

About Lulama Wolf

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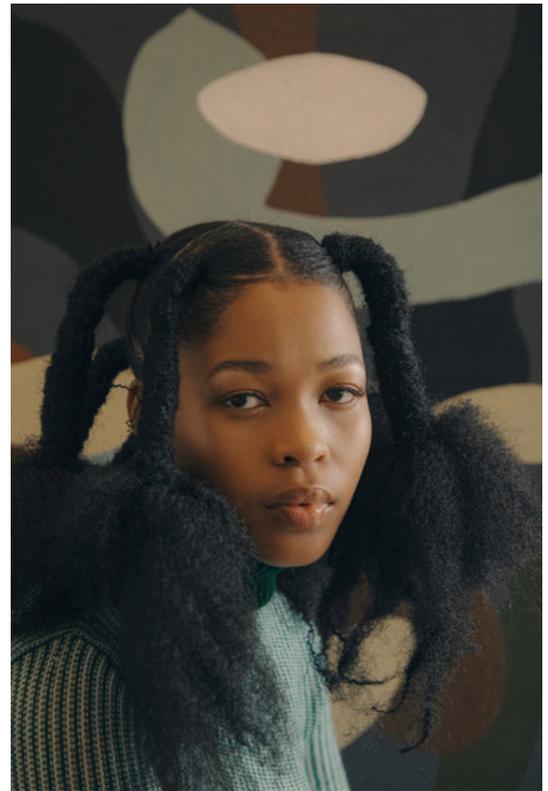
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History and the proof of life are the core concepts in her work. Where there has rarely prior been reference of life in black spirituality, she counters that narrative by creating two dimensional paintings to embody the simplicity and deep spiritual power of the native eye. Her motivation is both tender and protective of her imaginary world, and her symbolic view of how her world looks into an alternate universe. She is set on creating both a photographic and graphic experience, that morphs and shapeshifts into a higher dimensional plane.

At only 32 years of age, Wolf has gained local and international recognition through presentations on global platforms and acclaimed exhibitions. She was named the finalist of the Emergence Art Prize in 2020, and has presented in notable exhibitions including *The Right to Ease*, The Breeder Gallery, Athens (2022) and *Common Efforts*, Eighteen Gallery, Copenhagen (2023), followed by solo exhibitions titled *Ayakha: Indlela Yokuxola* at THK Gallery, Cape Town (2023) and *I'm Not Governed by My Flesh*, Affinity Gallery, Lagos (2025).

Wolf has collaborated internationally with brands including Bang & Olufsen and H&M, for whom she designed a homeware range in 2023. Wolf was further recognised as the Artist of the Year in 2024 by House & Garden in partnership with Norval Foundation. Her work was later included in *Motherhood: Paradox & Duality* at the IZIKO South African National Gallery, Cape Town (2025).

In February 2026, THK Gallery will present Wolf in a group exhibition titled *A Grammar of Belonging*, followed by the Investec Cape Town Art Fair.



Lulama Wolf. *Vigorous Improvisation*, 2024.

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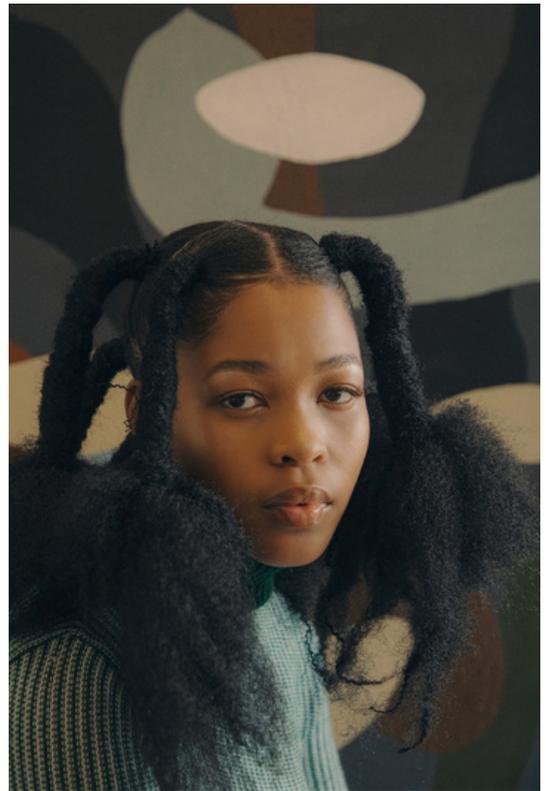
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At only 32 years of age, Wolf's work is featured in collections around the world. She was the finalist of the The Emergence Art Prize (2020), and a featured artist at ArtXLagos 2022, as part of their Artists Across Borders Programme, and of 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair in New York in May 2023.

Notable exhibitions include Reflect, Reimagine, Reset, THK Gallery, Cape Town (2020) 1-54 at Christies, Paris (2021), Everything was beautiful and nothing hurt, FNB Art Joburg, Johannesburg (2021) The Right To Ease, The Breeder Gallery, Athens (2022) Ayakha: Indlela Yokuxola / Rebuilding: The Path to Forgiveness (2023) THK Gallery, Cape Town, and Common Efforts, Eighteen Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark, (2023). Her work has caught the attention of not only collectors, but designers - she designed a range of homeware for H&M worldwide in 2023 and collaborated with Bang & Olufsen. In 2024, Wolf was awarded the "Artist of the Year" prize by House & Garden in partnership with Norval Foundation.

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Lulama Wolf, Amawele Amathathu, 2024

CV

Solo Exhibitions

2025
I'm Not Governed by My Flesh, Affinity Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

2023
Ayakha Indlela Yokuxola, THK Gallery, Cape Town

2022
The Right to Ease, The Breeder, Athens, Greece

Group Exhibitions

2026
A Grammar of Belonging, THK Gallery, Cape Town
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, South Africa

2025
Motherhood - Paradox, Duality, IZIKO National Gallery, Cape Town
Thresholds, Southern Guild, Cape Town
Under the Aegis, Latitudes Art Fair, Johannesburg

2024
Light + Space II, THK Gallery, Cape Town
Signifying the Impossible Song, Southern Guild, Los Angeles
When Mountains Dance with the Sea, BODE Gallery

2023
Light + Space, THK Gallery, Cape Town

2022
Africa Now: Contemporary Painters, THK Cologne
de.code, THK Gallery, Cape Town
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, Cape Town
ArtXLagos, THK Gallery, Lagos, Nigeria

2021
Embodied Cognition, THK Gallery, Cape Town
ArtXLagos, THK Gallery
Open City: Everything was beautiful and nothing hurt, FNB Art Joburg, South Africa
1-54 London 2021, THK Gallery
A Vernacular Homage to Architecture and Design, Affinity Gallery, Lagos
1-54 Paris, THK Gallery, France
Nature of Women, Art She Says, New York
Ndoimadzi, Botho Project Space, Johannesburg

2020
Reflect. Reimagine. Reset., THK Gallery, Cape Town
Boulevard D'Aguillon, Undiscovered Canvas, Antibes
Apartment Vol 2, THEFOURTH, Cape Town

2018
Rendezvous 2, SMITH Gallery, Cape Town

Art Fairs

2026

Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, South Africa

2024

Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, South Africa
1-54 Contemporary Art Fair, THK Gallery, New York, USA
Enter Art Fair, THK Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
1-54 Contemporary Art Fair, THK Gallery, London, UK
Also Known as Africa, THK Gallery, Paris, France

2023

1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, THK Gallery, New York
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, THK Gallery, London
Enter Art Fair, THK Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark

2022

Art x Lagos, THK Gallery, Nigeria
Enter Art Fair, THK Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, South Africa

2021

Art x Lagos, THK Gallery, Online
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, THK Gallery, London, UK
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, THK Gallery, Paris, France

Prizes and Awards

2024

Named Artist of the year by House & Garden, in partnership with Norval Foundation

2021

Named as one of Business Day's Wanted 21 Young and Vital Artists, South Africa

2020

Finalist of the Emergence Art Prize hosted by THK gallery

Residencies

2021

Villa Fontaine, Antibes, France

Collaborations

2024

Bang & Olufsen, Art of A9

2023

H&M Home, For the Love Of Art

2021

Featured in Introducing Black campaign by Loro Piana

Press

2021

Featured in Glamour magazine, Spring Edition, South Africa
Featured on Artists to watch at this year's 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair, NewAfrican
Featured on Artnet's, five artist that the Artnet Gallery is looking out for
Interviewed by Daily Maverick