

# JP Mika

Born in Kinshasa (DRC) in 1980. Lives and works in Paris and Kinshasa.

Graduated from the Kinshasa Académie des Beaux-arts in 2007.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019: *Bisengo*, galerie MAGNIN-A, Paris, France

2015: *JP Mika !* Angalia & Texaf-Bilembo, Espace Texaf-Bilembo, Kinshasa, DRC

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020: *Alpha Crucis*, Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art, Oslo, Norway

2019: *Congo Stars*, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Germany

2019: *Congo Paintings*, musée des arts d'Afrique et d'Asie, Vichy, France

2019: *Congo Stars*, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Germany

2018: *Congo Paintings*, Musée africain de Namur, Namur, Belgium

2018: *Congo Stars*, Kunsthaus Graz, Austria

2018: *African Passions*, Cadaval Palace, Evora, Portugal

2017: *Malick Sidibé, Mali Twist*, Fondation Cartier, Paris, France

2016: 1,242 South-East Gallery, gallery opening exhibition, Africa Bomoko, Mauritius

2015: *Folk Art Africain ?*, FRAC Aquitaine, Bordeaux, France

2015: *Beauté Congo - Congo Kitoko*, Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France

2014-15: *Congo Eye Na Nantes*, Angalia and Casa Africa Nantes, Voyageurs du Monde, Nantes, France

2014: *Artistes populaires*, Le Monde des Flamboyants, Kinshasa, DRC

2013: *Kin-Babi*, galerie Cécile Fakhoury, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

2013: *J-P Mika, Moke Fils et Alfi Alfa*, GAC, Lubumbashi, DRC

2013: *Réalismes de la vie moderne tragico-comique chachacha*, GAC Fondation Rachel Forrest, Katanga, DRC

2013: *Kin Na Madrid*, Edith Mbella Gallery, Madrid, Spain

2012: *JP Mika, Chéri Chérin, Freddy Mutombo & Francis Mampuya*, Out of Africa Gallery, Benasque, Spain

2011: *Kin Moto Na Anvers*, Antwerp, Belgium

2010: Group exhibition, UNMACC for International Mine Awareness Day, hôtel Memling, Kinshasa, DRC

2010: Group exhibition, Symphonie des arts, DRC's 50th anniversary of independence, Kinshasa, DRC

2010: *5<sup>TH</sup> Tshangu Sociocultural Festival*, Kinshasa, DRC

2010: *AFRICA Time*, New York, US

2009: *JP Mika, Chéri Samba, Chéri Chérin, Rhode Makoumbu, & Tonton Kabeya*, Kalao Gallery, Bilbao, Spain

2009: *3<sup>RD</sup> Tshangu Sociocultural Festival*, Kinshasa, DRC

2009: *Salon d'art contemporain africain*, Espace Pierre Cardin, Paris, France

2009: Galerie Artitude, Paris, France

2009: Group exhibition, 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DRC's independence, Kinshasa, DRC

2008: *¿Como está africa?*, Bilbao, Spain

## ART FAIRS

2021: 1:54 ARTFAIR, Christie's, Paris, France

2020: The Armory Show, New York, US

2020: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Marrakech, Morocco

- 2019: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2019: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Marrakech, Morocco 2018
- 2019: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, New York, US
- 2018: AKA, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2017: 1:54, Contemporary African Art Fair, New York, US
- 2017: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2017: AKA, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2017: Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2016: AKA, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2016: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2016: 1:54, Contemporary African Art Fair, New York, US
- 2016: Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2015: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2015: 1:54, Contemporary African Art Fair, New York, US
- 2015: Art Genève, Switzerland
- 2014: FIAC OFFICIELLE, Les Docks, Cité de la mode et du Design, Paris, France
- 2014: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2013: Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Bisengo*, exhibition catalogue, Magnin-A, 2019
- *La peinture populaire en héritage. Hommage de JP Mika aux Bula Matari*, Chantal Tombu, Ed. Weyrich, 2019
- *Congo Paintings*, exhibition catalogue, Musée des Arts d'Afrique et d'Asie, 2019
- *Congo Stars*, exhibition catalogue, Walther König, 2018
- *Lumières africaines - L'élan contemporain*, A. Magnin and M. Qotbi, Langages du Sud, 2017
- *Beauté Congo - Congo Kitoko*, exhibition catalogue, Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France, 2015
- *JP Mika !*, exhibition catalogue, Texaf-Bilembo/Angalia, 2015

## PRESS

- "[JP Mika is a Congolese artist in full bloom](#)", Riason Naidoo, Mail & Guardian, 5 Feb 2020
- "[JP Mika, l'artiste congolais qui monte](#)", Sylvie Rantrua, Le Point Afrique, 10 Sept 2019
- "[La joie radieuse du peintre congolais JP Mika](#)", Siegfried Forster, RFI, Sept 2019
- Cover of *Beaux Arts Magazine* issue 381, "*La folie des artistes africains*", March 2016
- Cover of *Artension* magazine, issue 133, "*Sa Majesté l'art congolais*," Sept-Oct 2015
- "Mika : l'étoile montante de la peinture Populaire", R. Azimi for Le Monde, 27 August 2015
- "[JP Mika, the painter documenting Kinshasa street style](#)", Claude Grunitzky, 7 Sept 2015
- "RDC : Jean-Paul Mika, un dessinateur de talent", *KongoTimes!*, 28 Feb 2015

## VIDEOS

- [L'artiste congolais JP Mika en "Un mot, un geste, un silence"](#), RFI, December. 2020
- [Interview with JP Mika - "Alpha Crucis - Contemporary African Art"](#), Astrup Fearnley Museet, August 2020
- [Le monde fleurissant de JP Mika](#), CulturePrime, RFI, October 2019
- [Les peintures de JP MIKA](#), Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, December 2017

- [Entretien JP Mika - Exposition Malick Sidibé, Mali Twist](#), Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, November 2017
- [Beauté Congo - Entretien avec JP Mika](#), Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, July 2015
- [Beauté Congo - Entretien avec JP Mika](#), Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, June 2015
- [Entretien avec JP Mika à Kinshasa](#), galerie Angalia, March 2015