

THK GALLERY

EVANS MUTENGA | BIO & CV

Evans Mutenga (b. 1987) works with paper not as a simple surface but as a material that he tears, manipulates, inks and coats. He creates almost abstract portraits by playing with the layers of this transformed paper.

The "Comrade" series is a collection of portraits of comrades, veterans and friends: the mythical characters involved in conflicts that took place in the past are represented here in an almost evanescent way, belonging to a history with which the country is working to reconcile itself.

A graduate of the National Gallery School of Visual Art and Design's in Harare and the Polytechnic Colleges, Evans Tinashe Mutenga is a member of the Village Unhu collective.

Since 2013 he has exhibited mainly in Zimbabwe with Delta Gallery, Village Unhu and the National Gallery but also in Paris with the 31 PROJECT gallery.

Between 2016 and 2018 he participated in the FNB Joburg art fair, Investec Cape Town Art Fair and also worked at John Mafuangejo Printing studios in Namibia.

He currently lives and works in Harare, Zimbabwe.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2022

- *Nhimbe*, Chitungwiza Artists Collective, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Village Unhu, ICTAF Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa

2021

- *TransForm*, A Group Show, THK Cologne, Cologne, Germany
- AKAAs, 31 PROJECT, Paris, France
- *Summer Exhibition*, Gallery Delta, Harare - Zimbabwe

2020

- *Small*, 31 PROJECT, Paris - France
- *When you master yours and you can get out*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe

2019

- *We are here Pamasonga*, 31 project, Paris, France
- *Sanity is expensive, but madness is for free*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *We move forward by looking back*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe

2018

- *Tag*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa, Village Unhu
- Village Unhu Group Show, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe

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2017

- Young Artist Exhibition, Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- International Conference of African Culture (I.C.A.Z) exhibition, N.G.Z, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Line to form*, Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Summer Annual Exhibition, Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Link*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe
- I.C.A.C Exhibition, N.G.Z Harare, Zimbabwe
- Heritage annual exhibition, N.G.Z Harare, Zimbabwe
- FNB Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa, Village Unhu
- Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa, Village Unhu

2016

- *Artist Books*, Mojo Gallery, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- *Young Artist Exhibition*, Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *100-100*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Wild Geese*, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Surface = Drawing*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Inboxed Testimony*, John Muafangejo Gallery, Windhoek, Namibia
- 1-54 Art Fair London, United Kingdom, Village Unhu
- FNB Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa, Village Unhu

2015

- *Young Artist Exhibition*, Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Dama*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Soldout*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Migration*, Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Orgees*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- FNB Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa, Village Unhu

2014

- *Young Artist exhibition*, NGZ, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Young Artist exhibition*, Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Finding way*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Umoji*, Kavoh, Harare, Zimbabwe
- *Hope*, Hope Gallery, Doon Estate, Harare, Zimbabwe

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021

- *ZVIMHINGAMUPINI / OBSTACLES*, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe

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RESIDENCIES

2017

- Artist Residency Studio Award, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe

2016

- John Muafangejo Residency ,Windhoek, Namibia

2014

- Dama residency, Village Unhu, Harare, Zimbabwe

2013

- NGSVAD resident artist, N.G.Z School of visual Arts and design, Harare, Zimbabwe

AWARDS

2017

- National Arts Merits Awards of Zimbabwe (N.A.M.A)

2015

- Graphic Artistic prize from the Embassy of Switzerland and Delta Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe