

EPHREM SOLOMON

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

EDUCATION

2007- Graphics Art, Entoto TVET College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2009
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 *NGVtriennial*, 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
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- 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-artscene.html> <http://highlife.ba.com/Culture/Four-East-African-artists-tobuy.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

Cleveland Clinic
The Studio Museum in Harlem
Royal Ontario Museum
Saatchi Collection
The Bunker Artspace Museum
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