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Dr. Esther Mahlangu

Biography

Solo Exhibitions

2024
'Then I Knew I Was Good at Painting: Esther Mahlangu, A Retrospective', Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
'The Order of Things', Almine Rech, Paris, France
'Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu', Serpentine Galleries, London, UK

2023
'Dr. Esther Mahlangu', Almine Rech, Paris, France
'Where two rivers meet', Almine Rech, London, UK

2021
'Dr. Esther Mahlangu', Almine Rech, Paris, France

2020
‘Esther Mahlangu 85’, Johannesburg, South Africa
Unveiling of the ‘Mahlangu’ Rolls-Royce Phantom, Cape Town, South Africa
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Past Modern Section, The Melrose Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
‘Disrupting Patterns’, The Melrose Gallery, One&Only, Johannesburg, South Africa

2019
'Timeless', Oliewenhuis Art Museum in Bloemfontein, South Africa
Esther Mahlangu, Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa

2017
A Tribute to Nelson Mandela, The Melrose Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2016
BMW Lounge, FRIEZE ART FAIR, London, UK

2015
Esther Mahlangu 80, UCT Irma Stern Museum, Cape Town, South Africa

2014
Esther Mahlangu: An Artistic Residency, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Virginia, USA

2012
Overlay, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa

2010
Centro Espositivo St. Art, Calenzano, Italy

2008
Esther Mahlangu: Reacquiring, The Kyle Kauffman Gallery, New York, USA

2007
Esther Mahlangu 2007, 34LONG, Cape Town, South Africa
Why Africa?, Fiat 500, Turin, Italy

2005
Esther Mahlangu, 34LONG, Cape Town, South Africa

2003
Esther Mahlangu 2003, UCT Irma Stern Museum, Cape Town, South Africa

1998
Museum of Oceanian and African Art, Paris, France

Selected Exhibitions

2024
'Monaco Opening Show', Almine Rech, Monaco
'Stranieri Ovunque – Foreigners Everywhere. La Biennale di Venezia - 60th International Art Exhibition', Giardini della Biennale, Venice, Italy
'Giants: Art from the Dean Collection of Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys', Brooklyn Museum, New York, US
'To Weave the Sky: Textile Abstractions from the Jorge M. Perez Collection', El Espacio 23, Miami, US
'Africa Supernova. Contemporary African painting collection by Carla and Pieter Schulting', Kunsthal KAdE, Amersfoort, Netherlands
'Dhai Dubai Light Art Festival', Al Wasl Plaza, Expo City Dubai, United Arab Emirates
'Memories of the Future', Frieze No. 9 Cork Street, London, UK
'Summer', Almine Rech, Gstaad, Switzerland

2023
ART SG, Almine Rech, Singapore
artmonte-carlo, Almine Rech, Monaco

2020
Carol Bouwer Bag Collection Collaboration, South Africa
Mural - Southgate Mall, Johannesburg, South Africa
Rolls - Royce Phantom 'The Mahlangu', South Africa

2019
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, The Melrose Gallery, CT
Conflict Resolution Art, Athens, Greece
Timeless', One and Only, Cape Town, South Africa

2018
Public Commission, Three Murals, The Market Theatre foyer, Esther Mahlangu Boardroom at Windybrow Theatre in Hillbrow, The Contemporary Market Square Complex, Johannesburg, South Africa
Group Exhibition, Museum of Arts and Design, New York , USA
Not A Single Story, Nirox Foundation Sculpture Park, Cradle of Humankind, South Africa

2017
Imibala Gallery, Somerset West, South Africa

2016
South Africa the art of a nation, The British Museum, UK, 27 October 2016
New design - Belvedere(RED), NY, USA

2015
Amref Health Africa Artball: Celebrating Contemporary African Art, New York, USA
Imibala Gallery, Somerset West, South Africa
Sneaker design with Swedish Company Eytys, Paris Fashion Week, France
40 years of BMW Art Cars, BMW Museum, Munchen, Germany

2014
Traditional African Murals, Museum of African Art, Belgrade, Serbia
Look Mickey!, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa
Les Magiciens de la Terre, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain
Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa

2013
1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
Urban Interpretation, Graffik Gallery, London, UK
FourWalls, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa

2012
Art Drive! Exhibition, Great Eastern Street Car Park in Shoreditch, London, UK
Urban Interpretation, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa
Blend, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa

2011
Durban Tourism Indaba, Durban, South Africa
Ensemble, 34FineArt, Cape Town, South Africa
ArtMonaco'11 , Monaco
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, US

2010
Africa. Objetos y Sujetos, Teatro Fernan Gomez, Centro de Arte, Madrid, Spain
ATASA Trust Southern Africa Handcraft & Ndebele Art Exhibition, Newtown, South Africa
La mostra sulla Regina d'Africa Esther Mahlangu, Napoli, Italy
Museum of Arts and Design, New York City, US
FIFA Official Artist, Italy

2009
Sortileges, Fondation pour L'art Contemporain, Claudine et Jean-Marc Salomon, Alex, France
3rd Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia
Africa? Una nuova storia, Complesso del Vittoriano, Rome, Italy

2008
The Speed Art Museum, Louisville, Kentucky, US
Denver Museum of Art, Denver, Colorado, US
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, US

2007
Why Africa?, Pinacoteca Giovanni e Marella Agnelli, Turin, Italy
Painted the New Fiat 500 - "Why Africa?", The Pigozzi Collection, Italy
SA Art -- Signs, Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia
Berlin and Beyond Art in Public Places, Florida, US
Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, US
The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, Maryland, US
Tacoma Museum of Art, Tacoma, Washington, US

2006
100% African; The Jean Pigozzi Contemporary African Art Collection, Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 2006 Memory Innovation
Tradition, 34 LONG, Cape Town, SA 2006 Roppongi Hills Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Beyond Lilith: The Sacred Feminine, Scuderie Aldobrandini Frascati, Roma, Italy

2005
Arts of Africa, Grimaldi Forum, Monaco
Yokohama Triennial, Japan
New Identities Contemporary Art from South Africa, Pretoria Art Museum & Johannesburg Art Gallery, South Africa
Galleria Spacia, Italy
South Africa-USA Native American Exchange Project, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, US
Project Row Houses, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, US
African Art Now: Masterpieces from the Jean Pigozzi Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, US
National Museum of African Art, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., US

2004
New Identities Contemporary Art from South Africa, Museum Bochum, Germany
New Orleans Jazz Festival, South African Stage, New Orleans, US

2003
Dentro e Fuori le Mura, Fabbrica Eos, Milano, Italy

2002
Passport to South Africa, Centro Culturale Trevi, Bolzano, Italy
The Art of Colour, Knysna Fine Art Gallery, Knysna, South Africa

2001
Arte Africana Contemporanea, Galleria d'arte Spazia, Bologna, Italy
Galleria Cavellini, Brescia, Italy
South Africa Today, The Helsinki Fair Centre, Finland

2000
5th Biennale of Contemporary Art, Lyons, France
Dialogue of Cultures, EXPO 2000, Hannover, Germany

1999
The Three Rivers Art Festival, Pittsburgh, US
<<REWIND>>FAST FORWARD.ZA, Van Reekum Museum, Apeldoorn, Netherlands

1998
Musee des Arts d'Afrique et d'Oceanie, Paris, France
Africa Africa: Vibrant New Art from a Dynamic Continent, Tobu Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan

1997
BA Airways Tail wing design, UK
Exhibit Gallery, Philadelphia, US
York College, Los Angeles, California, US
Mural for National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., US
Ndebele Images - Then and Now, National Arts Club, New York, US
Oog op Zuidelijke Afrika, Het Afrika Museum, Berg en Dal, Netherlands
Portal to America, Installation, Spoleto Festival, Charleston, South Carolina, US
African Immigrant Folklife Festival, Washington D.C., US

1996
Parish Gallery, Georgetown, US
Exhibition for the Congressional Black Caucus, Washington D.C., US
Armour J. Blackburn Centre, Howard University, Washington D.C., US
World Bank, Washington D.C., US
Mural - Ministry of Finance Building, Pretoria, South Africa
Mural - Alexandra Township Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa

1995
BMW Art Cars and Paintings Exhibition, Sydney, Australia
Group Exhibition, Market Theatre, Johannesburg, South Africa
BMW Art Cars Collection, National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., US

1994
Mural - National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., US
Mural - Ndebele College of Education, KwaNdebele, South Africa
Mural - African Festival, Lisbon, Portugal
Mural - European Inventive Business Travel Meetings Exhibition, Geneva, Switzerland
Out of Africa, Musee des Beaux-Arts de Nantes, France

1993
La Grande Verite, Les Astres Africains, Nantes Fine Arts Museum, Nantes, France
European Inventive Business Travel Meetings Exhibition, Lisbon, Portugal
Geneva International Exhibition, Geneva, Switzerland

1992
Comme des Garcons, Tokyo, Japan; New York, USA; and Paris, France
Out of Africa, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
Fire Screen, Civic Theatre, Johannesburg, South Africa
BMW Art Cars, Documenta 9, Kassel, Germany
Africa Hoy, Groninger Museum, Groningen, Netherlands
Africa Hoy, Cultural Centre of Contemporary Art, Mexico City, Mexico

1991
BMW Art Cars, Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, South Africa
BMW Art Cars Commission, Germany
Painting columns in Building, Tokyo, Japan
Fashion Collection, Tokyo, Japan
Ny Afrikansk Billedkunst, Copenhagen, Denmark
Africa Hoy, Centro Atlantico de Arte Moderno, Las Palmas, de Gran Canaria, Spain

1990
Caravan Auto Show, Lavante, France
Bordeaux Festival, Bordeaux, France
Mural Painting, Rosebank Shopping Centre, South Africa
Mural Painting, Johannesburg School, South Africa
Centre de la Villette, Paris, France
Fine Arts Museum, Angouleme, France
Mural Painting, Musee des Beaux Arts, France
Les Magiciens de la Terre, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Collections

Larry Warsh
Isaac Shongwe Collection, Johannesburg, South Africa
David Frankel
Paul Berman
William Humphreys
The Dean Collection, US
Sovereign Art Foundation, Switzerland
Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia
Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein, South Africa
The Pigozzi Collection, Geneva, Switzerland
Johnnic Communications Management Services Collection, Johannesburg, South Africa
Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany
South African National Gallery, Iziko Museums, Cape Town, South Africa
BROKER Art Collection, Belgium
BOE Bank, Cape Town, South Africa
Musee des Arts d'Afrique et d'Oceanie, Paris, France
Botshabelo Museum, Botshabelo, SA BMW Art Cars Collection, Germany World Bank Collection, US
Museum of Modern Art, Equatorial Guinea BHP Billiton Collection, Johannesburg, SA Roppongi Hills
Art Museum, Japan Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Virginia, USA Museum Bochum, Germany Pretoria Art Museum,
Pretoria, South Africa
RE:CM Collection, Cape Town, South Africa
National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., South Africa
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France Musee des Beaux Arts, France
Rupert Art Collection, Stellenbosch, South Africa
University of Cape Town, South Africa
Esther's work is also represented in numerous public and private collections.

Awards

2019
Officier de L'Ordre Arts et Lettres (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters)

2018
Honorary Doctors Degree, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Visual and Performing Arts, Durban
University of Technology, South Africa

2017
Arts and Culture Veteran Award, Ubuntu Awards, Cape Town, South Africa

2016
The Lilizela Awards, Minister's Award, South Africa
CAAMMPPS, South African Women Identity & Heritage Life Lessons,
Discourse Honorary Award, South Africa

2015
Lilizela Tourism Awards, Best Roots and Culture Exhibition, South Africa
The Lilizela Tourism Award, Roots and culture, South Africa
South African Traditional Music Achievement Awards,
Life Time Achievement Award, South Africa

2013
1st Mbokodo Award, South Africa

2012
1st Mbokodo Award, South African Women in the Arts, South Africa

2010
Increasing Access to the Arts Award - 13th annual BASA Awards, South Africa

2007
The Heritage Award for Preservation and Promotion of South African
Heritage and Culture, The Premier of KZN, South Africa

2006
The Order of Ikhamanga (Silver) , Government of South Africa, South Africa
National Arts and Culture Trust, Lifetime Achievement Award, South Africa

2001
Arts and Culture Award, Art Promotion, South Africa
Pan African Broadcasting, Heritage and Achievement Award (PABHA), South Africa
Radio Ndebele Award, South Africa

1999
Mpumalanga Arts and Culture Award, South Africa

1997
Nassau County Commendation, New York, US
Incorporated Village of Hempstead Citation, Hempstead, New York, US
Ministry of Culture and Communication, Centre de la Villette, France
Mpumalanga Sport Premier's Culture Award, South Africa

1988
Radio Ndebele Award, South Africa