

# THK GALLERY

## PATRICK BONGOY | BIO & CV

Artist, Democratic Republic of Congo (b. 1980)

Patrick Bongoy was born in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo and studied at the Academy of Fine Arts. He currently lives and works in Cape Town.

The textured surface of his works are the result of a painstaking process of cutting and weaving together strips of hessian and rubber. This complex technique, carefully layered in a three-dimensional relief, draw on traditional basket making skills while referencing the difficult colonial histories and physical labour which defines day to day living in the DRC.

Bongoy featured in the first Stellenbosch Triennale in 2020, and he work has been exhibited at fair including Contemporary Istanbul, 1-54 London and Lisboa Art Fair. His works have been placed in collections around the world, including: Nando's (both in the UK and SA); SADI Collectif, DR Congo Africa; First Collection, Israel; IZIKO South African National Gallery; UNISA Art Gallery, Johannesburg and Amazon South Africa.

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### Solo Exhibitions

#### 2019

- MOMO Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- *Remains*, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- *Matter*, Momo Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

#### 2017

- *Where are we? Where are we going?*, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa

#### 2012

- *Ba Paper Collection*, Cultural Center Muikka Theatre, Kinshasa, DR Congo
- *Bingoto*, At the space crossroads of collective SADI, Kinshasa, DR Congo

### Group Exhibitions

#### 2020

- *Between the Lines*, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

#### 2019

- *Between the Lines*, THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- Cologne Fine Art & Design, THK Gallery, Cologne, Germany
- Contemporary Istanbul art fair, THK Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey

#### 2018

- 'Feso: A Thorn In The Flesh' with Ronald Muchatuta, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa
- 'EXPO Chicago' with Gallery MOMO, Chicago, USA
- 'Cape To Tehran' with Gallery MOMO, Cape Town & Johannesburg, South Africa
- 'Summer Exhibition' with EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa

#### 2017

- 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Nando's & Spier Arts Trust, London, UK
- *Feast Your Eyes*, Nando's UK, Soho, London, UK
- *From The Horse's Mouth*, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa
- *Bright Young Things*, Art Africa Fair, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa

#### 2016

- *What Is The Matter*, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa
- *That Art Fair*, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa
- *Summer Exhibition*, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa

#### 2015

- *Présence Congolaise*, The Alliance Française of Cape Town, South Africa

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### 2013

- Fashion Show at The Central Library of Cape Town, South Africa

### 2012

- *Plural Dimension*, Wallonia Center, Brussels, Belgium

### Workshops and Experiences

### 2013

- With performance artist Maurice Mbikayi, Article 15/ Symposium at the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa

### 2012

- Workshop creating paper clothing of 'Ba Paper Collection'
- Workshop creations with disadvantaged children and children victims of war by the foundation star of Congo (FONECO) "volunteering", DR Congo
- Atelier restitution costumes de VENT D'OUEST avec Kap's KAPAMBU (cinéaste, écrivain)
- Participation in the workshop on photography with Roël Jacobs

### 2011

- Performance in main street of Kinshasa, theme: 'The Awakening of Consciousness', DR Congo
- Performance, Collective SADI, Kinshasa, DR Congo
- Residence, Collective SADI, Kinshasa, DR Congo

### Latest Publications

- iPanama Writing 'Muchatuta and Bongoy - A Thorn In The Flesh at EBONY/CURATED'
- Livemag.co.za Cape Town Central Library hosted a fashion week for young unknown designers all around Cape Town.
- La Perdrix n°015 p.3 'Restitution of room: west wind ...'
- Les dépêches de Brazzaville n°1478 p.10 'Fifteen paintings done after a residence at the intersection of public space SADI be discovered in the first solo exhibition of the young artist visual arts at Mount'
- La tempête des tropiques n°4385 p.12 'Works of arts presentations of Patrick Bongoy in fair restitution: BI Ngoto'
- Alerte-plus n°1723 p.5 'Zoom BINGOTO, artworks of artist Patrick Bongoy collective SADI'

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## Collections

- Nando's, UK and SA
- SADI Collectif, DR Congo
- Tiroche DeLeon Collection