

**Sthenjwa Luthuli****B.1991****Based in Durban, South Africa****Introduction**

The intricate and complex nature of Luthuli's artistic process ensures that each work he produces is a remarkable and singular result of a formidable artistic effort. Each work is meticulously hand carved and then painted; his pieces can take months to create. Luthuli has remarked on the importance of the circular shape in his works. For Luthuli, the circle opposes the starkness of the square, which is frequently used in modern architecture. Luthuli's use of the circle opposes any severity of form as his works undulate before the viewer in boundless and gentle movement. Luthuli's works frequently involve the notion of ancestral identity; his headless forms are tied to his Zulu culture and rituals.

**Education**

2012 Themba Shibase's Mentorship Programme, Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa

2011 Velobala Art School, African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa

2010 Artists In-Action Residence, Visual Arts Course, BAT Centre, Durban, South Africa

**Solo Exhibitions**

2023 *Inzalo Yelanga (BirthPlace Of The Sun)*, Unit London, London, UK

2022 *Imbewu Yokhokho (The Seed of Our Ancestors)*, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana

2021 *Imfumbatho*, Unit London, London, UK  
*Umthente Uhlaba Usamila*, BKHz Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2020 *Inkaba Yami*, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, South Africa

**Group Exhibitions**

2023 Museum Volkenkunde, Leiden, Netherlands  
*Africa Inspires*, Afrika Museum, Berg en Dal, Netherlands

2022 *1-54 Art Fair*, Unit London, London, UK

2021 *Untitled Art fair*, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Miami, Florida, USA

2020 *Liminality In Infinite Space*, Mike Adenuga Centre, Ikoyi, Nigeria  
*African Artists Foundation*, Victoria Island, Nigeria  
*BLACK VOICES: Friend of My Mind*, Ross-Sutton Gallery, New York, USA  
*The Medium Is The Message*, Unit London, UK

2017 *Sasol New Signatures*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, South Africa  
*Ukushintsha Isigcawu*, Woordfees Festival, Stellenbosch, South Africa  
*Members Exhibition*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa

2016 *Johannesburg Art Fair*, Johannesburg, South Africa

2015 *New Printmakers*, SA Print Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Emerging*, Design Indaba Simulcast, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Izimpende*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa  
*Expo Durban*, Durban, South Africa  
*Cape Town Art Fair*, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Hilton Group Exhibition*, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa  
*Johannesburg Art Fair*, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Turbine Art Fair*, Sandton, South Africa

- 2014 *National Arts Festival*, Grahamstown, South Africa
- 2013 *Business of Art*, Beautiful Things Gallery, Eshowe, South Africa  
African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2012 *Velobala Mentorship Exhibition*, African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 *Who am I*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa  
*Velobala Class*, African Art Centre, Durban, South Africa
- 2011 *Don't Panic*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- 2010 *Izikhwephe zethu*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

**Press (selected)**

- 2022 October  
'The Best Booths at 1-54, From an Indigo Bed to a Wall of Crosses', ARTnews
- 2020 December  
'Artists We Love: Sthenjwa Luthuli', Visi  
'Finding home in an 'unknown place', Maverick Life
- November  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli: Inkaba Yami', Contemporary And  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli: Inkaba Yami', Mail & Guardian  
'We have lost a limb': Azu Nwagbogu, the visionary curator bringing African art home', The Guardian
- October  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli', Elephant
- September  
'Emerging Artists Explore Blackness at Unit London', Widewalls
- 2019 November  
'Sthenjwa Luthuli – Tackling Tradition with a Carving Knife', Tame Until
- September  
'Latitudes Art Fair', House & Garden
- 2017 April  
'Centre kick starts artist's career', news24  
'Telling stories with silhouettes', The North Coast Courier
- 2015 August  
'Edition 4', Ja. Magazine

**Collections**

- Kunsthal KAdE Museum, Amersfoort, Netherlands
- Schulting Art Collection, Wassenaar, Netherlands
- Fubon Art Foundation, Taiwan
- Robyns Collection, London, UK
- Gatreux Collection, Kansas City, USA
- Norval Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
- Leiterin der Städtischen Galerie, Bremen, Germany

Oliewenhuis Museum, Bloemfontein, South Africa

University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa

Phansi Museum, Durban, South Africa