

## **Artist Statement**

Through my creative processes I have resonance to socio-political and cultural issues. They provoke and trigger my attention. Using found materials or objects I find solace and the eagerness to communicate. I believe objects do carry energy or stored memories within themselves and when assembled together they create robust and interesting compositions. Which us, humans need to derive a sense of communication and provoke our thoughts. The process of collecting materials, putting them together, I believe it has a connection with my predecessors of old, whom in those days used to create artefacts for their rituals. ceremonies and their day to day utensils. I feel much attached to African historical art practises because they have a sense of creativity, communication, spirituality and ingenuity.

The main reason behind my design process in creating neo-tribal personages.

Born Clive Tatenda Mukucha on 15 February 1986 in Chitungwiza, 30km SouthEast of Harare. Family of five, three boys and two girls.

Attended the National Gallery School of Visual Arts and Design (NGSVAD)

2007-2009, and Artist in Residency 2013 at the same institution.

Have had the privilege of being tutored by the late Tom Hlupeko, Helen Leroise and Obert Muringani who inspired me to paint and sculpt.

Here is a Snapshot of my Career:

## **Awards**

2021 Third Prize in 3D Work, Masked Exhibition, NGZ

2015 Special Mention, in 2D Born Free NGZ

2011 First Prize in Painting Olympic Art Contest

2010 National Merit Awards Nominee, Harare

## **Selected Exhibitions**

2022 Never Mind The Socks (Nhimbe), Wailers Studio, CAC, Chitungwiza

2021 Masked, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare

2021 The Preview Exhibition, Artillery Gallery, Harare

2020 Will the sun rise and shine again Post Covid 19, National Gallery of Zimbabwe

2020 Summer Exhibition, Gallery Delta, Harare

2019 State of Mind, Gallery Delta, Harare

2019 PPC Imaginarium, National Gallery of Zimbabwe

2018 Resurrection, Artillery Gallery

2018 Line and Form, Gallery Delta, Harare

2017 Monkey Business, Tsoko Gallery, Doon Estate, Harare

2017 Surfaces, Full Circle Art Africa, Village 54 Young Artist Residency, Hong Kong

2016 Benefit Exhibition, Gallery Delta, Harare

2015 Born Free, National Gallery of Zimbabwe

2015 Waste no Waste, Trash is Treasure, Italian Embassy

2014 Black History Month, US Embassy, Harare

2014 Truth and Disorder, Koovah Creative Hub, Harare

2013 Re-definitions, Gallery Delta, Harare

2012 Annual Summer Exhibition, Gallery Delta

2011 Before the Dawn, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Mutare

2011 Echoes, First Floor Gallery, Harare

2010 Live and Direct, National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare

2010 Young artists in the stream, Gallery Delta, Harare