

Curriculum Vitae:

Bulumko Mbetse

Nationality: South African

Languages: English, Afrikaans, Portuguese

PROFILE

I am an art practitioner, writer, curator and production manager with 6 years experience in art production and administration.

EDUCATION

- BFA Graduate of the Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town, Sculpture Major (2019)
- Completed 4 short courses up to Advanced level in Portuguese (NEPPE), University of Brasilia, Brazil (2014)
- Matriculated from Lyttelton Manor High School, Pretoria (2013)

PAST EXHIBITIONS

Solo exhibitions

2023

I've known rivers. Bag Factory, Johannesburg. July

2022

Does a kite leave a trace? Curated by Lemeze Davids. Under Projects, Cape Town.

December

2019

A Thousand Things. Curated by Amogelang Maledu. 99 On Loop. Cape Town.

November

Group Exhibitions

2023

Senses. Curated by Kamogelo Walaza. Goethe Institute. Johannesburg. August

Quiet as it's kept. Curated by Ruzy Rusike. Johannesburg. August

She knows herself. Curated by Tshogofatso Seoka. Turbine Art Fair. Johannesburg. July

Index. Curated by Nkhensani Mkhari. Latitudes Art Fair. May

Threads of identity. Origin Art. Johannesburg. April

JP Morgan Abadali Collection. Keyes Art Mile, Johannesburg. February 2023

2022

Afropolis. Curated by Kim Kandan and Lesole Tauatswala. Johannesburg. August

Within the Fold. Curated by Geena Wilkinson. SMAC Gallery. Stellenbosch. June

Location Studio Practice. Curated by Lesole Tauatswala and Shakes Mbolekwana. AVA Gallery. Cape Town. April

Within the Fold. Curated by Geena Wilkinson. SMAC Gallery. Johannesburg. April

2021

Locus Location. Curated by Lesole Tauatswala. Online. June

Weaving, Knotting, Stitching: A Synthesis of Disparate Things. Curated by Thembi Matroshe. Johannesburg. May

2020

Indlovukazi. Curated by Ashleigh Walters for Woordfees (2020). Stellenbosch. March

We've Come to Take You Home #1. Curated by Amogelang Maledu. Michaelis Galleries. Cape Town. February

Matereality. Curated by Andrea Lewis. ISANG. Cape Town. February

The Making of Ourselves. BHKZ. Johannesburg. February

2019

Know This Place? Curated by Jo Voysey and Dane Stops. KZNSA. Durban. October

Formally Known As. A group exhibition. AVA Gallery. Cape Town. February

Do you know these #5womenartists. Curated by Amohelang Mohajane. NWU Botanical Garden Gallery. Potchefstroom.

What it is. A group exhibition curated by Lameeze Davids. Absolut Art. Stellenbosch.
December/January 2018/9

2018

Michaelis Graduate exhibition 2018. *Routing.* Michaelis Galleries. Cape Town .
December

The Devil Loves When We Loathe Ourselves. A group show curated by Rory Emmet. 99 on Loop. August

Blvck Block. An independent group show curated by Solomzi Moleketi. 7 Reserve street. Johannesburg. July

Images of Displacement. A group show curated by Scott Eric Williams. District Six Homecoming Centre. Cape Town. April

Unfair. An independent group show curated by Brett Charles Seiler. Ruth Prowse. Cape Town. February

2017

Hold. An independent group show curated by Brett Charles Seiler. Ruth Prowse. Cape Town. July

Blvck Block. An independent group show curated by Solomzi Moleketi. 7 Reserve Street. Johannesburg. December

2015

Return to Sender. UCT Center for African Studies Gallery. Cape Town

Mbete's artwork has been collected by JP Morgan, the UCT Works of Art Committee, artists, curators and private collections.

AWARDS

Cassirer Welz Award 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

- WHEREWITHALL curatorial grant for Event Horizon, a collaborative project with artist Kamil Hassim
- Independent Artist and curator (August 2022-)
- Corporate artwork commission for JP Morgan, Abadali Art Project(July - November 2022)
- Creative Knowledge Resources (UCT) Fellowship Memory Proceeding (2022-ongoing)
- Programme Associate at the Joburg Contemporary Art Foundation(February 2020-August 2022)
- Independent project managing for Defunct Context (George Mahashe) (2021)

- Curatorial assistant at Goodman Gallery Johannesburg (2019-2020)
- Production Assistant to Dineo Seshee Bopape (2019)
- Assistant and production lead to Buhlebezwe Siwani (2018-2019)
- Production assistant to Lhola Amira (2018-2019), Sankofa Studios
- Intern at A4 Arts Foundation (2017)
- Production assistant intern at Kemang Wa Lehulere's studio (2016)