

**SERGE ALAIN NITEGEKA**

**BIOGRAPHY**

1983 Born in Rwanda  
Lives and works in Johannesburg, South Africa

**EDUCATION**

2009 University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, BFA

**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022 Capetown, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *FINDING BLACK*, July 2 – August 13, 2022  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands, **Stevenson**, *Serge Alain Nitegeka*, April 1 – May 7, 2022
- 2021 Johannesburg, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *Lost & Found*, February 6 – March 12, 2021
- 2020 New York, NY, **Marianne Boesky Gallery**, *Black Migrant*, February 25 – July 17, 2020
- 2018 Cape Town, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *Serge Alain Nitegeka*, August 30 – October 13, 2018  
New York, NY, **Marianne Boesky Gallery**, *Personal Effects in BLACK*, January 11 – February 24, 2018
- 2017 Johannesburg, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *Ode to Black*, May 25 – June 30, 2017
- 2016 New York, NY, **Marianne Boesky Gallery**, *Colour & Form in BLACK*, March 17 – April 23, 2016
- 2015 Cape Town, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *Black Passage*, October 10 – November 14, 2015  
Savannah, GA, **SCAD Museum of Art**, Pamela E. Poetter Gallery, *Structural-Response II*, February 17 – July 9, 2015
- 2014 New York, NY, **Boesky East**, *Morphings in BLACK*, November 14 – December 21, 2014  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **Stevenson Gallery**, *Into the BLACK*, August 7 – September 12, 2014 [catalogue]
- 2013 Cape Town, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *Black Cargo*, January 17 – February 23, 2013
- 2012 Johannesburg, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *Black Lines*, March 1 – 30, 2012 [catalogue]  
Dakar, Senegal, **Institut Français**, *Structural-Response I*, 2012
- 2011 Grahamstown, South Africa, **National Arts Festival**, Gallery in the Round, "*...and walk in my shoes.*", 2011
- 2010 Cape Town, South Africa, **Michael Stevenson**, *Fragile Cargo*, December 2, 2010 – January 15, 2011
- 2009 Cape Town, South Africa, **Michael Stevenson**, Side gallery, *Cargo*, August 6 – September 26, 2009  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **University of the Witwatersrand**, Wits School of Arts, *Cargo*, 2009
- 2008 Johannesburg, South Africa, **University of the Witwatersrand**, The Mezzanine, *Human Cargo*, 2008

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023 New York, NY, **Jewish Museum**, *After "The Wild": Contemporary Art from the Barnett and Annalee Newman Foundation Collection*, curated by Kelly Taxter, March 24 – October 1, 2023
- 2022 Tulbagh, South Africa, **Krone X WHATIFTHEWORLD Gallery**, *Seeds of the Fig*, November 26, 2022 – April 29, 2023

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- 2021 Paris, France, **Palais de Tokyo**, *Ubuntu, A Lucid Dream*, curated by Marie-Ann Yemsi  
November 26, 2021 – February 20, 2022
- 2019 Bentonville, AR, **21c Hotel Museum**, *Refuge*, October 2019 – August 2021
- 2018 Buffalo, NY, **Albright-Knox Art Gallery**, *We the People: New Art from the Collection*,  
organized by Janne Sirén and Tina Rivers Ryan, October 23, 2018 – July 21, 2019  
Ann Arbor, MI, **University of Michigan Museum of Art**, *Beyond Borders: Global  
Africa*, curated by Laura De Becker, August 11 – November 25, 2018  
Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa, **Stevenson**, *Both, And*, curated by  
Sisipho Ngodwana and Alexander Richards, July 7 – August 24, 2018
- 2017 Detroit, MI, **N’Namdi Center for Contemporary Art**, *Abstract Minded: Works by Six  
Contemporary African Artists*, curated by Osi Audu, October 6, 2017 – January 6,  
2018; Traveled to New Paltz, NY, **Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art**, January 24 – April  
15, 2018; Pittsburgh, PA, **August Wilson Center**, April 27 – July 22, 2018  
New Orleans, LA, **Ogden Museum of Southern Art**, *Solidary and Solitary: The  
Joyner/Giuffrida Collection*, curated by Christopher Bedford and Katy Siegel,  
September 20, 2017 – January 21, 2018; Traveled to Durham, NC, **Nasher Museum  
of Art at Duke University**, February 22 – July 15, 2018; Notre Dame, IN,  
**University of Notre Dame**, **Snite Museum of Art**, August 18 – December 15, 2018;  
Chicago, IL, **University of Chicago**, **David and Alfred Smart Museum of Art**,  
January 29 – May 19, 2019; Baltimore, MD, **Baltimore Museum of Art**, 2019;  
Berkeley, CA, **University of California**, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film  
Archive, 2019 – 2020; Miami, FL, **Pérez Art Museum Miami**, 2020  
Charlotte, NC, **Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture**,  
*Simple Passion, Complex Vision: The Darryl Atwell Collection*, July 22, 2016 – January  
22, 2018
- 2016 Krugersdorp, South Africa, **NIROX Foundation Sculpture Park**, *A PLACE IN TIME*, in  
collaboration with Yorkshire Sculpture Park Senior Curator, Helen Pheby PhD, May 7 –  
July 31, 2016
- 2015 Gothenburg, Sweden, **Göteborg International Biennial of Contemporary Art**, *A  
story within a story...*, curated by Elvira Dyangani Ose, September 12 – November 22,  
2015  
Venice, Italy, **South African Pavilion at the 56<sup>th</sup> International Art Exhibition of  
la Biennale di Venezia**, *What remains is tomorrow*, curated by Jeremy Rose and  
Christopher Till, May 9 – November 22, 2015  
Charlotte, NC, **Harvey B. Gantt Center**, *Venturing out of the Heart of Darkness*,  
February 17 – April 19, 2015
- 2014 Miami, FL, **The Rubell Family Collection**, *To Have and to Hold*, December 3, 2014 –  
May 29, 2015
- 2013 Berlin, Germany, **ifa Galleries**, *The Space Between Us*, September 27, 2013 –  
December 22, 2013  
Paris, France, **La Maison Rouge**, *My Joburg*, June 21 – September 22, 2013  
Paris, France, **Palais de Tokyo**, *This House, Nouvelles vagues (New Waves)*, June 20  
– September 9, 2013
- 2011 Perth, Australia, **Turner Galleries**, *Contemporary South African Artists*, November 18  
– December 16, 2011  
Apt, France, **Fondation Blachère**, *5 lauréats du Prix de la Fondation Blachère à la  
biennale de Dakar 2010*, October 5, 2011 – February 19, 2012  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **Michael Stevenson**, *Geography of Somewhere*, April 14  
– May 17, 2011 [catalogue]  
Cape Town, South Africa, **University of Cape Town**, Michaelis Galleries, *Process  
This*, 2011  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **University of Johannesburg**, FADA Gallery, *Space,  
Ritual, Absence: Liminality in South African Visual Art*, 2011
- 2010 Cape Town, South Africa, **Michael Stevenson**, *This Is Our Time*, June 3 – July 24,  
2010 [catalogue]  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **Johannesburg Art Gallery**, *Time’s Arrow*, February 21 –  
April 18, 2010  
Dakar, Senegal, **9th Dakar Biennale**, *Dak’Art*, 2010  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **Main Street Life**, *Gazar II*, 2010

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- 2009 Johannesburg, South Africa, **Brodie/Stevenson**, *Self/Not-Self*, 2009  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **University of the Witwatersrand**, The Substation, *Grotesque: The Elusive Figure*, 2009  
Johannesburg, South Africa, **University of the Witwatersrand**, The Substation, *Re: Faced*, 2009
- 2008 Johannesburg, South Africa, **Goethe Institute**, *Beyond the Line*, 2008

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- 2022 Wood, Graham. "Aspire Art: contemporary notions of masculinity," *Financial Mail* (June 13, 2022) [online]
- 2021 Mohlomi, Setumo-Thebe. "Making Meaning and Art from Forced Migration," *New Frame* (February 24, 2021) [online]  
Moloi, Nkgopoleng. "Movable Archives: Serge Alain Nitegeka's 'Lost and Found'," *Artthrob* (February 23, 2021) [online]
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Giles, Matt. "Beyond Borders: Global Africa' to open at UMMA on Saturday," *All About Ann Arbor* (August 9, 2018) [online]  
Hanson, Sarah P. "Three to see: New York," *The Art Newspaper* (January 25, 2018) [online]  
Jamal, Ashraf. "Preeminent Staging: Serge Alain Nitegeka's 'Innate Black,'" *Artthrob* (October 15, 2018) [online]  
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- 2012 *Africa and Abstraction: Johannesburg – Blom, Hlobo, Nitegeka, Rhode*. Johannesburg: Stevenson, 2012.  
Kirsting, Rita and Bettina Malcomess. *Black Subject/s*. Johannesburg: Stevenson, 2012.
- 2011 *Geography of Somewhere*. Johannesburg: Stevenson, 2011.
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**AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES**

- 2019 Grant-Award, The Barnett and Annalee Newman Foundation, New York, NY  
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Johannesburg, South Africa  
2014 Residency, Queenspace, Long Island City, NY  
2012 Postgraduate Merit Award, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South  
Africa  
2011 Residency, Fondation Blachère, Apt, France  
Postgraduate Merit Award, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South  
Africa  
2010 Tollman Award for Visual Arts  
Fondation Jean-Paul Blachère prize, Dakar Biennale, Dakar, Senegal  
Postgraduate Merit Award, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South  
Africa  
2008 Robert Hodgins Prize, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

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Newark Museum, Newark, NJ  
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Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
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