

## KUDZANAI-VIOLET HWAMI

Born in 1993 in Gutu, Zimbabwe  
Lives and works in London, UK

### Education

- 2021 Master of Fine Arts, Ruskin School of Art, Oxford University, Oxford, UK
- 2016 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Concentration in Painting, Wimbledon College of Arts, London, UK
- 2013 BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design, North Manchester College, Manchester, UK

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Kudzanaï-Violet Hwami*, Kunsthau Pasquart, Biel, Switzerland
- 2021 *When You Need Letters for Your Skin*, Victoria Miro, London, UK
- 2019 *Kudzanaï-Violet Hwami*, Gasworks, London, UK
- 2017 *If You Keep Going South You'll Meet Yourself*, Tyburn Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 *We Made You Nations & Tribes*, Corn Exchange, Manchester, UK

### Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *The Milk of Dreams*, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy
- 2021 *Ubuntu a Lucid Dream*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France (2021-2022)  
*Mixing it Up: Painting in the UK*, Hayward Gallery, London, UK  
*sonsbeek20->24 Force Times Distance / On Labour and its Sonic Ecologies*, Sonsbeek, Arnhem, Netherlands  
*neuf-3: a public art project in Saint-Denis*, Saint-Denis, Paris, France  
*Citizens of Memory*, The Perimeter, London, UK  
*The Power of My Hands*, Musée d'Art Moderne in Paris, Paris, France
- 2020 *I SEE YOU*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*Allied with Power: African and African Diaspora Art from the Jorge M. Pérez Collection*, Perez Art Museum Miami - PAMM, Miami, Florida, USA (2020 - 2022)
- 2019 *I've Grown Roses in this Garden of Mine*, Goodman Gallery, London, UK  
Zimbabwean Pavilion, 58<sup>th</sup> Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

- 2018 *Les Ateliers de Rennes - Biennale d'Art Contemporain*, Rennes, France  
*Five Bhobh – Painting at the End of an Era*, Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Vos désirs sont les nôtres*, Triangle France, Marseille, France  
*Talisman in the Age of Difference*, curated by Yinka Shonibare MBE, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK  
*Ladies by Ladies*, Espace Art Absolument, Paris, France  
*Afriques: artistes d'hier et d'aujourd'hui* (organised in collaboration with Musée Dapper, Paris), Fondation Clément, Martinique
- 2017 *Discoloured Margins*, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2016 *RSA Open Exhibition*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK  
*Black Blossoms Exhibition*, UAL showroom, High Holborn, London, UK  
*Undergraduate Summer Show*, Wimbledon College of Art, London, UK  
*Find The Start*, Copeland Gallery, London, UK  
*It's a Pleasure*, curated by Jacob Seddon, Greyhound Lane, London, UK
- 2015 *Black History Festival*, Union Gallery, Chelsea College of Arts, UK  
*Drive-Thru*, ArtsLav, London, UK
- 2014 *ganda'Nga: weeping clay pot / Guest Project Africa Exhibition*, Shonibare Studios, London, UK
- 2013 *Visual Arts & Music Festival / NQ Pop-Up*, Shudehill Studios, Manchester, UK  
*The Art of Football*, The National Football Museum, Manchester, UK

## Selected Press

- 2021 Hessel, Katy, *Paint The Town*, Vogue, UK, Print, February 2021  
Sutton, Benjamin, *8 Artists Who Had Breakout Moments at March Auctions*, [Artsy](#), Online, 5 April 2021  
Luke, Ben, *Painting in Britain: Meet the artists giving a new lease of life to this enduringly popular art form*, [Evening Standard](#), Online, UK, 1 September 2021  
Lloyd-Smith, Harriet, *Art exhibitions in London and around the UK this weekend*, *Wallpaper\**, UK, Online, 9 September 2021  
Claire Wrathall, *Art Beat*, The Sunday Times | Style, UK, Print, 10 October 2021  
Burlington, Gwen, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami When You Need Letters for Your Skin*, *ArtReview*, Print (November 2021)
- 2020 Armah, Adjoa, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami: '(15,952km) via Trans-Sahara Hwy N1'*, [Afterall](#), Online, 13 May 2020  
Caddell, Jillian, *The Apollo 40 Under 40 Africa in focus: Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [Apollo Magazine](#), Online, 28

September 2020

Abrams, Amah-Rose, Abrams, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami's modern-pop portraits frame gender, sexuality and race*, [Wallpaper\\*](#), 10 December 2020

*Kudzanai-Violet Hwami creates limited-edition cover for Wallpaper's January 2021 issue*, [Wallpaper\\*](#), 10 December 2020

Kamp, Justin, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami has joined Victoria Miro's artist roster*, [Artsy](#), 10 December 2020

Westall, Mark, *Victoria Miro has announced the representation of Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [Fad Magazine](#), 9 December 2020

2019 Russeth, Andrew, *Zimbabwe Taps Four for 2019 Venice Biennale Pavilion*, [artnews.com](#), 19 February 2019  
*Zimbabwe Pavilion Announced Participating Artists and Title*, [contemporaryand.com](#), 21 February 2019

2018 Obuobi, Sharon, *Episode 19: Kudzanai-Violet Hwami, IN STUDIO with Sharon*, [instudiowithso.com](#), 15 October 2018  
*The insider's guide to Contemporary African art*, [christies.com](#), 15 February 2018  
*Distance is Rate and Time; Nostalgia in the Works of Kudzanai Violet Hwami*, [nationalgalleryofzimbabwe.com](#), 6 February 2018

2017 Meale, Cressida, *No Shrinking Violet*, *Twin Magazine*, October 2017, pp. 119-124.  
Lowe, Rhiannon, *If You Keep Going South You'll Meet Yourself*, *CCQ Magazine*, Issue 13, October 2017, pp. 44-51.  
*Kudzanai-Violet Hwami's colourful canvases explore her African upbringing*, *Harper's Bazaar*, October 2017, p. 186.  
Roberts, Sarah, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami's paintings are a celebration of Afro-punk and the LGBTQ+ community*, [hero-magazine.com](#), 6 October 2017  
Forbes, Alexander and Gottschalk, Molly, *10 Artists to Watch at Frieze London, 1:54, and Sunday*, [artsy.net](#), 06 October 2017  
Black, Holly, *Five Unmissable Artists from London's African Art Fair*, [anothermag.com](#), 5 October 2017  
*Focus on Africa*, *BBC News*, 5 October 2017  
Smith, Andy, *The Vibrant, Wide-Reaching Paintings of Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [hifruuctose.com](#), 13 September 2017  
Jason, Stefanie, *6 Artwork Highlights from Joburg Art Fair 2017*, [10and5.com](#), 11 September 2017  
Gvero, Verna, *At 1:54, a young(er) generation of artists take spotlight*, [happening.media](#), 4 October 2017  
*The London shows to see this autumn*, [happening.media](#), 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Donoghue, Katy, *Touria El Glaoui on 1:54 Turning Fice and Expanding to Marrakech*, [whitewall.art](#), 4 October 2017  
Thompson, Jessie, *London art gallery guide: Kudzanai-Violet Hwami at Tyburn Gallery*, [standard.co.uk](#), 13 October 2017  
*Artist to watch at 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair*, [elephant.art](#), 7 October 2017  
*When in London... October brings Frieze, 1:54, and more*, [contemporaryand.com](#), 1 October 2017

2016 Kudzanai-Violet Hwami, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [queercircle.com](#), November 2016  
*Artist Interview: Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [cassart.co.uk](#), 3 June 2016  
*Winner of Cass Art Materials Grant – Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [madeinartslondon.wordpress.com](#), 8 April 2016

Zinyemba, Tariro, *Fungisai scoops Ziwa Award*, hmetro.co.zw, 31 October 2016

## Awards

- 2018 Nominee: Young Achiever of the Year, Zimbabwean International Women's Awards  
2016 Winner: Young Achiever of the Year, Zimbabwean International Women's Awards  
Cass Art Materials Grant  
Winner: Clyde & Co Award  
Shortlisted: Bloomberg New Contemporaries

## Public Collections

Fondation Blachère, Apt, France  
Perez Art Museum, Miami, USA  
Kadist Foundation, Paris, France  
Norval Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa  
Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa