

THK GALLERY

PARDON MAPONDERA | BIO & CV

Pardon Mapondera (b. 1992, Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe) is a full-time artist, currently living and working in Cape Town, South Africa.

Growing up in Zimbabwe, his education was affected by Zimbabwe's economic and political upheavals, but he persevered and managed to complete his education.

He applied at the National Gallery Visual Art and Design (former British American Tobacco School of Art) after being encouraged to do so by his brother and mentor, the well-established visual artist Wallen Mapondera, and successfully graduated in 2016.

He is represented in a number of prominent collections, both in Africa and Europe, and received awards and recognition for his work.

He speaks of his work: "My material of choice is found materials. Through this spectrum of unpredictable paraphernalia of materials I'm able to collect, contend, and curate already existing histories, stories, continuing politics embedded in this debris of a consumerist culture. I'm fascinated by the flexibility of some of the materials that I use, how for instance heat transforms plastic into a metaphor for contorted and traumatised bodies. At this point the materials carry their own stories and philosophy. As an artist I become the curator and broker of these stories."

In August 2020, Pardon Mapondera was a runner-up in *The Emergence Art Prize*, which was organised by THK Gallery with support from Rand Merchant Bank.

EXHIBITIONS

2020-2021

Reflect. Reimagine. Reset, THK Gallery, Cape Town

2020

Young Artist, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe
Rhodes University

2018

Young Artist, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe Annual Exhibition, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe
Lost and Found, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe

2017

Young Artist, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe Annual Exhibition, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe
Green Shoot, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe

2016

Young Artist, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe Annual Exhibition, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe
Green Shoot, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe
Imagine the Future, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe

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EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)

2015

Zimbabwe Annual Exhibition, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe

AWARDS

2020

Emergence Art Prize, Finalist

2017

Zimbabwe Annual Exhibition, High Recommendation

COMMISSIONS

2016

Pomona Wall, Mural

WORKSHOPS

2018

PPC Workshop, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe

2017

Visual Art Project

2016

Street Graffiti Painting, Post Studio Arts Collective, Harare
Visual Art project