

# Dr. Esther Mahlangu

## Biography

### Solo Exhibitions

2020

'Esther Mahlangu 85', Johannesburg, SA

Unveiling of the 'Mahlangu' Rolls-Royce Phantom, Cape Town, SA

Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Past Modern Section, The Melrose Gallery, CT

'Disrupting Patterns', The Melrose Gallery, One&Only, CT

2019

'Timeless', Oliewenhuis Art Museum in Bloemfontein, SA

Esther Mahlangu, Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, SA

2017

A Tribute to Nelson Mandela, The Melrose Gallery, Johannesburg, SA

2016

BMW Lounge, FRIEZE ART FAIR, London, UK

2015

Esther Mahlangu 80, UCT Irma Stern Museum, Cape Town, SA

2014

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

2012

Overlay, 34FineArt, Cape Town, SA

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, SA

Why Africa?, Fiat 500, Turin, Italy

2005

Esther Mahlangu, 34LONG, Cape Town, SA

2003

Esther Mahlangu 2003, UCT Irma Stern Museum, Cape Town, SA

1998

Museum of Oceanian and African Art, Paris, France

### **Selected Exhibitions**

2020

Carol Boucher Bag Collection Collaboration, SA

Mural - Southgate Mall, Johannesburg, SA

Rolls - Royce Phantom 'The Mahlangu', SA

2019

Investec Cape Town Art Fair, The Melrose Gallery, CT

*Conflict Resolution Art*, Athens, Greece

*Timeless*, One and Only, Cape Town, SA

2018

Public Commission, Three Murals, The Market Theatre foyer, Esther Mahlangu Boardroom at Windybrow Theatre in Hillbrow, The Contemporary Market Square Complex, Johannesburg, SA

*Group Exhibition*, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA

*Not A Single Story*, Nirox Foundation Sculpture Park, Cradle of Humankind, SA

2017

Imibala Gallery, Somerset West, SA

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, SA

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, SA

Les Magiciens de la Terre, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France

Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain

Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town, SA

2013

1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK

Urban Interpretation, Graffik Gallery, London, UK

FourWalls, 34FineArt, Cape Town, SA

2012

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

2011

Durban Tourism Indaba, Durban, SA  
Ensemble, 34FineArt, Cape Town, SA  
ArtMonaco'11, Monaco  
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA

2010

Africa. Objetos y Sujetos, Teatro Fernan Gomez, Centro de Arte, Madrid, Spain  
ATASA Trust Southern Africa Handcraft & Ndebele Art Exhibition, Newtown, SA  
La mostra sulla Regina d'Africa Esther Mahlangu, Napoli, Italy  
Museum of Arts and Design, New York City, USA  
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, USA  
Denver Museum of Art, Denver, Colorado, USA  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA

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, USA  
Durban Art Gallery, Durban, SA  
Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, USA  
The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, Maryland, USA  
Tacoma Museum of Art, Tacoma, Washington, USA

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, SA  
Galleria Spacia, Italy

South Africa-USA Native American Exchange Project, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, USA

Project Row Houses, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA

African Art Now: Masterpieces from the Jean Pigozzi Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA

National Museum of African Art, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., USA

2004

New Identities Contemporary Art from South Africa, Museum Bochum, Germany

New Orleans Jazz Festival, South African Stage, New Orleans, USA

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, SA

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, USA

<<REWIND>>FAST FORWARD.ZA, Van Reekum Museum, Apeldoorn, Netherlands

1998

Musee des Arts d'Afrique et d'Océanie, 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, USA

York College, Los Angeles, California, USA

Mural for National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., USA

Ndebele Images - Then and Now, National Arts Club, New York, USA

Oog op Zuidelijke Afrika, Het Afrika Museum, Berg en Dal, Netherlands

Portal to America, Installation, Spoleto Festival, Charleston, South Carolina, USA

African Immigrant Folklife Festival, Washington D.C., USA

1996

Parish Gallery, Georgetown, USA

Exhibition for the Congressional Black Caucus, Washington D.C., USA

Armour J. Blackburn Centre, Howard University, Washington D.C., USA

World Bank, Washington D.C., USA

Mural - Ministry of Finance Building, Pretoria, SA

Mural - Alexandra Township Stadium, Johannesburg, SA

1995

BMW Art Cars and Paintings Exhibition, Sydney, Australia

Group Exhibition, Market Theatre, Johannesburg, SA

BMW Art Cars Collection, National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., USA

1994

Mural - National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., USA

Mural - Ndebele College of Education, KwaNdebele, SA

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, SA

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, SA

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, SA

Mural Painting, Johannesburg School, SA

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, USA

Sovereign Art Foundation, Switzerland

Meulensteen Art Museum, Bratislava, Slovakia

Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein, SA

The Pigozzi Collection, Geneva, Switzerland

Johnnic Communications Management Services Collection, Johannesburg, SA

Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany

South African National Gallery, Iziko Museums, Cape Town, SA

BROKER Art Collection, Belgium

BOE Bank, Cape Town, SA

Musee des Arts d'Afrique et d'Océanie, Paris, France

Botshabelo Museum, Botshabelo, SA BMW Art Cars Collection, Germany World Bank Collection, USA

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, SA

RE:CM Collection, Cape Town, SA

National Museum of Woman in the Arts, Washington D.C., USA

Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France Musee des Beaux Arts, France

Rupert Art Collection, Stellenbosch, SA

University of Cape Town, SA

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, SA

Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Visual and Performing Arts, Durban

University of Technology, SA

2017

Arts and Culture Veteran Award, Ubuntu Awards, Cape Town, SA

2016

The Lilizela Awards, Minister's Award, SA

CAAMMPPS, South African Women Identity & Heritage Life Lessons,

Discourse Honorary Award, SA

2015

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

2013

1st Mbokodo Award, SA

2012

1st Mbokodo Award, South African Women in the Arts, SA

2010

Increasing Access to the Arts Award - 13th annual BASA Awards, SA

2007

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

2006

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

2001

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

1999

Mpumalanga Arts and Culture Award, SA

1997

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

1988

Radio Ndebele Award, SA