

Jabulani Dhlamini



Biography

Jabulani Dhlamini (b. 1983, Free State, South Africa) lives and works in Johannesburg. Dhlamini majored in documentary photography at the Vaal University of Technology, graduating in 2010. From 2011-2012, Dhlamini was a fellow of the Edward Ruiz Mentorship and completed a year-long residency at the Market Photo Workshop in Johannesburg. Dhlamini's work focuses on his upbringing, as well as the way he views contemporary South Africa.

Dhlamini's *Umama* series was exhibited as part of his Edward Ruiz award at the Market Photo Workshop in 2012, and at Goodman Gallery Cape Town in 2013 – his first solo exhibition with the gallery. In *Umama*, Dhlamini pays homage to single mothers and explores the challenges faced by women raising children on their own in South African townships. For his *Recaptured* series, which was exhibited at Goodman Gallery in 2016, Dhlamini turned to the community of Sharpeville, asking people to bring objects that reminded them of the 1960 massacre. Over the course of several years Dhlamini interviewed and photographed a number of individuals who traced their movements and emotions on the day of the Sharpeville Massacre, relocating themselves within the collective memory.

In 2018 Dhlamini's work was featured on the *Five Photographers, A Tribute to David Goldblatt* group exhibition at the Gerard Sekoto Gallery at the French Institute. In his most recent exhibition at Goodman Gallery, *iXesha!*, Dhlamini explored how memory is created and archived within a community where the memory has been localised. This exhibition included images from Dhlamini's recent series *iQhawekazi* documenting the events around Winnie Mandela's funeral.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 *Isisekelo*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2018 *Ixesha!*, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 *iQhawekazi*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2016 *Recaptured*, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 *uMama*, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2012 *uMama*, Market Photo Workshop Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

Group Exhibitions

*2018*_Five Photographers. A tribute to David Goldblatt_, Gerard Sekoto Gallery, French Institute of South Africa and the Alliance Française of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa

Goodman Gallery

*2016*_New Revolutions: Goodman Gallery at 50_ , Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

*2010*_Bonani Africa Photographic Festival, Cape Town, South Africa

*2008*_Cape Town Months of Photography Festival, Cape Town, South Africa

Awards and Merits

*2011*_Edward Ruiz Mentorship

*2011*_Ernest Cole Award, Honorable Mention

*2010*_Bonani Africa, Honorable Mention

*2010*_Photo Imaging Education Association, Honorable Mention

*2009*_Fujifilm Southern Africa Photographic Awards

Academic Record and Residencies

2007 – 2011*Vaal University of Technology, Vereeniging, South Africa*

*2018*_*Artist in Residence, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town*

2018*Artist in Residence, Cité des Arts, La Réunion, Réunion Island*