

BLESSING NGOBENI

BORN

1985 Tzaneen, South Africa

EDUCATION

Artist Proof Studio in Newtown, Johannesburg, South Africa

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018 *Enemy of Foe*, CIRCA Gallery, Johannesburg South Africa
2017 *Masked Reality*, CIRCA Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2016 *The Song of the Chicotte*, CIRCA Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
In Unknown Space, Cleveland Foundation Creative Fusion, Cleveland, OH
2015 *As If You Care*, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa
2014 *In His State of Madness*, Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
2013 Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa
2012 *On This Earth*, Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018 *Spring Selections*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA (forthcoming)
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Everard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
WINTER, Everard Read, London, UK
UNTITLED San Francisco, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2017 PULSE Art Fair, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami Beach, FL
OFF THE WALL, CIRCA Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
EXPO Chicago, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Chicago, IL
Joburg Art Fair, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
Cape Town Art Fair, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
Humanity Today, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Summer Exhibition II, Everard Read, London, UK
2016 *Viewpoints*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Summer Exhibition, Everard Read, London, UK
Art Miami, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
2015 *Untitled Group Exhibition*, Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
2013 *Works On Paper Group Show*, Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
2012 *I Made In Africa*, Sandton Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Emergency Exit, Bag Factory, Johannesburg, South Africa
2011 SANNA Africa Festival, Zoo Lake, Johannesburg, South Africa
Wasted, Unity Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2010 *Collaboration*, Unity Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2009 *Untitled*, Unity Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2007 *Untitled*, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa
2006 *Taxi Outreach Project*, David Krut, Michaelis Central Library, Diepkloof Library,
Johannesburg, South Africa

RESIDENCIES

2016 Cleveland Creative Fusion, Cleveland, OH
2014 Headlands Centre For Art, San Francisco, CA
2012 Reinhold Cassier Award, Bag Factory, Johannesburg, South Africa

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2018 "Anatomy of (Collective) Apathy: Blessing Ngobeni's 'Enemy of Foe,'" ARTTHROB,
March 2018.
"Blessing Ngobeni is the Next Big Thing," House & Garden, January 2018.

- 2017 "Black Art, White Galleries: Blessing Ngobeni's 'Masked Reality,'" ARTTHROB, March 2017.
- 2016 "Ripping Off the Mask of Westernized African Identity," Business Day, February 2017.
 "The Anxiety of Influence," SF Weekly, December 2016.
 "Blessing Ngobeni," *Vitamin P3: New Perspectives in Painting*, PHAIDON, November 2016.
 "Crosby, Ngobeni, Mokgosi: 3 Rising African Painters You Need to Know Now," Artspace, November 2016.
 "Cleveland Print Room Blessing Ngobeni, South Africa," CAN Journal, May 2016.
 "Creative Fusion: With Breathlessly Clever Solidarity / Blessing Ngobeni / Tzaneen, South Africa / Cleveland Print Room," CAN Journal, March 2016.
- 2015 "Art and politics: Blessing Ngobeni brings us back to the reality", Mail & Guardian, August 2015.
 "Graffiti & Comic Collage Artist Blessing Ngobeni Confronts the Apathy of South Africa's Elected Officials," OkayAfrica, July 2015.
 "Layered with Meaning: Blessing Ngobeni's Mixed Media Collages", Between 10 and 5, July 2015.
 "Testament of an Afro-Picasso", Cape Times July 2015.
- 2014 "Blessing Ngobeni explores power and destruction," The Citizen, April 2014.
- 2013 "Blessing Ngobeni, 200 Young South Africans Archive", Mail & Guardian, 2013.
 "Traumatic Past Fuels Work of South African Artist Blessing Ngobeni", Voice of America, September 2013.
- 2012 "Blessing's beasts of our nation," News 24, November 2012.
 "Blessed by dreams," News 24, June 2012.
 "No disguise in Blessing's work," in Daily Maverick, April 2012.
 "Artist forged by pain," in Sunday Times, April 2012.
 "Painting Joburg in Art," Joburg, March 2012.

FILMS

- 2014 "Blessing's Art Fair Performance", 2014, 11:39 minutes, Blessing Ngobeni
 "Bless Footage 2", 2014, 5:46 minutes, Blessing Ngobeni
 "100% Youth: Blessing Ngobeni", 2014, 6:14 minutes, Gallery MOMO, The Bag Factory, Rena Le Lona Creative Center, for SABC 1
- 2013 "Born prepared: Blessing Ngobeni for the 2013 FNB JoburgArtFair", 2013, 4:44 minutes, producer: Nicola Hellmann, for FNB TV

AWARDS

- 2013 Mail & Guardian as one of the 200 Top South Africans
 Art & Culture Trust, Johannesburg, South Africa, ACT Lifetime Achievement Awards
 and ImpACT Awards for Young Professionals: Blessing Ngobeni for Visual Arts
- 2012 Reinhold Cassirer Art Award