

## About Lulama Wolf

Lulama Wolf (b. 1993) is a visual artist who lives and works in Johannesburg, South Africa.

At the intersection of Neo-Expressionism and Modern African Art, Wolf explores the pre-colonial African experience through a contemporary lens. Her process involves smearing, scraping, and employing deep pigment techniques inspired by vernacular architecture. These techniques often incorporate patterns traditionally created by women to decorate traditional African homes.

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 31 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.



Lulama Wolf, Amaweile Amathathu, 2024

## CV

### Solo Exhibitions

2023

Ayakha Indlela Yokuxola, THK Gallery, Cape Town

2022

The Right to Ease, The Breeder Athens

### Group exhibitions

2024

Light + Space II, THK Gallery, Cape Town

Signifying the Impossible Song, Southern Guild, Los Angeles

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, South Africa

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, Nigeria

1-54 Paris, THK Gallery

Nature of women, Art She Says, New York

Ndoimadzi, Botho Project Space, Johannesburg

2020

Reflect. Reimagine. Reset., THK Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Boulevard D'Aguillon, Undiscovered Canvas, Antibes

Apartment Vol 2, THEFOURTH, Cape Town

2018

Her group exhibitions Rendezvous 2, SMITH Gallery, Cape Town

### Art Fairs

2024

Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, Cape Town

1-54 Contemporary Art Fair, THK Gallery, New York

Enter Art Fair, THK Gallery, Copenhagen

1-54 Contemporary Art Fair, THK Gallery, London

Also Known as Africa, THK Gallery, Paris

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

2022

Art x Lagos, THK Gallery, Lagos  
Enter Art Fair, THK Gallery, Copenhagen  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, Cape Town

2021

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

## 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