NICHOLAS HLOBO

Born Cape Town, South Africa, 1975 Lives Johannesburg, South Africa

EDUCATION

2002 Techinikon Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022	Yongamela Ubumnyama, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
	Elizeni lenkanyiso, Lehmann Maupin, London, United Kingdom
2021	Nicholas Hlobo: Inyoka Yobhedu, Center for Contemporary Art, Tel Aviv, Israel
2019	Lehmann Maupin, Seoul, South Korea
	Unyukelo, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA
2018	Isango, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
	Ulwamkelo, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
	UMTHAMO, The Maitland Institute, Cape Town, South Africa
2017	umBhovuzo: The Parable of the Sower, Performa 17, New York, NY
	iimpundulu zonke ziyandilandela, Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art, Cape Town,
	South Africa
	Zawelela ngale, Uppsala Art Museum, Uppsala, Sweden
2016	Sewing Saw, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
	Imilonji Yembali (Melodies of History), Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, Netherlands
	Nicholas Hlobo, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY
2013	Tyaphaka and Other Works, Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
	Intethe (A Sketch for an Opera), Locust Projects, Miami, FL
2011	Nicholas Hlobo: Sculpture, Installation, Performance, Drawing, National Museum of Art,
	Architecture, and Design, Oslo, Norway
2010	Umtshotsho, Standard Bank Young Artist for Visual Art 2009, Oliewenhuis Art Museum,
	Bloemfontein, South Africa; Standard Bank Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa; Iziko South
	African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
	Paintings, Galerie Pfriem, Savannah College of Art and Design, Lacoste, France
	Paintings, Brodie/Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2009	Umtshotsho, Standard Bank Young Artist Award 2009, Monument Gallery, Grahamstown, South
	Africa; Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Museum, Port Elizabeth, South Africa; Durban Art Gallery,
	Durban,
	South Africa
	Ngubani na lo?, Galleria Extraspazio, Rome, Italy
	Ingubo Yesizwe, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
2008	Uhambo, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom
	Monumentum 11: Nicholas Hlobo, Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston, Boston, MA
	Kwatsityw'iziko, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
2007	Umdudo, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom, South Africa
	Umakadenethwa engenadyasi, Galleria Extraspazio, Rome, Italy
	Idiom[s], Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Savannah, GA
2006	Izele, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

New York Hong Kong Seoul London lehmannmaupin.com

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Unravel. The Power and Politics of Textiles in Art,* Barbican Centre, London, United Kingdom *SpaceRace,* Lehmann Maupin, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 Otherscapes: Four Installations by Four Contemporary South African Artists, Joburg Contemporary Art Foundation (JCAF), Johannesburg, South Africa Rolex Arts Festival, Athens, Greeces
- 2022 Fragile Crossings, Goodman Gallery x Marianne Boesky, London, United Kingdom
- 2021 The same space three times, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
 The Stomach and the Port, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, United Kingdom
 Silence calling from one continent to another, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2020 Allied with Power: African and African Diaspora Art from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, FL
 - Alpha Crucis, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway
 - Indian Ocean Current, McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, Boston, MA
- 2019 In the Spotlight of the Night Life in the Gloom, Marta Herford Museum for Art, Architecture, Design, Herford, Germany
 - Delirious, Lustwarande Foundation, Tilburg, Netherlands
 - Kiss My Genders, Hayward Gallery, London, United Kingdom
 - *Queer Abstraction*, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA; Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
 - Material Insanity, Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden (MACAAL), Marrakesh. Morocco
- 2018 Face to Face: From Yesterday to Today, Non-Western Art and Picasso, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada
 - After the Thrill is Gone: Fashion, Politics, and Culture in Contemporary South African Art, The Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
 - Blind Faith, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
- 2017 Abstract Minded, The N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art, Detroit, MI
 After the Thrill is Gone: Fashion, Politics, and Culture in Contemporary South African Art, College
 of Wooster Art Museum, Wooster, OH
 Afriques Capitales, Gare Saint Sauveur Lille 3000, Lille, France
 Art/Afrique, le nouvel atelier, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France
- 2016 The Quiet Violence of Dreams, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa After The Thrill Is Gone: Fashion, Politics and Culture in Contemporary South African Art, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI Energy and Process, Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom
- 2015 *Material Matters: New Art from Africa*, Institute of Contemporary Art Indian Ocean, Port Louis, Mauritius
 - The Divine Comedy: Heaven, Purgatory and Hell Revisited by Contemporary African Artists, Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.
 - A History (art architecture design, from the 80s to now), Centre Pompidou, Paris, France Spatial Stories: Topographies of Change in Africa, Center for Visual Art, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO
 - Liberated Subjects: Present Tense, Foundation De 11 Lijnen, Oudenburg, Belgium
- 2014 *Thinking, Feeling, Head, Heart*, The New Church Museum, Cape Town, South Africa *Chroma*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
 - The Danjuma Collection: One Man's Trash (Is Another Man's Treasure), 33 Fitzroy Square, London,

United Kingdom

Threads, Museum Arnhem, Arnhem, Netherlands

The Divine Comedy: Heaven, Purgatory and Hell Revisited by Contemporary African Artists, Museum für Moderne Kunst (MMK), Frankfurt, Germany; SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA

Public Intimacy: Art and Social Life in South Africa, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA

2013 A Sculptural Premise, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Discontinuous Line: Selections from the Norlinda and José Lima Collection, Oliva Creative Factory, S João de Madeira, Portugal

My Joburg, La Maison Rouge, Paris, France; Staatliche Kunstsammlungen, Dresden, Germany Cinematic Visions: Painting at the Edge of Reality, Victoria Miro, London, United Kingdom Present Tense, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, Portugal

Suspicious Mind: Artists' Exploration of Mind and Matter, Michaelis Gallery, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa

Out of Fashion: Textiles in International Contemporary Art, GI Holtegaard, Copenhagen, Denmark; Kunsten Museum of Modern Art, Aalborg, Denmark

2012 Fiction as Fiction (Or, A Ninth Johannesburg Biennale), Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

If A Tree..., Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa all our relations, 18th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Intense Proximity, La Triennale 2012, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

The Rainbow Nation, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, Netherlands

The Next Generation, Pulchri Studio, The Hague, Netherlands

2011 What we talk about when we talk about love, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa ILLUMInations, 54th Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy The World Belongs to You, Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy

Future Generation Art Prize, Palazzo Papadopoli, Venice, Italy

2010 Future Generation Art Prize, PinchukArtCentre, Kiev, Ukraine

Touched, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, United Kingdom

Ampersand, Daimler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany

1910-2010: From Pierneef to Gugulective, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Wild is the Wind, Gutstein Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA

2009 Self/Not-self, Brodie/Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa Dada South?, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa Beauty and Pleasure in South African Contemporary Art, Stenersen Museum, Oslo, Norway Gender, (Trans) Gender and (De) Gendered, Havana Biennale, Havana, Cuba Mythologies, Haunch of Venison, London, United Kingdom

2008 Home Lands - Land Marks, Haunch of Venison, London, United Kingdom
Disturbance: Contemporary art from Scandinavia and South Africa, Johannesburg Art Gallery,
Johannesburg, South Africa

Skin-to-skin, Standard Bank Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

Flow, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

ZA: giovane arte dal Sudafrica, Palazzo delle Papesse, Siena, Italy

Summer 2008/9: Projects, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2007 BoysCraft, Haifa Museum of Art, Haifa, Israel

A Legacy of Men, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

Aardklop Nasionale Kunstefees, Potchefstroom, South Africa

Impossible Monsters, Art Extra, Johannesburg, South Africa

Cape '07, Cape Town, South Africa

Turbulence: Art from South Africa, Hangar-7 (Edition 6), Salzburg, Austria

South African Art Now, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2006 Second to None, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa Olvida Quien Soy - Erase me from who I am, CAAM - Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Las Palmas, Spain

2005 South African art 1848 - now, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa Synergy, Iziko Old Town House Museum, Cape Town, South Africa Inventors, Makers and Movers, Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, Netherlands

In the Making: Materials and Process, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa Take Me to the River, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, South Africa Subject to change, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn, South Africa A Decade of Democracy: Witnessing South Africa, African American Museum, Dallas, TX; KZNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa 10 Years 100 Artists, Bell-Roberts Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa 2004 Jo'burg Art City, Johannesburg Development Agency, Johannesburg, South Africa Intercession, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa Mine(d) Fields, Stadtgalerie, Bern, Switzerland A Decade of Democracy: Witnessing South Africa, Center for African American Artists, Boston, MA Show Us What You're Made Of II, The Premises Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa 2003 Makeshift, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa 18th Absa L'Atelier Exhibition, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa 2002 Technikon Witwatersrand Fine Art and Multimedia students' end of year exhibition, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa Jo'burg Art City, The Fort, Constitution Hill, Johannesburg, South Africa 17th Absa L'Atelier Exhibition, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa 2001 Technikon Witwatersrand Fine Art and Multimedia students' end of year exhibition, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa Arts Alive, Electric Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa 2000 Pride Exhibition, The Zone at Rosebank and Windybrow Theatre, Johannesburg, South Africa 1998 Artist Proof Studio Exhibition, Cape Town, South Africa

COMMISSIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

2006	Performance at Vansa Conference, Cape Town, South Africa
2005	Performance at Sessions Ikapa, Cape Town, South Africa

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Villa Extraordinary Award for Sculpture, The Claire & Edoardo Villa Will Trust, Midrand,
South Africa
Rolex Visual Arts Protégé
Standard Bank Young Artist Award, Standard Bank of South Africa
Tollman Award for Visual Art

RESIDENCIES

2005 Thami Mnyele Foundation, Amsterdam, Netherlands

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Hunegs, Simon, and Rebecca Morrill, eds. African Artists: From 1882 to Now. London: Phaidon.
- Ortiz, María Elena, and Franklin Sirmans. Allied with Power: African and African Diaspora Art from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection. Miami: Pérez Art Museum Miami. Parthasarathi, Prasannan, ed. Indian Ocean Current: Six Artistic Narratives. Boston: McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College.

- 2019 Driessen, Chris, and Heidi van Mierlo, eds. *Delirious Lustwarande: Excursions in Contemporary Sculpture III.* Tilburg: Lustwarande.
 - Elderton, Louisa, Catalina Imizcoz, and Rebecca Morrill, eds. *Vitamin T: Threads and Textiles in Contemporary Art*. London: Phaidon.
 - Honoré, Vincent. Kiss My Genders. London: Hayward Gallery.
 - Ledesma, Jared, ed. Queer Abstraction. Des Moines: Des Moines Art Center.
- 2018 Motisi, Elena, and Simon Njami, eds. *African Metropolis: An Imaginary City*. Mantua: Corraini Edizioni.
 - Schneider, Anna, ed. *Blind Faith: Between the Visceral and the Cognitive in Contemporary Art.* Munich: Haus der Kunst and Prestel.
- 2017 Njami, Simon, ed. *Capital Africas*. Heidelberg: Kehrer.
 Pagé, Suzanne, and Angeline Scherf, eds. *Being There: South Africa, a Contemporary Scene.*Paris: Fondation Louis Vuitton and Éditions Dilecta.
- 2016 Martin, Courtney J. Four Generations: The Joyner Giuffrida Collection of Abstract Art. New York: Gregory R. Miller & Co.
- 2015 Hertz, Betti-Sue, Frank Smigiel, and Dominic Willsdon, eds. *Public Intimacy: Art and Other Ordinary Acts in South Africa*. San Francisco: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. Momodu-Gordon, Hansi, et al. *9 Weeks*. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery.
- 2014 Ambrozic, Mara, and Simon Njami, eds. *The Divine Comedy: Heaven, Purgatory and Hell Revisited by Contemporary African Artists*. Bielefeld: Kerber.
- 2013 Obrist, Hans Ulrich, ed. *Do It: The Compendium*. New York: Independent Curators International and D.A.P./Distributed Art Publishers.
 Wilson-Goldie, Kaelen, et al. *Art Cities of the Future: 21st Century Avant-Gardes*. London: Phaidon.
- 2012 Africa and Abstraction: Johannesburg- Blom, Hlobo, Nitegeka, Rhode. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery.
 - Angelucci, Federica. What we talk about when we talk about love. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery.
 - de Zegher, Catherine, and Gerald McMaster, eds. 18th Biennale of Sydney 2012: All Our Relations. Woolloomooloo: Biennale of Sydney. Ghent: MER.
 - Siopis, Penelope. The New Church: Works from the Collection of Piet Viljoen.
 - Trade Routes Revisited. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery.
- 2011 Greenberg, Kerryn, Gavin Jantjes, Jan-Erik Lundström, et al. *Nicholas Hlobo: Sculpture. Installation. Performance. Drawing*. Oslo: National Museum of Art, Architecture, and Design, Norway.
- 2010 Ganzenberg, Christian, and Renate Wiehager. *Ampersand: A Dialogue of Contemporary Art from South Africa & the Daimler Art Collection*. Munich: Hirmer.
- Gevisser, Mark, Jen Mergel, Kopano Ratele, et al. Nicholas Hlobo: Standard Bank Young Artist Award 2009. Cape Town: Standard Bank, National Arts Festival.
 Wendt, Selene. Beauty and Pleasure in South African Contemporary Art. Oslo: Stenersenmuseet.
 Williamson, Sue. South African Art Now. New York: Collins Design.
- 2008 Garb, Tamar, ed. *Home Lands, Land Marks: Contemporary Art from South Africa*. London: Haunch of Venison.
 - Patel, Samir S., ed. Flow. New York: The Studio Museum in Harlem.
 - Perryer, Sophie, ed. Nicholas Hlobo: Kwatsityw'iziko. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery.
 - Perryer, Sophie, ed. Summer 2008/9: Projects. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery
- 2007 McInnes, Jacki. A Legacy of Men. Johannesburg: Johannesburg Art Gallery.
- 2006 *Nicholas Hlobo: Izele*. Johannesburg: Stevenson Gallery. *Summer 2007/8*. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery.
- Perryer, Sophie, ed. *In the Making: Materials and Process*. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery. Perryer, Sophie, and Michael Stevenson. *South African Art 1848–Now*. Cape Town: Stevenson Gallery.
- 2004 Perryer, Sophie, ed. *10 Years 100 Artists: Art in a Democratic South Africa*. Cape Town: Bell-Roberts Pub. in association with Struik Publishers.

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 - Searle, Adrian. "Unravel review a gorgeously excessive tangled knot of a show, full of blood, pain and pleasure." *The Guardian,* February 14.
 - Durrant, Nancy. "Unravel: at the Barbican Art Gallery review let the complex fabric of this textile show envelop you." *The Standard,* February 12.
 - Charlesworth, JJ. "Unravel: The Power and Politics of Textiles in Art: remarkable textile art stitched to fashionable political agendas." *The Telegraph,* February 12.
 - Westall, Mark. "Unravel: the Power and Politics of Textiles in Art at Barbican Art Gallery." Fad Magazine, February 12.
 - "Unravel Review Every Room in this Show Will Amaze You." The Times, February 12.
- Forster, Ian, dir. "Extended Play Drifting Free: Nicholas Hlobo." Art21, April 16. Film segment. Goldstein, Caroline. "See How South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo Takes Inspiration From the Intricacies of the Xhosa Language." Artnet News, April 8.
 Culpan, Daniel. "Critics' Picks: Nicholas Hlobo, Lehmann Maupin London." Artforum, March 31. Balogun, Emmanuel. "'What I Do Is Also a Form of Religion': Inside the Obscure and Tantalizing World of South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo." Artnet News, March 18.
 - Roux, Caroline. "Xhosa artist Nicholas Hlobo: 'I felt I had to assume a new approach.'" *Financial Times*. March 17.
- 2019 Croft, Claudia. "Louis Vuitton ups the avant-garde bag ante with its new art collaborations." *Financial Times*, May 31.
 - "Questionnaire: Nicholas Hlobo." Frieze, February 21.
 - "I'm Just Sewing Ideas Into Your Mind': Watch South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo Reveal the Secrets of His Boundary-Blurring Sculpture." *Artnet News*, January 24.
- 2018 "Johannesburg." Art21, September 21.
 - Cohn, Gabe. "What's on TV Friday: 'Quincy' and 'Jack White: Kneeling at the Anthem DC'." *The New York Times*, September 21.
 - Zion, Amy. "Nicholas Hlobo's "Ulwamkelo" at Lehmann Maupin." Blouin Artinfo, August 21.
 - "Nicholas Hlobo's "Ulwamkelo" at Lehmann Maupin." Modern Painters, August.
 - Ngalonkulu, Melitta. "Challenging Social Norms Through Body Art." *Forbes Africa*, July 21. "Nicholas Hlobo Explores His Heritage and Identity." *Art21*, July 18.
- 2017 "In Conversation with South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo on How Detached We've Become from our Histories." *okayafrica*, December 14.
 - "Nicholas Hlobo, Zanele Muholi and Kemang Wa Lehulere at Performa 17." *Creative Feel*, November 1.
 - Smalls, James. "The Visual Life of Black Queer Diaspora." *Zeitschrift für Anglistik und Amerikanistik*, vol. 65, no. 2.
- 2016 Jayawardane, M. Neelika. "Instinctual Voyages: Nicholas Hlobo at Lehmann Maupin." *ArtAfrica*, May 14.
 - Crow, Kelly. "The New Face of African Art." Wall Street Journal, May 13. "Nicholas Hlobo." The New Yorker, March 29.
- Freeman, Nate. "South African Artist Nicholas Hlobo to Join Lehmann Maupin." *The Observer*, March 9.
- 2013 Dodd, Alexandra, and Kesivan Naidoo. "Priests of probe." *ArtSouthAfrica*, Winter. Gardini, Genna. "BYT: Bright Young Things Revisited." *ArtSouthAfrica*, Winter.
- Obrist, Hans Ulrich. "Nicholas Hlobo: Writing in Space." *Flash Art*, October 18. Van der Vlies, Andrew. "Art as archive: Queer activism and contemporary South African visual cultures." *Kunapipi*, vol. 34, no. 1.

Makhubu, Nomusa M. "Violence and the cultural logics of pain: representations of sexuality in the work of Nicholas Hlobo and Zanele Muholi." Critical Arts, vol. 26, no. 4.

Perrill, Elizabeth. "South African Rubber and Clay: Material Challenges to the Global Nomad." Third Text, vol. 26, no. 5.

Murinik, Tracey. "Nicholas Hlobo." Kaleidoscope, June 18.

Dodd, Alexandra. "Pump up the Parlour: Entanglement and Desire in the Work of Nicholas 2011 Hlobo." ArtSouthAfrica, Winter. Partridge, Matthew. "Johannesburg with Nicholas Hlobo." ArtReview, September.

Ruiz, Christina. "Arsenale dragon is returning to Africa." The Art Newspaper, June 3.

O'Toole, Sean. "Don't Chase Just Dream." The Times, April 29.

- 2010 Goldstein, Andrew. "Interview with Nicholas Hlobo." Modern Painters, November 30. Dyer Amazeen, Lauren. "Nicholas Hlobo: Galerie Pfriem." Artforum, October. Allara, Pamela. "Nicholas Hlobo: Where is Your Navel?" Sculpture, September. Garb, Tamar. "A Land of Signs." Nka Journal of Contemporary African Art, Spring.
- 2009 Bosland, Joost. "Nicholas Hlobo in Conversation with Joost Bosland." Nka Journal of Contemporary African Art, Summer.
- O'Toole, Sean. "Focus: Nicholas Hlobo." Frieze, May 5. 2008

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Arquipelago – Centro de Artes Contemporaneas, Azores, Portugal

Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI

Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Norval Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Museum of Art, Savannah, GA

Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington DC

South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Unisa – University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art, Cape Town, South Africa

New York Hong Kong Seoul