

# THK GALLERY

## GOPAL DAGNOGO | BIO & CV

Gopal Dagnogo (b. 1973, Abidjan, Ivory Coast) is a French based contemporary painter. Born in Abidjan, Ivory Coast to an Ivorian Father and a French mother, he moved to Bordeaux, France in 1991 for art training. In 1997, he moved back to West Africa, settling in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, to learn traditional bronze techniques. After three years, he moved back to France, settling in Paris. From 2000 to 2009 he chose to temporarily quit painting.

Beyond the obvious cultural syncretism, Dagnogo's paintings offer several levels of interpretation: a hybrid of aesthetics, mediation painting, and a reconciliation between the human and the sacred. His works, a tribute to the banality of the everyday, question identity, the relative and differences. They include the Sacred as an inner necessity to question human tragedy and our relationship to the world. Memory, consciousness, recollection – the obscure images challenge each other, collide or sometimes isolate themselves.

As with a superimposition, Dagnogo tries to invent and re-enchant a contemporary mythology that emphasizes domestic paradoxes and the contradictions of a world both more civilized and more violent, more respectful and less tolerant, which makes him react with brushstrokes.

Dagnogo has exhibited extensively worldwide. His most recent international exhibitions include solo presentation at Gallery OH in Dakar (2020), and group presentations at H-Gallery, Paris (2020); Galerie Véronique, Paris (2020); and the Abu Dhabi Art Fair (2020). Additionally, he participated in the the 11th and 12th Dak'Art Biennale, Dakar, Senegal (2014/2016); the first Biennale of Kampala, Uganda (2014); and the 5th Maiden Tower International Festival, Baku, Azerbaidjan (2014). He has also participated in numerous artist residency programs, including the Art Omi in New York (2014). Some of his works are included in public and private collections, such as the Lisser Art Museum in Sassenheim, Netherlands.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

#### 2020

- OH Gallery, Dakar, Senegal

#### 2019

- Mini Gallery, Amsterdam, Holland Eric Dumont Gallery, Troye, France

#### 2017

- Witteveen Gallery, Amsterdam, Holland Susse Frères Gallery, Paris, France

#### 2015

- Le Sud Gallery, Zürich, Switzerland Out of Africa Gallery, Sitges, Spain

#### 2014

- Manufacture 45 Gallery, Rouen, France Eric Dumont Gallery, Troyes, France

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### SOLO EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)

#### 2012

- European Parliament of Strasbourg, France
- Diversity Gallery, Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- No Smoking Gallery, Strasbourg, France
- Reg'Arts Confrontations Gallery, Rouen, France

#### 2011

- Le Sud Gallery, Zürich, Suisse
- Reg'Arts Confrontations Gallery, Rouen, France

#### 2010

- No Smoking Gallery, Strasbourg, France

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

#### 2022

- Investec Cape Town Art Fair, THK Gallery, Cape Town

#### 2021

- AKAAs 2021, solo-show Didier Claes, Paris
- Abidjan-Paris, Galerie Véronique Rieffel & Le Salon H, Paris
- Art Paris 2021, with Galerie Véronique Rieffel, Grand Palais Éphémère, Paris

#### 2020

- H-Gallery Paris, France
- Véronique Rieffel Gallery in collaboration with Carole Kvasnevski for Le Paris de l'art organised by the professional committee of art galleries in partnership with Artsy, Paris, France
- OH Gallery, Abu Dhabi Artfair, United Arab Emirates
- Galerie Véronique Rieffel, ArtParis ArtFair Digitale, France

#### 2019

- In-Discipline, Mohamed VI Museum
- In-Discipline, Musée Mohamed VI, Rabat, Morocco
- AKAAs, salon d'art contemporain Paris, France in partnership with Véronique Rieffel Gallery and with Les Maisons du Voyage
- Wild Joy, Skoto Gallery, New York, USA
- In-Discipline, Montresso Fondation, Marrakech, Morocco

#### 2018

- KUNST RAI Art Fair, Amsterdam, Holland
- Collection of Lissert Art Museum, Sassenheim, Holland
- Résidence Jardin Rouge, Montresso Fondation, Marrakech, Morocco

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#### 2017

- GVCC Gallery , Casablanca, Morocco
- AKAA Art Fair, Paris, France
- Afriques Capitales, gare saint Sauveur, Lille, France

#### 2016

- International drawing fair of Amsterdam, Witteveen Gallery, Holland
- AKAA Art Fair, Paris, France
- 12th Biennale of Dakar, Senegal
- Witteveen Gallery, Amsterdam, Holland

#### 2015

- Richard Taittinger Gallery, New York, USA
- Chisinau International Painting Biennial, Moldavia
- Roumanian Parliament, Bucharest, Roumania

#### 2014

- 11th Biennale of Dakar, Senegal
- Art OMI Residence, Ghent, New York, USA
- 5th International Festival Maiden Tour, Bakou, Azerbaijan

#### 2013

- Cotroceni National Museum, Bucharest, Roumania
- International Painting Biennial, Chisinau, Moldavia
- UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
- UNESCO regional office, Venise, Italy

#### 2012

- UNESCO Art Camp 2012, Andorra
- Hotel Sheraton, organized by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Information, Koweït City
- Arta la frontier Frontiera artelor, Romanian Cultural Institute of Budapest, Hungary
- International Symposium of painting, Herczeg Fondation, Garana, Roumania

#### 2011

- Ostraka Festival, Sharm el Cheick, Egypt
- Les passerelles, parcours d'artistes, Pontault Combault, France

#### 2010

- Symposium "Taches-Tâche", Saint-Lô, France

#### 2009

- Le Sud Gallery, Zürich, Switzerland
- Triptyque, Mairie d'Angers, France