London, United Kingdom  
*Threads*, Museum Arnhem, Arnhem, The Netherlands  
*The Divine Comedy: Heaven, Purgatory and Hell Revisited by Contemporary African Artists*, MMK, Museum für Moderne Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany; SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA  
*Public Intimacy: Art and Social Life in South Africa*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 *A Sculptural Premise*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Discontinuous Line: Selections from the Norlinda and José Lima Collection*, Oliva Creative Factory, S João de Madeira, Portugal  
*My Joburg*, La Maison Rouge, Paris, France; Staatliche Kunstsammlungen, Dresden, Germany  
*Cinematic Visions: Painting at the Edge of Reality*, Victoria Miro, London, United Kingdom  
*Present Tense*, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, Portugal  
*Suspicious Mind: Artists’ Exploration of Mind and Matter*, Michaelis Gallery, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Out of Fashion: Textiles in International Contemporary Art*, GI Holtegaard, Copenhagen, Denmark; Kunsten Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark

- 2012 *Fiction as Fiction (Or, A Ninth Johannesburg Biennale)*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*If A Tree...*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*all our relations*, 18th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, Australia  
*Intense Proximity*, La Triennale 2012, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France  
*The Rainbow Nation*, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, The Netherlands  
*The Next Generation*, Pulchri Studio, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2011 *What we talk about when we talk about love*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*ILLUMInations*, 54<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy  
*The World Belongs to You*, Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy  
*Future Generation Art Prize*, Palazzo Papadopoli, Venice, Italy
- 2010 *Future Generation Art Prize*, PinchukArtCentre, Kiev, Ukraine  
*Touched*, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, United Kingdom  
*Ampersand*, Daimler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany  
*1910-2010: From Pierneef to Gugulective*, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Wild is the Wind*, Gutstein Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA
- 2009 *Self/Not-self*, Brodie/Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Dada South?*, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Beauty and Pleasure in South African Contemporary Art*, Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway  
*Gender, (Trans) Gender and (De) Gendered*, Havana Biennale, Havana, Cuba  
*Mythologies*, Haunch of Venison, London, United Kingdom
- 2008 *Home Lands - Land Marks*, Haunch of Venison, London, United Kingdom  
*Disturbance: Contemporary art from Scandinavia and South Africa*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Skin-to-skin*, Standard Bank Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Flow*, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
*ZA: giovane arte dal Sudafrica*, Palazzo delle Papesse, Siena, Italy  
*Summer 2008/9: Projects*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2007 *BoysCraft*, Haifa Museum of Art, Israel  
*A Legacy of Men*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Aardklop Nasionale Kunstefees*, Potchefstroom, South Africa  
*Impossible Monsters*, Art Extra, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Cape '07*, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Turbulence: Art from South Africa*, Hangar-7 (Edition 6), Salzburg, Austria  
*South African Art Now*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2006 *Second to None*, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Olvida Quien Soy - Erase me from who I am*, CAAM - Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Las Palmas, Spain
- 2005 *South African art 1848 - now*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Synergy*, Iziko Old Town House Museum, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Inventors, Makers and Movers*, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*In the Making: Materials and Process*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Take Me to the River*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, South Africa  
*Subject to change*, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Klein Karoo National Arts Festival*, Oudtshoorn, South Africa  
*A Decade of Democracy: Witnessing South Africa*, African American Museum, Dallas, TX; KZNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa  
*10 Years 100 Artists*, Bell-Roberts Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2004 *Jo'burg Art City*, Johannesburg Development Agency, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Intercession*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Mine(d) Fields*, Stadtgalerie, Bern, Switzerland  
*A Decade of Democracy: Witnessing South Africa*, Center for African American Artists, Boston, MA  
*Show Us What You're Made Of II*, The Premises Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
2003 *Makeshift*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*18<sup>th</sup> Absa L'Atelier Exhibition*, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
2002 *Technikon Witwatersrand Fine Art and Multimedia students' end of year exhibition*, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Jo'burg Art City*, The Fort, Constitution Hill, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*17<sup>th</sup> Absa L'Atelier Exhibition*, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
2001 *Technikon Witwatersrand Fine Art and Multimedia students' end of year exhibition*, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa  
2000 *Arts Alive*, Electric Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Pride Exhibition*, The Zone at Rosebank and Windybrow Theatre, Johannesburg, South Africa  
1998 Artist Proof Studio Exhibition, Cape Town, South Africa

## COMMISSIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2006 Performance at Vansa Conference, Cape Town, South Africa  
2005 Performance at Sessions Ikapa, Cape Town, South Africa

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2019 "Questionnaire: Nicholas Hlobo" *Frieze*, 21 Feb.  
 "I'm Just Sewing Ideas Into Your Mind': Watch South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo Reveal the Secrets of His Boundary-Blurring Sculpture," *Artnet News*, 24 January.  
2018 "Johannesburg," *Art21*, 21 September.  
 Cohn, Gabe. "What's on TV Friday: 'Quincy' and 'Jack White: Kneeling at the Anthem DC'," *The New York Times*, 21 September.  
 Zion, Amy. "Nicholas Hlobo's 'Ulwamkelo' at Lehmann Maupin," *Blouin Artinfo*, 21 August.  
 "Nicholas Hlobo's 'Ulwamkelo' at Lehmann Maupin," *Modern Painters*, August issue.  
 "Nicholas Hlobo Explores His Heritage and Identity," *Art21*, 18 July.  
 Ngalonkulu, Melitta. "Challenging Social Norms Through Body Art," *Forbes Africa*, 21 July.  
2017 "In Conversation with South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo on How Detached We've Become from our Histories," *okayafrica*, 14 December.  
 "Nicholas Hlobo, Zanele Muholi and Kemang Wa Lehulere at Performa 17," *Creative Feel*, 1 November.  
2016 Crow, Kelly. "The New Face of African Art," *Wall Street Journal*, 13 May.  
 "Nicholas Hlobo," *The New Yorker*, 29 March.  
2015 Freeman, Nate. "South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo to Join Lehmann Maupin," *The Observer*, 9 March.  
2012 Murinik, Tracey. *Kaleidoscope*, Issue 15.  
2011 O'Toole, Sean. "Don't Chase Just Dream," *The Times*, 29 April.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Porter, Janelle. *Vitamin T: Threads and Textiles in Contemporary Art*. London: Phaidon Press Limited, 2019.

- 2012 "Trade Routes Revisited," Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa  
 "Africa and Abstraction: Johannesburg- Blom, Hlobo, Nitegeka, Rhode," Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2011 "Nicholas Hlobo: Sculpture. Installation. Performance. Drawing," National Museum of Art, Architecture, and Design, Oslo, Norway
- 2009 "Nicholas Hlobo: Standard Bank Young Artist Award 2009," Stevenson Gallery, Standard Bank, National Arts Festival, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2008 "Nicholas Hlobo: Kwatsityw'iziko," Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2006 "Nicholas Hlobo: Izele," Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

## **RESIDENCIES**

- 2005 Thami Mnyele Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

## **HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS**

- 2016 Villa Extraordinary Award for Sculpture
- 2010-11 Rolex Visual Arts Protégé
- 2009 Standard Bank Young Artist Award
- 2006 Tollman Award for Visual Art

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Arquipelago – Centro de Artes Contemporaneas, Azores, Portugal  
 Centre Pompidou  
 Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI  
 Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, FR  
 Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Museum of Art, Savannah, GA  
 South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
 Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom  
 The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
 The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, Port Elizabeth, South Africa  
 Unisa – University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa  
 Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art, Cape Town, South Africa