

## EPHREM SOLOMON

b. 1983, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Lives and works in Addis Ababa

## EDUCATION

2007- Graphics Art, Entoto TVET College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
2009

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Recycle*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
2018 *Silence*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK  
2016 *LIFE VS TIME*, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London, UK  
2014 *Untitled Life*, Tiwani Contemporary, London, UK  
2012 *Le Rustique Exhibition*, Nairobi, Kenya

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Facing The Sun*, Schloss Goerne, Germany  
2020 *Untitled San Francisco*, Berlin and London  
2019 *Kubatana*, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium, Norway  
*Free Radicals*, CBZ Zuidoost, Amsterdam  
2018 *1:54 Contemporary Art Fair*, London  
*In Between*, Guzo Arts Projects, London  
*Contemporary Ethiopian Art*, Yarrow Gallery, Cambridgeshire, UK  
2017 *NGV triennial*, National Gallery of Victoria Melbourne, Australia  
*VOLTA 13*, Basel  
*A Painting Today*, Stevenson, Cape Town  
2016 *What about Africa?*, Witteveen Visual Art Centre, Amsterdam  
2015 *Guess Who is Coming for Dinner?*, Richard Taittinger Gallery, New York  
*Nine Artists*, Stevenson Gallery, Cape Town  
*Art 15*, Circle Art Agency, London  
*Concerning the Internal*, Circle Art Gallery, Nairobi  
*Cape Town Art Fair*, Circle Art Agency, Cape Town  
*Pangaea: New Art From Africa And Latin America II*, Saatchi Gallery, London  
2014 *Art of Ethiopia*, Sheraton Hotel, Addis Ababa  
*Modern and Contemporary East African Art Auction*, Circle Art Agency, Nairobi  
*In and Out Life Stories*, GraceFruit, Alliance Francaise, Dar es Salaam  
*Pop Up: East African Encounters*, Circle Art Agency, Nairobi  
*PAPER*, Circle Art Agency, Nairobi  
*1.2.3.4.5 Years Best Graduation Art Works*, National Museum of Ethiopia Art Gallery, Addis Ababa  
2013 *Modern and Contemporary East African Art – Auction*, Circle Art Agency, Nairobi  
*6th Edition - East Africa Art Biennale*, Dar es Salaam  
*Art of Ethiopia*, Sheraton Hotel, Addis Ababa  
*African Aesthetics*, Addis Ababa University Institute of Ethiopian Studies Museum, Addis Ababa

- Contemporary African Art and its Caricature*, Ichono Yakata Gallery, Yokohama City University, Yokohama
- Chewata, The Game of Life*, Italian Culture Institute, Addis Ababa
- 2012 *Group Exhibition*, Swahili Beach Art Gallery, Mombasa
- Sanaa Ya Makaratasi African Paper Art-Process*, Substance and Environment/Nairobi National Museum, Nairobi
- 2011 *Group Exhibition*, Diani Beach Art Gallery, Mombasa
- Group Exhibition*, NETSA Art Village, Addis Ababa
- Group Exhibition*, Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre (DUCTAC), Dubai *11th Wasanii International Artists' Workshop*, Elsamere Conservation Centre, C/O Kuona Art Trust, Naivasha
- Group Exhibition*, Fana Wogi Modern Art Museum/Gebre Kirstos Desta Center, Addis Ababa University
- 2010 *2nd International Biennial of Painters and Sculptors*, Croatia
- 2009 *Group Exhibition*, Entoto TVET College, Addis Ababa
- 2006 *Contemporary Art Works*, Nairobi Goethe-institut/Alliance Française, Nairobi
- 2004 *Group Exhibition*, Addis Ababa City Hall, Addis Ababa
- 2002 *Group Exhibition*, Russian Center for Science & Culture, Addis Ababa

## RESIDENCIES

- 2019 *CBZ Zuidoost*, Amsterdam, Netherland
- 2014 *Nafasi Art Space*, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 2013 *Nafasi Art Space*, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 2012 *Sanaa Ya Makaratasi African Paper Art-Process*, Substance and Environment
- 2011 *Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre (DUCTAC) Residency*, Dubai
- 11th Wasanii International Artists' Workshop*, Elsamere Conservation Centre C/O Kuona Art Trust, Nairobi
- Fana Wogi Modern Art Museum/Gebre Kirstos Desta Center Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Nairobi
- 2010 *2nd International Biennial of Painters and Sculptors*, Croatia
- 2007 *Best 21 Century Art in Kenya*, Nairobi Goethe-Institute/Alliance Française, National Museum, Nairobi

## AWARDS

- 2011 *Four Freedoms Art Competition*, American Embassy, Addis Ababa
- 2007 *Fine-Art Promotion Competition*, Entoto TVET College, Addis Ababa

## SELECTED PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 'Pangaea II: New Art from Africa and Latin America at the Saatchi Gallery, review: 'Two continents that deserve better', The Independent (London), March 2015
- 2014 British Airways High Life Magazine - East African Art Feature, August 2014, Issue and Website
- <http://highlife.ba.com/Culture/East-African-artists-art-scene.html>
- <http://highlife.ba.com/Culture/Four-East-African-artists-to-buy.html> 'Ethiopia's Ephrem Solomon on art and politics'
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-26358454>

- 2013 *Modern and Contemporary East African Art – Auction* (Kenya), November  
*East Africa Art Biennale 2013 6th Edition*, Tanzania, November  
'Chairs, slippers and contemporary Ethiopia: the work of Ephrem Solomon', *The Guardian* (London), September 2013  
'Ethiopian Art – Ephrem Solomon Tegegn', *HipHopKambi*, March
- 2011 'Meeting Point', *Mediastow*, Dubai, October  
'Ductac's artists-in-residence to exhibit their work', *The National Newspaper*, Dubai, October

## COLLECTIONS

The Studio Museum in Harlem  
Royal Ontario Museum  
Saatchi Collection  
Beth Rudin Dewoody Collection  
Easton Capital/John Friedman Collection  
Cuperior Collection/ Oliver Elst  
Rift Collection  
Ledge Collection  
Start/ Tiroche Deleon Collection  
Newark Museum  
The National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.