

## 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

- 2023 *Kudzanaï-Violet Hwami: A Making of Ghosts*, Victoria Miro, London, UK
- 2022 *Kudzanaï-Violet Hwami*, Kunsthhaus 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

- 2023 *Dreaming of Home*, Leslie Lohman Museum of Art, New York, USA  
*Tales for a Stranger*, Maruani Mercier Gallery, Bruxelles, Belgium  
*Indigo Waves & Other Stories: Re-navigating the Afrasian Sea and Notions of Diaspora*, Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany
- 2022 *The Milk of Dreams*, La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy  
*When We See Us: A Century of Black Figuration in Painting*, Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Intimacy*, Victoria Miro, London, UK  
*From Near and Far: Collage and Figuration in the Contemporary Age*, Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, UK  
*From Body to Horizon*, LGDR New York, New York, USA  
*Reframed: The Woman in the Window*, Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, UK  
*Prophecy*, Mead Gallery | Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, UK
- 2021 *Ubuntu a Lucid Dream*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France (2021-2022)

# Victoria Miro

- 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

- 2023 Culpan, Daniel, *Critics' Picks, Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, Artforum, Online 8 May 2023
- 2022 McHugh, Camilla, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami Wants The Choice To Reveal Herself – Or Not*, Culture Magazine, UK, Online, 9 August 2022  
Casavecchia, Barbara, *Four Young Artists on Workshopping Art for the Biennale*, Frieze, UK, Online, 6 April 2022  
Laster, Paul, *8 Must See Works on View at Paris+ par Art Basel*, Galerie, USA, Online, 21 October 2022
- 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](http://hero-magazine.com), 6 October 2017  
Forbes, Alexander and Gottschalk, Molly, *10 Artists to Watch at Frieze London, 1:54, and Sunday*, [artsy.net](http://artsy.net), 06 October 2017  
Black, Holly, *Five Unmissable Artists from London's African Art Fair*, [anothermag.com](http://anothermag.com), 5 October 2017  
*Focus on Africa*, BBC News, 5 October 2017  
Smith, Andy, *The Vibrant, Wide-Reaching Paintings of Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [hifructose.com](http://hifructose.com), 13 September 2017  
Jason, Stefanie, *6 Artwork Highlights from Joburg Art Fair 2017*, [10and5.com](http://10and5.com), 11 September 2017  
Gvero, Verna, *At 1:54, a young(er) generation of artists take spotlight*, [happening.media](http://happening.media), 4 October 2017  
*The London shows to see this autumn*, [happening.media](http://happening.media), 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Donoghue, Katy, *Touria El Glaoui on 1:54 Turning Fice and Expanding to Marrakech*, [whitewall.art](http://whitewall.art), 4 October 2017  
Thompson, Jessie, *London art gallery guide: Kudzanai-Violet Hwami at Tyburn Gallery*, [standard.co.uk](http://standard.co.uk), 13 October 2017  
*Artist to watch at 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair*, [elephant.art](http://elephant.art), 7 October 2017  
*When in London... October brings Frieze, 1:54, and more*, [contemporarvand.com](http://contemporarvand.com), 1 October 2017
- 2016 Kudzanai-Violet Hwami, *Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [queercircle.com](http://queercircle.com), November 2016  
*Artist Interview: Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [cassart.co.uk](http://cassart.co.uk), 3 June 2016  
*Winner of Cass Art Materials Grant – Kudzanai-Violet Hwami*, [madeinartslondon.wordpress.com](http://madeinartslondon.wordpress.com), 8 April 2016  
Zinyemba, Tariro, *Fungisai scoops Ziwa Award*, [hmetro.co.zw](http://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

Arts Council Collection, London, UK  
Fondation Blachère, Apt, France  
Government Art Collection, London, UK  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA  
Kadist Foundation, Paris, France  
Norval Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa

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Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), Miami, USA

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Tate Gallery, London, UK

The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, USA

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, USA

Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa