

MAGNIN-A

Steve Bandoma

Born in 1981 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Lives and works in Kinshasa

Steve Bandoma graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts of Kinshasa in 2004. During his studies, he became part of the artist collective "Librisme Synergie". He uses several medium and techniques such as performance, photography, painting but also collage. He produces his collages with images from magazines that he reuses giving them a modern meaning and, as he says, "A new life". The mix of techniques brings a dynamic into his artworks; an aesthetic inspired by the bustle of Kinshasa and reflects a new African society in constant evolution. With the combination of drawing, color splashes and collage, Bandoma composes an incredible aesthetic of explosion, or rather of implosion, chaos and humor, often on the background of political distress. Faces, limbs, animated figurines, fetishes assemble to give life to what seems to be a disjointed and deconstructed composition that is actually well thought-through and carefully composed. His work is assembled into series according to the comment they make about politics, culture or the news. In 2005 he moved to Cape Town, South Africa, where his career started taking off. In 2009 he did an artist residency at the Cité Internationale des Arts in Paris; in 2011 he exhibited at Art Basel and in London before going back to Kinshasa in 2012, where he exhibits at the Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles and the Institut Français. In 2018-2019, he did an artist residence and exhibited at the Grassi Museum für Volkerkunde zu Leipzig.

SOLO SHOWS

2017 - Steve Bandoma. Possession, Tetaf-Bilembo Space, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (curators: Chantal Tombu, Christine Decelle)
2013 - Mutatis Mutandis, (CCF) Centre Culturel Français de Kinshasa
2012 - Jack Bell Gallery, Londres
2012 - L'heure des shocs, Wallonie Bruxelles International de Kinshasa
2011 - (CCF) Centre Culturel Français, Pointe-Noire, au Congo Brazzaville
2009 - Féminisme, Cité Internationale des Arts de Paris
2009 - AVA Galerie, Cape town
2008 - Contempocalypse Alliance Française du Cape town

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020

Power Figures, MAGNIN-A gallery, Paris, France

2020 - Ex-Africa, Quai Branly -Jacques Chirac Museum, Paris, France (Curated by Philippe Dagen)

2019-2020

Fiction Congo, Museum Rietberg, Zurich, Switzerland (curators: Michaela Oberhofer, Nanina Guyer)

2019 - Na Kinshasa Eza Possible, Galerie MAGNIN-A, Paris, France
2019 - Megalopolis - Stimmen aus Kinshasa, Grassi Museum für Volkerkunde zu Leipzig, Germany (curators: Freddy Tsimba, Eddy Ekete)
2018 - African Passions, Palais Cadaval, Evora, Portugal (curators: André Magnin, Philippe Boutté)
2017 - Histoires congolaises, bibliothèque Robert-Desnos, Montreuil, France
2015 - Beauté Congo 1926-2015 Congo Kitoko, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Paris, France (curator: André Magnin)
2015 - Lumières d'Afrique, Théâtre de Chaillot
2015 - Kongo accross the water, New Orleans Museum of Art, USA (curators: Robin Poynor, Hein Vanhee, Susan Cooksey)
2014 - Kongo accross the water, Princeton University Art Museum, New Jersey, USA
2014 - Kongo accross the water, Musée royal de l'Afrique central, Tervuren, Belgique
2013 - Kongo accross the water, Le Musée Samuel P. méfaits, Floride, USA
2013 - Kongo accross the water, à University Press of Florida, USA
2013 - Maendeleo, Centre Wallon d'Art Contemporain, à Chantainairie, Belgique
2013 - Lubumbashi Inakaribisha Kinshasa, Dialogues ASBL, Lubumbashi
2012 - les Fanthomes, Jack cloche Gallery, Londres
2012 - Galerie Blank project, Cape town
2011 - Focus11, art africain contemporain au Salon d'Art Basel, Suisse
2011 - Frech, Everard Read Gallery, Cape town
2011 - Deux mille dix raisons de vivre dans une petite ville, Ghothe on Main, Joburg
2010 - FOCUS10, art africain contemporain au Salon d'Art Basel, Suisse
2010 - Space, Devises dans l'art africain contemporain, Musée de l'Afrique, à Joburg
2008 - Le meilleur de l'artreach, AVA Gallery, Cape town
2008 - Intervention, Unisa Arts Gallery, Pretoria
2008 - Abazobie, Nelson Mandela Museum, Cape town
2007 - Traite des êtres humains, Iziko Slave Lodge National Museum, Cape Town
2007 - Cape Biennale, Blank project, Cape town

2006 - Iziko Musée national de Cape town
2004 - Village artistique , (Édition 1, 2, 3), Kinshasa
2002 - Centre Culturel Boboto, Kinshasa, RDC
2000 - Académie des beaux - arts de Kinshasa en RDC

ART FAIRS

2017 - 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, England
2017 - Art Paris Art Fair, Grand Palais, Paris, France
2016 - Untitled, Miami, USA
2016 - 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, England
2016 - 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, New York, USA
2015 - 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, England
2014 - 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, London, England
2014 - Drawing Now, Carreau du Temple, Paris
2013 - London Art Fair, London
2013 - Art Paris Art Fair, Paris

BOURSES ET SUBVENTIONS

2011 - Bourse Wyss, Ecole Cantonale d'Art du Valais, Suisse
2011 - Deux mille dix raisons de vivre dans une petite ville (Visual Arts Network Afrique du Sud) Joburg
2011 - Institut Français (IF) Pointe-Noire, Congo Brazzaville
2009 - "Visas pour la Création" Afrique et Caraïbes en créations, Culturesfrance. Paris
2009 - Prohelvetia, bourse Suisse pour la culture, Zurich
2009 - "Art Buzz Collection " prix mention honorable, USA
2008 - Greatmore Studio, Cape town
2008 - Le meilleur de artreach, AVA Gallery, Cape town
2008 - Design Indaba Expo, "le plus créatifs stand award" (groupe) Cape town
2007 - Lauréat du Concours Table Mountain (groupe) Cape town

RÉSIDENCES

2012 - "Mutatis mutandis", Institut Français, Kinshasa
2011 - Fondation Nirox, avec Geoffrey Hendricks et Lorenzo Fusi, Joburg
2011 - Institut Français de Pointe-noire, Congo Brazzaville
2009 - Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris
2009 - Main d'oeuvres, Espace de Création et Citoyen, Paris
2009 - Homme Affaires, Infecting the City festival, Africa Centre, Cape town
2009 - F + F École des Arts, Pro Helvetia (Visa suisse pour la culture) Zurich
2008 - Greatmore Studios , Cape town

COLLABORATIONS

2010 - "VIH it happen". avec Geoffrey Hendricks (USA) et Anthea Moys (SA) à l'Université de Wits. Joburg
2011 - "Up and down" avec Maurice M. "deux mille dix raisons de vivre dans une petite ville, (Visual Arts Network Afrique du Sud) Joburg
2009 - "Home-Affaires" les performances du site spécifique avec Athi Patra Ruga... Africa Centre , Cape Town
2008 - "Soft", une oeuvre multimédia et la performance Avec Kay Lossgott, 24Hours Festival (PANSA), Cape town
2004 - Synergie Librisme un collectif de jeunes artistes émergents, le CCF, Kinshasa
2007 - X-Cape festival, Cap 07 Biennale, Cape town

Collections

Collection Farida et Henri Seydoux, Paris, France
C.A.A.C. collection Pigozzi, Genève, Suisse
Fondation Alliances, Casablanca, Maroc