

THK GALLERY

LULAMA WOLF | BIO

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, Lulama Wolf interrogates the pre-colonial African experience through the contemporary mind by using smearing, scraping, and deep pigment techniques that were used in vernacular architecture, and the patterns created largely by women to decorate traditional African homes.

“My work carries my spirit, before it carries a message. My intuition plays a vital role in the direction I go and then I compartmentalise with what I prioritise. I represent different parts of myself including abstraction, curiosity, mythology, spirituality and introspection. Blackness is vital in my work because it is created by a black woman despite the medium or language it speaks, it is vital because proof of existence is rare in the black community, information is shared but isn't sustained in ways that are knowledgeable to us right now. I express my yearning for answers and clarity in ways that make my blackness clear even when the work is abstract. My practice embodies subtlety in a form of texture and expression, a curious mix of ambiguity and curiosity. I experiment with different textures and mold that are formed from the earth.”

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 she further designed a range of homeware for H&M worldwide in 2023.

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ART FAIRS

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

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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 *Rendevous 2*, SMITH Gallery, Cape Town

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023

- *Ayakha Indlela Yokuxola*, THK Gallery, Cape Town

2022

- *The Right to Ease*, The Breeder Athens

RESIDENCIES

2021

- Villa Fontaine, Antibes, France

COLLABORATIONS

2023

- H&M Home, *For the Love Of Art*
Read the full piece [here](#).

2021

- Featured in *Introducing Black* campaign by Loro Piana:
Read the full piece [here](#).

PRESS

2021

- Featured in Glamour magazine, Spring Edition, South Africa
Read the full piece [here](#).
- Featured on *Artists to watch at this year's 1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair*, NewAfrican
Read the full piece [here](#).
- Featured on Artnet's, five artist that the Artnet Gallery is looking out for
Read the full piece [here](#).
- Interviewed by Daily Maverick
Read the full piece [here](#).

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PRIZES & AWARDS

2021

- Named as one of Business Day's Wanted21 Young and Vital Artists, South Africa
- Finalist of the Emergence Art Prize hosted by THK gallery (2020)