Inga Somdyala

Born in 1994 in Komani, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa.

EDUCATION

2013 - 17 Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town | BAFA (Hons.)

2018 - 19 Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town | MFA

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 The Mountains of My Youth, PSM, Berlin

2025 DRESSED OVERALL, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town

2023 As Far As The Sea, Reservoir Projects, Cape Town

2022 ADAMAH, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town

2019 ILIZWE LIFILE, Michaelis Gallery, Cape Town

2018 Amaqaba Vol. 1 (Inga Somdyala + Xhanti Zwelendaba), Eclectica Contemporary, Cape Town

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 Paris Noir at Fondation Clément, Martinique

2026 Tell me where home is at Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg

2026 Matereality V2 at Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town

2026 Remember about mountains: What they are made of is not what made them at Reservoir Projects, Cape Town

2025 Stockholm Cosmologies at Liljevalchs Konsthall, Stockholm

2025 Open Sources at Fabrique Pola, Bordeaux

2025 One and the Many at Javett Arts Centre at the University of Pretoria, Pretoria

2025 The Unspoken Landscape at Conceptual Fine Arts, Milan

2024 We The People: 30 Years of Democracy in South Africa at Norval Foundation, Cape Town

2024 Fallow Ground at PSM gallery, Berlin

2024 Signifying the Impossible Song at Southern Guild, Los Angeles

2024 The Purpose is Discourse at Stevenson Gallery, Johannesburg

2024 TALKING LOUD hosted by National Arts Festival at Grahamstown Gallery, Albany Museum, Makhanda

2024 The Person is in The People at Desmond Tutu Legacy Foundation, Cape Town

2024 Things Take Time, Time Takes Things hosted by POOL space at the Field Station, Cape Town – 2024

2023 Fullhouse at blank projects, Cape Town

2023 Untitled Open Studio Presentation at Nirox Foundation Residency space & Villa-Legodi Centre for Sculpture, Johannesburg

2022 Layers: Rock Art Across Space and Time at WITS University Origins Centre, Johannesburg

2022 Subject: Object at University of Johannesburg Gallery, Johannesburg

2022 The Weight of a Stone at blank projects, Cape Town

2022 Verse at Association for Visual Arts (AVA) Gallery, Cape Town

2021 Matereality at IZIKO South African National Gallery, Cape Town

2019 the head the hand at blank projects, Cape Town

GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

2025 CAPC Musée d'Art Contemporain de Bordeaux – Bordeaux, France

2025 A4 Arts Foundation Library Residency – Cape Town, South Africa

2024 Cité Internationale des Arts – Paris, France

2023 Krone x WHATIFTHEWORLD Residency – Tulbach, WC, South Africa

2023 Nirox Sculpture Park Residency – Johannesburg, South Africa

2022 Bodhi Khaya Residency – Gansbaai mountain region, South Africa

2022 Tankwa Artscape – Tankwa Karoo, South Africa

2020 OPEN24HRS STUDIO – Cape Town, South Africa

AWARDS

2022 MTN New Contemporaries Award

2017 Simon Gerson Prize

2017 Katrine Harries Print Cabinet Award

2016 Cecil Skotnes Scholarship

TEACHING

Since 2026 Lecturer in fine arts and sculpture, Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town