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## PORTIA ZVAVAHERA

Born 1985 in Harare, Zimbabwe; lives in Harare

### EDUCATION

2006

Diploma in Fine Art, Harare Polytechnic College, Zimbabwe

2004

Certificate in Art, BAT Visual Art Studios, National Gallery of Zimbabwe (now National Gallery School of Visual Art and Design), Harare

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025

*Portia Zvavahera*, Fridericianum, Kassel, Germany  
*Hidden Battles/Hondo dzakavanzika*, ICA Boston, Massachusetts, USA

2024

*Zvakazarurwa*, Kettle's Yard, University of Cambridge, and Fruitmarket, Edinburgh  
*Imba Yerumbidzo*, Open Space #15, Fondation Louis Vuitton, France

2023

*Pane rima rakakomba*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2021

*Ndakaoneswa murima*, David Zwirner, New York, USA

2020

*Walk of Life*, Institute of Contemporary Art Indian Ocean, Port Louis, Mauritius  
*Ndichasvika rinh ndionekwe*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Ndakavata pasi ndikamutswa nekuti anonditsigira*, David Zwirner, London, UK

2019

*Portia Zvavahera and Gustav Klimt: A Dialogue*, De 11 Lijnen, Oudenburg, Belgium [two-person exhibition]  
*Talitha Cumi*, Stevenson, Johannesburg, South Africa

2017

*Take Me Deeper*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

*I'm with You*, Marc Foxx Gallery, Los Angeles, USA

2016

*What I See Beyond Feeling*, Stevenson, Johannesburg, South Africa

2015

*I Can Feel It in My Eyes*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2014

*Wayfinding*, Stevenson, Johannesburg, South Africa

*Mavambo Erwendo*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2012

*Duo: Virginia Chihota and Portia Zvavahera*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe [two-person exhibition]

2010

*Under My Skin*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025

*Magical Women*, Draiflessen Collection, Mettingen, Germany

*Good Mom/Bad Mom*, Centraal Museum Utrecht, The Netherlands

2024

*When Works Meet*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

*Forbidden Territories: 100 Years of Surreal Landscapes*, Hepworth Wakefield, UK,

*David Zwirner: 30 Years*, David Zwirner, Los Angeles, USA

*Mirror of the Mind: Figuration in the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*, El Espacio 23, Miami, USA

*My Last Will*, Casino Luxembourg – Forum d'art contemporain, Germany

*Revered and Feared. Feminine Power in Art and Belief*, CaixaForum Madrid and Barcelona

2023

*My Last Will*, Kunstsammlung Chemnitz, Germany

*Making Their Mark*, Shah Garg Foundation, New York

*Brave New World: 16 Painters for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Museum de Fundatie, Zwolle, the Netherlands

*If You Look Hard Enough, You Can See Our Future: Contemporary South African Art from the Nando's Art Collection*, African Art Museum, Dallas, Texas, USA

*The Artist List*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2022

*The Milk of Dreams*, 59<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale, Italy

*Where do I begin*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

*Vessels*, David Zwirner, London, UK

*I See You*, Tiwani Contemporary, Lagos, Nigeria

2021

*The Power of My Hands*, Musée d'Art Moderne, Paris, France

*my whole body changed into something else*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2020

*Allied with Power: African and African Diaspora Art from the Jorge M Pérez Collection*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, USA

*Psychic Wounds: On Art & Trauma*, The Warehouse, Dallas, USA

*Witness: Afro Perspectives from the Jorge M Pérez Collection*, El Espacio 23, Miami, USA  
*This Corrosion*, Modern Art, Helmet Row, London, UK

2019

*Future Genealogies: Stories from the Equatorial Line*, 6<sup>th</sup> Lubumbashi Biennale, Democratic Republic of Congo  
*Moshekwa Langa, Viviane Sassen, and Portia Zvavahera*, Andrew Kreps Gallery, New York, USA  
*Crossing Boundaries*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*State Your Intentions: New Works in the WAM Collection*, Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

2018

*We don't need another hero*, 10th Berlin Biennale, Germany  
*Five Bhabh – Painting at the End of an Era*, Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Hacer Noche/Crossing Night*, Centro Cultural Santo Domingo, Oaxaca, Mexico  
*The Fabric of Felicity*, Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, Moscow, Russia  
*The Assassination of Leon Trotsky*, David Lewis Gallery, New York, USA  
*9 More Weeks*, Stevenson, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Talisman in the Age of Difference*, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK  
*Both, and*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa

2017

*The Contested Body*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota, USA  
*A Painting Today*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Identity*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2016

*Body Luggage: Migration of Gestures*, Steirischer Herbst Festival, Graz, Austria  
*I Love You Sugar Kane*, Institute of Contemporary Art Indian Ocean, Port Louis, Mauritius  
*The Quiet Violence of Dreams*, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Exchange*, Galerie Hans Mayer, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Gallery Delta Benefit/Collector's Exhibition*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*What About Us?*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2015

*African Odysseys*, Le Brass, Brussels, Belgium  
*Liberated Subjects: Present Tense*, De 11 Lijnen, Oudenburg, Belgium

2014

*Shifting Africa: What the Future Holds*, Mediations Biennale, Kunsthalle Faust, Hannover, Germany  
*Dudziro: Interrogating the Visions of Religious Beliefs*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare  
*Faces of Mankind*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Flashback*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2013

*Dudziro: Interrogating the Visions of Religious Beliefs*, Zimbabwean Pavilion, 55th Venice Biennale, Italy  
*Variations*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*You and I*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2012

*Idea of Self*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare  
*Duo*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*The Annual Summer Exhibition 2012*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2011

*Zviro zviyedzwa*, Dzimbanhete Arts Interactions, Harare  
*Beyond Borders*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare  
*Landscape*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*International Women's Day*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare  
*Hope and Despair*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare  
*Three Thoughts: Helen Lieros, Virginia Chihota and Portia Zvavahera*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Art Zimbabwe Today*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Colour Africa 2011*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*The Landscape in All Seasons*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Past and Present*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Small works*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Still Life/Objects*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2010

*Another Perspective*, Gallery 23, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
*35 Years*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*The Annual Summer Exhibition 2010*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Live and Direct*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare  
*Small Works 2010*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2009

*Ubuntu*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare  
*Strength*, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo  
*Unity*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Expressions of Zimbabwe*, University of Avignon, France  
*Tri-Lingual*, Greatmore Studios, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Structures*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*The Annual Summer Exhibition 2009*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*34 Years Plus – The Gallery Delta Benefit Exhibition*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2008

*Drawings and Graphics*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Enriching Women*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe  
*Post Election Selection*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2007

*Peace Through Unity in Diversity*, Gallery Delta, Harare, Zimbabwe

2006

*Persistence*, National Art Gallery of Zimbabwe, Mutare

## AWARDS

2014

FNB Art Prize, Joburg Art Fair, South Africa

2013

Tollman Award for the Visual Arts, South Africa

## RESIDENCIES

2022

Guest Artists Space (GAS), Lagos, Nigeria

2019

Lubumbashi Biennale artist residency, DR Congo

2018

1 Shanthi Road Studio Gallery, Bangalore, India

2017

Gasworks, London, England

2012

*History/Matters*, Centre for Contemporary Art (CCA), Lagos, Nigeria

2009

Greatmore Studios, Cape Town, South Africa

2008

National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare

Dzimbanhete Arts Interactions, Harare, Zimbabwe

#### SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Johannesburg Art Gallery, South Africa

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota

National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)

Tate, London

University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis