

WALLEN MAPONDERA



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BIOGRAPHY

Born 1985 in Harare, Zimbabwe
Lives and works in Grahamstown, South Africa

EDUCATION

2019

Masters of Fine Art Degree (MA), Rhodes University, Grahamstown (ZA)

2007

Certificate in Visual Arts Training, National Gallery School of Visual Arts Studio, Harare (ZW)

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

Kura Uone, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)

Collar; the Concept of Freedom, The Armory Show, SMAC Gallery, New York (US)

2023

Manzwi Akazvitakura / Pregnant Words, Galerie Mitterrand, Paris (FR)

2021

In your shadow: masking realities, SMAC Gallery: Cape Town (ZA)

Art Basel: Hong Kong, SMAC Gallery (HK)

2020

2022

Chikokoko (Little Pleasures that Counts), Galerie Mitterrand, Paris (FR)

Zai Rakawora, Art Basel: Miami Beach, Miami (USA)

Chirema Chine Mazano Chinotamba Chakazendama Madziro Part Two, SMAC

Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)	2014
2019	<i>SOCIAL ZOOMETRY</i> , Gallery Delta, Harare (ZE)
<i>Chirema Chine Mazano</i> , Rhodes University, Makhanda (ZA)	2013
<i>Moving Target</i> , SMAC Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)	<i>ANI-MAN (a human in an animal)</i> , Association for Visual Arts Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)
<i>Shungu Madanha</i> , Atelier Mondial, Münchenstein (CH)	
2018	2012
<i>Emergency Exit</i> , Tyburn Gallery, London (UK)	<i>TURNING TABLES</i> , Red Mill Gallery, Vermont Studio Center, Vermont (USA)
<i>Samusha weiri Dongo</i> , SMAC Gallery, Johannesburg (ZA)	2009
2017	<i>X MARKS THE SPOT</i> , Trueworths Gallery, Cape Town (USA)
<i>Tsananguro Clarifications</i> , SMAC Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)	2008
2016	<i>MAZUVA OSE (Everyday)</i> , National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare (ZE)
<i>Paint My Tea Pot</i> , Tafaria Castle, Tafaria (KE)	

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2024	international Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town (ZA)
<i>Mother Lode: Material and Memory</i> , James Cohan Gallery, Tribeca, New York (USA)	2022
2023	<i>I did not leave a sign?</i> , Zimbabwe Pavilion, 59th Venice Biennale, Venice (IT)
<i>Between borders: migration, power and boundless imagination</i> , Museum Arnhem, Arnhem (NL)	<i>Unraveling the (Under-) Development Complex or Towards a Post- (Under-) Development Interdependence</i> , SAVVY Contemporary, Berlin (DE)
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town	

<i>Inner Landscapes</i> , Bloom Galerie, Geneva (CH)	2018
Art Basel: Hong Kong, Galerie Mitterrand (HK)	Five Bhohb: Painting at the End of an Era, Zietz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA), Cape Town (ZA)
FNB Art Joburg (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg (ZA)	<i>UNTITLED</i> , Art (Tyburn Gallery), Miami Beach, Miami (USA)
<i>Within the Fold</i> , SMAC Gallery, Johannesburg; Stellenbosch (ZA)	<i>Back to the Future III – Abstract Art In South Africa: Past and Present</i> , SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch (ZA)
Fragments, Museum der Kulturen Basel, Basel (CH)	
Art Brussels, Smac Gallery, Tour & Taxi, Brussels (BE)	2017
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town (ZA)	1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), London (UK)
	FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg (ZA)
2021	
<i>Slowly arriving</i> , Kunsthhaus Baselland, Basel (CH)	2016
<i>Black Luminosity</i> , SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch (ZA)	Turbine Art Fair (TAF), Johannesburg (ZA)
	<i>Nothing Personal</i> , SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch (ZA)
2020	<i>Suddenly A Dissident (Two Man Show)</i> , Point of Order Gallery, Johannesburg (ZA)
<i>Matereality</i> , Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)	
Gather, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)	2015
	<i>Turbine Art Fair (TAF)</i> , Johannesburg (ZA)
2019	<i>1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair</i> , London (UK)
Artissima (SMAC Gallery), Turin (IT)	
1-54 Contemporary African Art Fair London (SMAC Gallery), Somerset House, London (UK)	2012
FNB Art Joburg (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, (ZA)	<i>Thupelo Workshop Exhibition</i> , Greatmore Studios, Cape Town (ZA)
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town (ZA)	<i>Between the Sheets</i> , Gallery East, North Fremantle (AUS)
	<i>Tradition, Family & Religion</i> , Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)

2011

Colour Africa, Zeitgenössische Kunst Aus
Simbabwe, Kulturallmende, Munich (DE)

2010

FACET – Zimbabwe Now, Gallery Delta, Harare
(ZW)

Live ‘n’ Direct, National Gallery of Zimbabwe,
Harare (ZW)

African Expressions, The University of Avignon,
Avignon (FR)

Artists in Stream, Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)

2009

Unity, Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)

Ani-mal, VEO Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)

F.A.C.T COTCO, National Gallery of
Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)

2008

COTCO, National Gallery of Zimbabwe ,
Harare (ZW)

The Young artist Exhibition, Gallery Delta,
Harare (ZW)

Salon 91 Art Exhibition, Salon 91, Cape Town
(ZA)

Miniature Exhibition 2008, VEO Gallery, Cape
Town (ZA)

Enriching Women, The International Women’s
Film Festival, Gallery Delta, Harare
(ZW)

Onai (Do You See When You Look), National
Gallery of Zimbabwe in Mutare, Mutare
(ZW)

*Africa University Annual Festival of Art and
Culture: an exhibition of Paintings and
Graphics*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe in
Mutare, Mutare (ZW)

Post Election Selection, Gallery Delta, Harare
(ZW)

2007

The Young Artist Exhibition, Gallery Delta,
Harare (ZW)

Peace Through Unity and Diversity, Gallery
Delta, Harare (ZW)

The Sixth Sense, National Gallery of Zimbabwe
in Mutare (ZW)

Drawings and Graphics: An Overview, Gallery
Delta, Harare (ZW)

*“Edible Mapepa” An exhibition of art pieces
from handmade paper*, National Art Gallery of
Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)

Alliance Francaise Annual Exhibition, Maputo
(MOZ)

Zimbabwean change, St Bavo Church, Haarlem
(NL)

2006

HIFA (Hand in Hand), National Gallery of
Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)

Our Thoughts, National Gallery of Zimbabwe in
Mutare, Mutare (ZW)

Rembrandt: An African Response, Gallery Delta,
Harare (ZW)

*Manicaland Visual Arts and Craft Association
(MANISA)*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe,
Mutare (ZW)

Final Year Exhibition, National Gallery of
Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)

1998

Why Use Agro Chemicals?, University Of
Zimbabwe, Mount Pleasant, Harare (ZW)

RESIDENCIES

2023	Renaissance Men, Greatmore studios, Cape Town (ZA)
Shortlisted for The Norval Sovereign African Art Prize 2023, Cape Town (ZA)	
	2012
2018	Thupelo Workshop, Cape Town (ZA)
Artist in Residence, Pro Helvetia at Atelier Mondial, Basel (CH)	Vermont Studio Center, Burlington, Vermont (USA)
African Centre Artist in Residency, Tafari Castle (KE)	2008
Guns and Rain residency, Johannesburg (ZA)	Good Hope Arts Studios mentorship workshop, Cape Town (ZA)
2015	Edible Mapepa, Mapepa Industries, Harare (ZA)
Urban Art Festival, Antananarivo (MG)	
Artist in residency, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)	2007 Young Artists Workshop, Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)

AWARDS

2020	Artist in Residence, in association with the Kuona Trust, Tafari Castle, Nairobi & Tafari (KE)
Art Dubai Artist-in-Residence Programme, Dubai (UAE)	Artist in Residence, Guns & Rain, Johannesburg (ZA)
2018	
Artist in Residence, Pro Helvetia Studio, Zurich (CH)	2015
	National Arts Merit Awards (NAMA) for Two-Dimensional Work, National Arts Council of Zimbabwe (NACZ), Harare (ZA)
2016	

Artist in Residence, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)	2009
Artist-in-Residence (AiR) Award Laureate, the Africa Centre, Cape Town (ZA)	Over-all Award: F.A.C.T, National Gallery of Zimbabwe in association with COTCO, Harare (ZW)
2012	2008
First Prize for Drawing and Graphics: Family, Tradition and Religion, Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)	Award of Merit: Enriching Woman, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe. Award of Merit: Post Election Selection, Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)
Artist in Residence, Vermont Studio Center, Burlington, Vermont (USA)	2007
2010	Artist in Residence, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)
First Prize for Drawing and Graphics: FACET – Zimbabwe Now, Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)	2006
Over-all Award for Drawing: Artists in Stream, Gallery Delta, Harare (ZW)	Award of Merit for Painting: Graduate Exhibition, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)

PUBLICATIONS

Mapondera, W. 2022, Wallen Mapondera, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town (ZA)

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare (ZW)

Spier Art Collection, Stellenbosch (ZA)

Tiroche Deleon Collection, Tel Aviv (ISR)

The Cassat Foundation, (NL)

The Ekard Collection (NL)

Galila Barzilai-Holannder's P.O.C. (BE)