

THANIA PETERSEN

1980 Cape Town, South Africa
2005 Studied under Hwang Yea Sook, Yeojoo, South Korea
2004 Studied under Sylvester Mubayi, Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa
2003 BTEC Sculpture, Central Saint Martin's College of Art, London, United Kingdom

Currently lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 ZAMUNDA FOREVER, Nicodim, Los Angeles, United States
2022 Can We Sing Together Again, Old Friend, 32Bis, Tunis, Tunisia
2021 KASSARAM, Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa
Thania Petersen: Onse Ou Kaap, Church Projects, Cape Town, South Africa
2019 Thania Petersen: Selected Works, No Mans Art Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Unraveled, Afrovibes, Compagnietheatre, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Between Land and a Raised Foot, National Arts Festival, Grahamstown, South Africa
IQRA, WHATIFTHEWORLD, Cape Town, South Africa
2017 Remnants, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
2015 I AM ROYAL, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 I'll Be Your Mirror, Fotomuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands
The Amber of this Moment, Galeria Nicodim, Bucharest, Romania
Afrovibes Festival / ONE NIGHT ONLY, Netherlands Film Academy, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Polyphonies, Ames Yavuz, London, United Kingdom
Thinking Through Weibel, Weibel Institute for Digital Cultures, Vienna, Austria
Sympnea, Selebe Yoon, Dakar, Senegal
2024 All Directions, FENIX Museum, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
KAAPENESE, Bo-Kaap Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
Vannie Kaap, Panoràmic Public Arts Festival, Barcelona, Spain
Community Over Clout, Association for Visual Arts, Cape Town, South Africa
Unlimited III: The African Family, Gallery 1957, Accra, Ghana
2023 Sala, Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa
Afrotropes: Imaginaries in Motion, Musée d'art Africain Théodore Monod, Dakar, Senegal
Makassar Biennale, Makassar, Indonesia
Long-distance Friendships, Kaunas Biennale, Kaunas, Lithuania

- 18th Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy
 Galeria Nicodim Bucharest: 10 Years, Galeria Nicodim, Bucharest, Romania
 Indigo Waves and Other Stories: Re-Navigating the Afrasian Sea, SAAVY
 Contemporary & Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany
- 2022 Where Do I Begin, Stevenson, Cape Town, South Africa
 Indigo Waves and Other Stories: Re-Navigating the Afrasian Sea, Zeitz
 MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa
 The Vibration of Things, Alte Kelter Fellbach, Stuttgart, Germany
 Artists' Film International (Traveling), Whitechapel, London, United Kingdom;
 Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey; Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, United States
- 2021 Un.e Air.e de Famille, Musée d'art et d'histoire Paul Éluard, Paris, France
 Artists' Film International, Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turkey
 Joburg Open City, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
 Weekend Special, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
 Indian Ocean Craft Triennial, Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth, Australia
- 2020 Gather, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2019 Vantage Point Sharjah 7, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah,
 United Arab Emirates
 Present Passing: South by Southeast, Osage Art Foundation, Hong Kong
 Radical Love, Ford Foundation, New York, United States
 Curitiba Biennale, Oscar Niemeyer Museum, Curitiba, Brazil
 Interactive Aesthetics, William Humphreys Art Gallery, Kimberley,
 South Africa
 Breaking the Rules: SA Artists Ask Questions..., Durban Art Gallery, Durban,
 South Africa
 Between Land and a Raised Foot, National Arts Festival, Makhanda,
 South Africa
- 2017 All Things Being Equal..., Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, South Africa
 Dislocation, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
 Urban Axis, PS Art Space Fremantle, Perth, Australia
 Dear History: It's Not Me, It's You, Bode Projects, Hamburg, Germany
 Past and Present Intersect, IZIKO National Gallery, Cape Town,
 South Africa
 Beyond Binaries, KZN Society of Arts Museum, Durban, South Africa
 People and Portraiture, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
 Beauty & its Beasts: Has the Female Stereotype Changed?, Durban Art
 Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- 2016 Surface and Subtext, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
 Essence Festival, Durban Art Gallery Museum, Durban, South Africa
 Studio, IZIKO South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015 Johannesburg Art Fair, AVA Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
 Group Show, Brundyn+ Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2005 3rd World Ceramic Biennale, Kyonggi Province, South Korea
- 2003 Annual Group Exhibition, Central Saint Martin's College of Art, London,
 United Kingdom
- 2001 Carnival Group Exhibition, Tabernacle, Notting Hill Gate, London,
 United Kingdom

BIENNALES & MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *In Minor Keyes*, Venice Biennale, curated by Koyo Kouoh, Venice, Italy (upcoming)
- 2025 *JAWAP*, 36th Bienal de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2023 18th Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy
Jieker Performance, Makassar Biennale, Makassar, Indonesia
- 2021 Indian Ocean Craft Triennial: Curiosity and the Rituals of the Everyday, Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth, Australia
- 2005 3rd World Ceramic Biennale, Seoul, South Korea

SOLO COMMISSIONS/ PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

- 2023 Kassaram (adapted), City of West Hollywood's Moving Image Media Art (MIMA) program, Billboard Commission, Streamlined Arbor Billboard, Los Angeles, United States
- 2022 Taxi Project — ongoing public art initiative in collaboration with minibus taxi owners and Infecting the City Live Arts Festival, Cape Town, South Africa
Train Station Commission, Japan
- 2021 Bus Station Commission, Penang, Malaysia

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

- 2025 Ford Foundation Fellowship, United States
Thami Mnyele Foundation Residency, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2023 Indigo Arts Alliance Residency Award, Portland, United States
- 2018 Thami Mnyele Foundation Residency, Amsterdam, Netherlands

SELECTED PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, United States
 Wereldmuseum / National Museum of World Cultures, Rotterdam / Amsterdam, Netherlands
 Fenix Museum, Rotterdam, Netherlands
 Oscar Niemeyer Museum, Curitiba, Brazil
 Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, United States
 Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, Washington, United States
 Kilbourn Collection, Cape Town, South Africa
 Isala Kliniek Collection, Netherlands
 Kunstmuseum Den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands
 Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
 IZIKO National South African Museum of Art, Cape Town, South Africa
 Jochen Zeitz Collection, Cape Town, South Africa
 Zeitz MOCAA Permanent Collection, Cape Town, South Africa
 Norval Foundation Collection, Cape Town, South Africa