

# Steve BANDO MA

Born in Kinshasa (DRC) in 1981. Lives and works in Kinshasa.  
Graduated from the Kinshasa Académie des Beaux-arts in 2004.  
Degree from the Institut national des arts (2019).

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020: *Camouflages*, Sulger-Buel Gallery, London, UK
- 2017: *Possession*, Espace Texaf-Bilembo, Kinshasa, DRC
- 2014: *Kin la belle*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK
- 2013: *Combat du siècle*, Galerie Antonio Nardone, Bruseels, Belgium
- 2013: *Mutatis Mutandis*, Institut français de Kinshasa, DRC
- 2012: *New work from Kinshasa*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK
- 2012: *L'heure des chocs*, centre Wallonie Bruxelles International de Kinshasa, DRC
- 2011: Centre Culturel Français de Pointe-Noire, Congo Brazzaville
- 2009: *Féminisme*, Cité Internationale des Arts de Paris, France
- 2009: AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2008: *Contemporary Apocalypse*, Alliance Française, Cape Town, South Africa

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021: *Papiers de société*, Espace Texaf-Bilembo, Kinshasa, DRC
- 2020: *Ex Africa*, Musée du Quai Branly-Jacques Chirac, Paris, France
- 2020: *Figures de pouvoir*, galerie MAGNIN-A, Paris, France
- 2019-2020: *Fiction Congo*, Museum Rietberg, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2019-2020: *The Fight of the Century*, Kloser Contemporary Art, online
- 2019: OpenArtExchange, NEW WORLD, Schiedam, Netherlands
- 2019: *Na Kinshasa Eza Possible*, Galerie MAGNIN-A, Paris, France
- 2019: *Megalopolis - Stimmen aus Kinshasa*, Grassi Museum für Volkerkunde zu Leipzig, Germany
- 2018: *African Passions*, Cadaval Palace, Evora, Portugal
- 2018: *Lumières d'Afriques*, AAD, Musée Mohamed VI, Rabat, Morocco
- 2018: *Lumières d'Afriques*, AAD, EUMETSAT, Darmstadt, Germany
- 2017: *Histoires congolaises*, bibliothèque Robert-Desnos, Montreuil, France
- 2017: *Lumières d'Afriques*, AAD, African Union, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2017: *Lumières d'Afriques*, AAD, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2016: *Demain Kinshasa*, as part of *Journées Utopiques*, Franco-German cultural programme, Institut Français, Kinshasa, DRC
- 2016: *Lumières d'Afriques*, AAD, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- 2015: *Lumières d'Afriques*, African Artists for Development (AAD), Paris, France
- 2015: *Towards Intersection*, Kauru Contemporary Art from Africa, Pretoria, South Africa
- 2015: *African Imagined (ACT1)*, Sandtown Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2015: *Beauté Congo - Congo Kitoko*, Fondation Cartier, Paris, France
- 2015: *Handle with care*, OSTRALE Biennale 015, Dresden, Germany
- 2015: *Kongo Across the Waters*, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, US
- 2014: *Kongo Across the Waters*, Harn museum of Art, Florida, US, and Musée royal de l'Afrique centrale, Tervuren, Belgium

- 2013: *Kin-BABI*, Galerie Cecile Fakhoury, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- 2013: *Maendeleo*, La Châtaigneraie, in collaboration with the ASBL Dialogues, Liège, Belgium
- 2013: *Lubumbashi Inakaribisha Kinshasa*, ASBL Dialogues, Lubumbashi, DRC
- 2012: *Les Fanthomes*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK
- 2012: Blank Project Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2011: *Frech*, Everard Read Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2011: *Deux mille dix raisons de vivre dans une petite ville*, Goethe on Main Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010: *Space: Currencies in Contemporary African Art*, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2008: *Le meilleur de l'artreach*, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2008: *Intervention*, Unisa Arts Gallery, Pretoria, South Africa
- 2008: *Abazobie*, Nelson Mandela Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2007: *Traite des êtres humains*, Iziko Slave Lodge National Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2007: Cape Biennale, Blank project, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2006: Iziko South African Museum, Cape Town, South Africa

## ART FAIRS

- 2019: AKAAs, Angalia, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2019: 1:54 Art Fair, Sulger-Buel Gallery, London, UK
- 2017: AKAAs, Angalia, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2017: 1:54 Art Fair, Magnin-A, London, UK
- 2017: Art Paris Art Fair, Magnin-A, Paris, France
- 2017: Salon Zürcher Africa, Galerie Zürcher, Angalia, Paris, France
- 2016: AKAAs, Angalia, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2016: Untitled, Miami, US
- 2016: 1:54 Art Fair, Magnin-A, London, UK
- 2016: 1:54, Contemporary African Art Fair, Magnin-A, New York, US
- 2015: Swab Art Fair, solo show presented by Angalia, Barcelona, Spain
- 2015: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Jack Bell Gallery, Somerset House, London, UK
- 2015: 1:54, Contemporary African Art Fair, Jack Bell Gallery, New York, US
- 2014: *Drawing now*, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2013: London Art Fair, London, UK
- 2013: Art Paris Art Fair, Paris, France
- 2011: *FOCUS11*, art africain contemporain, OFF Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland
- 2010: *FOCUS10*, art africain contemporain, OFF Art Basel, Basel, Switzerland

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

Steve Bandoma has won several prizes and artist-in-residence grants (Pro Helvetia, Zurich; *visa pour la création*, Cultures France; Art Buzz Book 2009 Collection, US). He has also taught in South Africa, is a member of a diverse range of artistic projects (Visual Art Network in South Africa, African Art Institute), and is co-curator of Amani Art Festival in Cape Town.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- *Ex Africa*, exhibition catalogue, Musée du quai Branly-Jacques Chirac, Gallimard, 2021
- *Papiers de société* - Kura Shomali, Raymond Tsham & Steve Bandoma, exhibition catalogue, Weyrich édition, 2020

- *Camouflages*, exhibition catalogue, Sulger-Buel Gallery, 2020
- *Megalopolis – Stimmen aus Kinshasa/Voix de Kinshasa/Voices of Kinshasa*, exhibition catalogue, Grassi Museum of Ethnology, 2019
- *Possession*, exhibition catalogue, Texaf Bilembo and Angalia, 2017
- *Beauté Congo - Congo Kitoko*, exhibition catalogue, Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France, 2015
- *Kongo Across the Waters*, exhibition catalogue, University Press of Florida, 2013
- *Mutatis Mutandis*, exhibition catalogue, Institut français de Kinshasa, 2013

## PRESS

- [Steve Bandoma : esthétique de politicien ou politique d'esthéticien ?](#), Costa Tshinzam for Contemporary And, November 2018
- [Steve Bandoma : Le "politic-art"](#), R. Azimi for Le Monde, 27 August 2015
- [Entretien avec Steve Bandoma pour Swab Gate](#), Eva Barois de Caebel, October 2015
- [L'art en guise de visa pour changer de cap, Entretien avec Steve Bandoma](#), Martin van der Belen for *Alternatives théâtrales*, 2014

## VIDEO INTERVIEWS

- *Megalopolis – Stimmen aus Kinshasa*, 2019.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-eQs7RxQqc>
- *Beauté Congo – Interview with Steve Bandoma* – Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, July 2015  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-chTqydHD\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-chTqydHD_A)
- *L'art contemporain version Steve Bandoma* – Al Qarra TV, June 2013  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGYYyuYteMo>
- *Steve Bandoma's struggle for Congolese art* – BBC, September 2012.  
[www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-19593312](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-19593312)