

# BUHLEBEZWE SIWANI

## CV

Born 1987, Johannesburg, ZA  
Lives and works in Amsterdam, NL, and Cape Town, ZA

### EDUCATION

- 2015 MFA, Michaelis School of Fine Arts, Cape Town, ZA  
2011 BFA, Hons), Wits School of Arts, Johannesburg, ZA

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Inkanyamba*, Galeria Municipal de Almada, Almada, PT  
2019 *iNcence*, NMAG, Amsterdam, NL  
Othunjiweyo, Galeria Madragoa, Lisbon, PT  
2018 *Qab'Imbola*, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, ZA  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Solo booth, Cape Town, ZA  
2017 *The House*, Twil Art Studios, Johannesburg, ZA  
2016 *Ingxowa yeqqwirhakazi*, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, ZA  
2015 *Imfihlo*, Graduate Exhibition, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, ZA

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Casablanca Biennale, Casablanca, MA (upcoming)  
2020 *If Yesterday was Tomorrow What Is Today*, Bode Projects, Berlin, DE (upcoming)  
*Now Look Here*, Amsterdam, NL  
*Materiality*, Iziko National Gallery, Cape Town, ZA  
*Viral portraits*, Moderna galerija/Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana, SL  
*Woordfees*, Stellenbosch, ZA  
*Enemy of Progress*, Bern, CH  
2019 *Art and Cosmology*, JAG, Johannesburg, ZA  
*Bamako Encounters*, Bamako, MLI  
*Cosmopolis #2*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR  
14th Curitiba Biennial, Curitiba, BR  
*OurSelfie*, Mo Museum, Vilnius, LT  
*Present Passing: South by South East*, Osage Gallery, HK  
*Film Festival: Romano, Löffel*, Siwani, Galeria Studio, Warsaw, PL  
2018 17/18, Bode Projects, Hamburg, DE  
*The Eye Sees Not Itself*, Nicodim Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, US  
*White Blood Blue Night*, CAC La Traverse, Alfortville, FR  
*Tell Freedom*, KaDE museum, Amersfoort, NL  
*Condo at Madroga*, Sadie Cole's HQ, London, UK  
*Continental Drift*, Cairns Art Gallery, Queensland, AU  
2017 *Encima*, Galeria Madragora, Lisbon, PT  
*Ano zero'17 Biennale*, Coimbra, PT  
*Michaelis Master's Show*, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, ZA  
*O Ceu Dos Obliques*, Galeria Madragora, Lisbon, PT

- Uktshona kuka Mendi*, Center for African Studies Gallery, Cape Town, ZA  
*Dear History: It's Not Me, It's You*, Bode Projects, Hamburg, DE  
*Deep Memory*, Kalmar Art Museum, Kalmar, SE  
*Being There*, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, FR  
*Being There*, Kalmar Art Museum, SE
- 2016   *iQhiya Group Show*, AVA, Cape Town, ZA  
*Figure*, Blank Projects, Cape Town, ZA  
Rote Fabrik, Pro Hevelia, Zurich, CH  
*Quiet Violence of Dreams*, Stevenson, Cape Town, ZA  
*Indlovukazi*, Njelele Art Station, Harare, ZW  
*Imfihlo*, Worldart, Cape Town, ZA
- 2015   *Revisiting the Latent Archive In Sites*, Greatmore Studios, Cape Town, ZA
- 2014   *Scintilla. A show on Alchemy*, Commune 1, Cape Town, ZA  
*Between Subject and Object*, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, ZA
- 2012   *Just Do It! Creative Strategies of Survival*, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg, ZA

#### SELECTED PERFORMANCES

- 2020   *Indlovukazi*, Woordfees, Stellenbosch, ZA  
Enemy of Progress, Bern, CH  
*Baqamile*, Woordfees, Stellenbosch, ZA
- 2019   Belluard Festival, CH  
*Sites of Memory*, Amsterdam, NL
- 2018   “*those ghels*”, Santarcangelo festival, IT  
*Ngisacela Uk'thula*, Company Gardens, Cape Town, ZA
- 2017   *uKhongolose*, Appleton Square, Lisbon, PT  
*RTTC*, TAAC, Observatory, Cape Town, ZA  
“*those ghels*”, Spielart festival, Munich, DE  
“*those ghels*”, Theater Spektakel, Zurich, CH  
*Jikijela*, iQhiya, Documenta 14, Kassel, DE  
Africa Raccontare un Mondo, Milan, IT  
*The Portrait*, iQhiya, Documenta 14, Athens, GR  
*Deep Memory*, Kalmar Art Museum, SE  
*Black Madonna; “those ghels”*, ICA Live Arts Festival, Cape Town, ZA
- 2016   *Busuku benzolo*, Labor Zero Labor, Triangle Arts, Marseilles, FR  
*Reparations*, Theater Spektakel, Zurich, CH  
*The Portrait*, iQhiya, V&A, Cape Town, ZA  
*The Incantation of the Disquieting Muse – On Divinity, Parallel- and Suprarealities or the Exorcism of Witchery*, Savvy Contemporary, Berlin, DE  
„*those ghels*”, Infecting the City, Cape Town, ZA  
*The Portrait*, iQhiya, The Opening, Greatmore Studio’s, Cape Town, ZA  
*The Commute*, iQhiya, Iziko National Museum, Cape Town, ZA  
*The Commute Part 2*, iQhiya, ICA, Cape Town, ZA
- 2015   *Beyond the line*, Finnissage, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, ZA  
*100 African Reads*, Greenmarket square & De Waterkant, Cape Town, ZA  
*Conjugal Visit*, Alma Mater, Cape Town, ZA  
*Spill & Iqhiya Elimnyama*, Infecting the City, Cape Town, ZA  
*Towards Intersections: Negotiating Subjects, Objects and Contexts*, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, ZA
- 2014   *My Body Is Not An Apology*, Cape Town Artweek, Guga S’thebe, Langa, Cape Town, ZA

- Iqhiya Elimnyama*, Makukhanye Arts Room, Khayelitsha, Cape Town, ZA  
*Cabaret Crawl*, GIPCA Live Arts Festival, Cape Town, ZA  
*Between Subject and Object*, GIPCA Live Arts Festival, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, ZA  
*Credo*, Freedom day celebrations, Artscape, Cape Town, ZA  
2013 *Inkululeko*, Theatre Arts Admin Collective; Youngblood/Beautiful Life, Cape Town, ZA

#### RESIDENCIES

- 2017 Het Vijfde Seizoen, Amersfoort, NL  
2016 Rote Fabrik, Pro Helevetia residency, Zurich, CH  
2015 Watch and talk, Theater Spektakel, Zurich, CH

#### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015 Katarine Harries Print Cabinet Purchase Award  
2010 Martienssen Prize Award

#### COLLECTIONS

Spier Collection  
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#### SELECTED PRESS & BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2020 „Buhlebezwe Siwani“, *Elephant*, October 2020  
„Buhlebezwe Siwani. The South African multi-disciplinary artist discusses ubungoma and her ideas of home“, *NATAAL*, by Miriam Bouteba, January 2020  
2019 „Buhlebezwe Siwani at the Galeria Madragoa in Lisbon“, *Wall Street International Magazine*, April 2019  
2018 „Silent and Complex Histories: In conversation with Buhlebezwe Siwani“, *Artthrob*, by Sikhumbuzo Makandula, November 2018  
„BUHLEBEZWE SIWANI: QAB’IMBOLA“, *Omenka*, November 2018  
„Stories against historical erasure - Tell Freedom. 15 South African artists“, *Metropolis M*, by Nicole Sciarone, April 2018  
„Art as an exploration of the self and an interrogation of the world with Buhlebezwe Siwani“, *Design in Daba*, by Lindsay Samson, March 2018  
„Ich arbeite immer gemeinsam mit meinen Vorfahren“, *Deutschlandfunkkultur*, by Leonie March, January 2018 (with audio)  
2017 „Artist Buhlebezwe Siwani in Being a Sangoma, her Definition of Success and Her Upcoming Project“, *Wanted*, by Mike Abel, June 2017  
„Studio Africa: Buhlebezwe Siwani & Unpacking the Witch’s Baggage“, *OkayAfrica*, by Chase Matakala, March 2017  
2016 „Interview with Buhlebezwe Siwani“, *Africanah*, by Candica Allison, December 2016  
„Artist Buhlebezwe Siwani is a millennial sangoma for the 21st century“, *Sunday Times*, by Lwandile Fikeni, March 2016