

## About Lulama Wolf

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

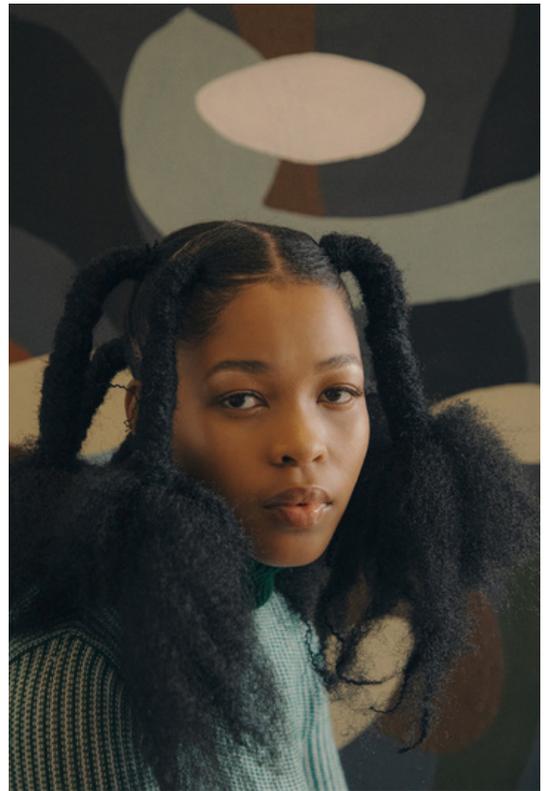
At the intersection of Neo-Expressionism and Modern African Art, Wolf explores the pre-colonial African experience through a contemporary lens. Her process involves smearing, scraping, and employing deep pigment techniques inspired by vernacular architecture. These techniques often incorporate patterns 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 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 presented Wolf in a group exhibition titled *A Grammar of Belonging*, followed by the Investec Cape Town Art Fair. In April 2026, Wolf will present at Art Düsseldorf and Art Cologne: Palma Mallorca.



Lulama Wolf. *Vigorous Improvisation*, 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