

# VITSHOIS MWILAMBWE BONDO

## Biography

Born in 1981. He lives and works in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo). After studying at the Académie des Beaux-Arts in Kinshasa and the Ecole des Arts Décoratifs in Strasbourg, Vitshois Mwilambwe Bondo completed his training at the Rijksakademie in Amsterdam. Founder of the Kin Art Studio, he also took over the Young Congo project in 2017. He deals with the challenge of deconstructing images, with a particular focus on colonial representations. His work encompasses painting and collage, looking at multiple fractured identities and varied geographies, tackling all sorts of different areas of conflict and anachronisms. Recognized internationally, Vitshois Mwilambwe Bondo has won numerous awards and holds major collections and foundations.



## Selected solo exhibitions

- 2024** - BRAFA, Brussels, BE
- 2022** - African Queens, AKAA art fair, Paris, FR
- 2016** - Strange, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, IT
- 2013** - Rethinking the future, Gallery Momo, Johannesburg, ZA
- 2012**
  - Vitshois Mwilambwe Bondo, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, IT
  - MONDO, Museum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte, Dortmund, DE
- 2011**
  - The French Cultural Center, Pointe Noire, CD
  - My New World, Gallery Momo, Johannesburg, ZA
- 2010** - The French Cultural Center, Pointe Noire, CD
- 2009** - French Cultural Center, Pointe Noire, CD
- 2007** - Galery Pierre Hallet, Bruxelles, BE

## Fellowships / awards

- 2011** - Francis Greenburger Fellowship on Managing and Mitigating Ethnic and Religious Conflict
- 2009** - Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2008**
  - ARCADIS, Amsterdam, NL
  - Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2005** - Art Moves Africa

## Selected group exhibitions

- 2021** - Africa Universe, Part II, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2018** - The Black Sphinx II, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2017** - The Black Sphinx: from Morocco to Madagascar, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, IT
- 2016**
  - AFRIK'EXPO, Libreville, GA
  - What about Africa? What about it?, WITTEVEEN, Amsterdam, NL
- 2014**
  - Warm Heart of Africa, Primae Noctis Gallery, Lugano, CH
- 2013**
  - UNITED NATIONS REVISITED, Kunstraum Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, DE
  - EXOTIKA, Bangkok, TH
- 2012**
  - Le Surréal-Congo "Mondo", Museum für Kunst und Kulturgeschichte, Dortmund, DE
  - Africa, Africa, Abbaye Saint-André – Centre d'Art Contemporain, Meymac, FR
  - Banian Exhibition, KAS Project, Kinshasa, CD
- 2011**
  - Banian Exhibition, TCG Nordica Kunming, CN
  - Banian Exhibition, Banaras Hindi University, Faculty of Visual Arts, Exhibition Hall, Varanasi, IN
- 2010**
  - Cool Art, Festival Couleur Cafe Brussels, Belgium
  - Brave New Worlds,( Theatre der Welt ) Essen, Germany
  - Africa, Assume Art Position !, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan, Italy
  - Accents d'ingéniosité ( Bicici ), Abidjan, Ivory Coast

**2009**

- Banyan Project in Berlin, Germany
- Licht aan Zee AA, Kunsthal 52, by curator Georges Han- na, Den Helder, The Netherlands
- French cultural center, Pointe Noire, Congo

**2008**

- Open studio, Rijksakademie Van beeldende kunsten, Am- sterdam, The Netherlands
- Dialogue, De Markten cultural center, Brussels, Belgium

**2007**

- Yambi project by curator, Roger Pierre Turine, Belgium
- Centre Wallonie Brussels, Paris, France
- Musee de Louvain – la – Neuve, Belgium
- Botanic, Brussels, Belgium

**2007**

- Jobek Park Project, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Contemporary Art of Africa in Espal, le Mans, France

**2006**

- KVS – Koninklijke Vlaamse Schouwburg, Brussels, Belgium
- PROGR – Zentrum Fur Kulturproduktion, Bern, Switzerland
- French Cultural Center, Kinshasa, R.D.Congo

**2005**

- Boulev'Art Contemporary Art in the street, Cotonou, Benin

**2004**

- Brazza project, Brazzaville, Congo
- Young Kinois creation, French cultural center, Kinshasa, R.D.Congo

**2003**

- Brazza project, Brazzaville, CD
- Kin wenze wenze, Ecole des beaux – arts de Kinshasa, CD

**2001**

- Jua – kali, Kinshasa, CD
- South center, Cape Town, ZA
- Academie des beaux – arts de Kinshasa, CD

**Private collections (selection)**

- Collection George Arthur Forrest, BE
- Collection Jacques Azibert, FR
- Collection Firou A., Los Angeles, USA
- Jean- francois poilpre, FR
- Forrest Fondation, Sandra Duquenoy, FR
- Nicolas boisser, FR, CH
- Theo Fafieanie, NL
- Florinda Barca, CH