

THK GALLERY

JULIO RIZHI | BIO & CV

Julio Rizhi (b. 1991), is a contemporary artist who lives and works in Harare, Zimbabwe.

After several years of study at the National Gallery of Zimbabwe visual art studio, Julio decided to pursue his own experimental practice, while based at the Chinembiri studios with several of Zimbabwe's leading new generation artists such as Gresham Tapiwa Nyaude, Moffat Takadiwa and Wycliffe Mundopa. Rizhi's works like him a deeply imbedded in the life of the city building connections between consumption and its outcomes, through the socio-ethical prism of contemporary Zimbabwe.

His dystopic and dysmorphic constructions speak to environmental decay and the social cost of high-density living such as youth unemployment and addiction. Darkly humoured, Rizhi uses the seductively bright colours of the discarded plastics he melts to construct his sculptures, as a metaphor for the broken promises of a better future advertised but never delivered.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2020** Cape Town Art Fair, First Floor Gallery Harare, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2019** Welcome Home, Group Show, MACAAL Gallery, Marrakesh, Morocco
- 2018** Next Level, First Floor Gallery Harare, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2018** Cape Town Art Fair, First Floor Gallery Harare, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017** Art Africa Art Fair, First Floor Gallery Harare, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017** AKAAL Paris, First Floor Gallery Harare, Paris, France
- 2017** Another Antipodes/urban axis touring exhibition of Southern African contemporary art, PS Art Space, Freemantle, Australia
- 2017** Mushonga/Medicine, solo exhibition, First Floor Gallery Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2016** THAT Art Fair, First Floor Gallery Harare, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016** 'I am because you are', First Floor Gallery Harare, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2016** FNB Joburg Art Fair, First Floor Gallery Harare, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2016** Mushonga/Medicine Solo Exhibition, First Floor Gallery, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2015** FNB Joburg Art Fair - Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2015** Harare Block Party at First Floor Gallery Harare, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2015** Kuyaruka; Coming of Age at First Floor Gallery Harare, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2014** Annual Exhibition at National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 2014** Final Year Show at National Gallery of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe