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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 has presented at Art Düsseldorf and Art Cologne: Palma Mallorca. In early November, Wolf participated in a group exhibition in Cologne, titled Alongside. Looking ahead, she will be participating in a group exhibition titled 'LIGHT + SPACE III' at the THK Gallery in Cape Town, taking place from 10 December 2026 until 4 February 2027.





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
LIGHT + SPACE III, THK Gallery, Cape Town
Alongside, THK Gallery, Germany
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