

Kura Shomali

Born in 1979 in Kananga (DRC). Lives and works in Kinshasa.

Graduated from the Kinshasa Académie des Beaux-arts in 2004.

Graduated from Strasbourg École supérieure des arts décoratifs in 2008.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019: *Songi songi na Kinshasa*, Angalia et Texaf-Bilembo, Espace Texaf-Bilembo, Kinshasa, DRC

2012: *Kura Shomali - Cassius Clay Ali Boom Boom Ye*, Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021: *Papiers de société - Kura Shomali, Raymond Tsham & Steve Bandoma*, Espace Texaf-Bilembo, Kinshasa, DRC

2020: *Figures de pouvoir*, galerie MAGNIN-A, Paris, France

2019: *Na Kinshasa Eza Possible*, Galerie MAGNIN-A, Paris 2017

2017: *Histoires congolaises*, bibliothèque Robert-Desnos, Montreuil, France

2016: *What about Africa ?*, Witteveen Visual Art Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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

2013: *The power of paper*, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK

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

2011: Riad Al Maaden, Magnin-A, Marrakech, Morocco

2011: *African Stories*, Magnin-A, Ancienne Banque du Maroc, Marrakech, Morocco

2011: *JapanCongo*, Carsten Höller's dual perspective on the Jean Pigozzi collection, Le Magasin, Grenoble, France

2011: Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscow, Russia

2011: Group Show with Chéri Samba, Billie Zangewa..., Galerie Hussenot & Magnin-A, Paris, France

2010: *African Stories*, Ancienne Banque du Maroc, Marrakech, Morocco

2010: *Emerging Art from Kinshasa*, with Pierre Bodo, Amani Bodo..., Jack Bell Gallery, London, UK

2010: *Congo - Regards croisés sur les paysages urbains*, Centre culturel français, Kinshasa, DRC

2009: *1,2,3 BAMAKO*, Centre culturel français, Kinshasa, DRC

2008: *Biso Nyoso*, with the Eza Possibles Collective, as part of the 25th anniversary of the Festival de francophonies, Limousin, France

2007: *Congo en marche*, as part of YAMBI !, Le Botanique, Brussels, Belgium

2007: *Urban Scénos Kinshasa 2007* residency, ScU2 & Eza Possibles, Kinshasa, DRC

ART FAIRS

2019: AKA, Contemporary African art fair, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France

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2017: Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France

2017: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK

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: Drawing Now, Salon du dessin, Paris, France
- 2014: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2014: FIAC OFFICIELLE, Les Docks, Cité de la mode et du Design, Paris, France
- 2014: Drawing Now, Salon du dessin, Paris, France
- 2014: Art Genève, Switzerland
- 2013: 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, UK
- 2013: Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France

PUBLICATIONS

- *Papiers de société - Kura Shomali, Raymond Tsham & Steve Bandoma*, exhibition catalogue, Weyrich édition, 2020
- *Songi songi na Kinshasa*, exhibition catalogue, Angalia & Texaf-Bilembo, 2019
- *Beauté Congo - Congo Kitoko*, exhibition catalogue, Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France, 2015
- *African Stories*, exhibition catalogue, André Magnin, 2011
- *Kura Shomali, plasticien, Les carnets de la création*, éditions de l'Œil, Montreuil, 2007
- *Les arts du Congo, d'hier à nos jours*, Roger-Pierre Turine, éd. La Renaissance du Livre, 2007

PRESS

- [La juxtaposition des sens chez Kura Shomali](#), Jean Kamba, The Art Momentum, December 2018
- *Kura Shomali - le fils à maman*, Roxana Azimi, Le Monde, August 2015
- [L'artiste congolais Kura Shomali : "Il vaut mieux écouter ton perroquet"](#), Siegfried Forster, RFI, December 2015
- [In Conversation with Kura Shomali](#), Katherine Finerty, Studio Museum Harlem, 2012

VIDEO INTERVIEWS

- [BAZALISI / Mots, expressions, questions et gestes qui fondent la Biennale / Kura Shomali](#), YANGO/biennale de Kinshasa, Facebook Watch, 8 March 2021
- [Beauté Congo - Entretien avec Kura Shomali](#), Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, 21 July 2015