

## JUSTICE MUKHELI CV

Justice Mukheli is a self-taught, multidisciplinary artist working as a fine art photographer, painter, and film director. He is based in Johannesburg, South Africa. Mukheli uses his medium and subject matter as a channel through which to process his own lived experiences. His creative modes allow him to reach deeper understandings of the processes that lead him to this point. His works explore themes of race, gender, sexuality, love, hope, innocence. His pieces have come to evoke a characteristic gentleness, vulnerability and tender discomfort.

### Exhibitions

Exhibition (collective)

- 2013 STUDIO AFRICA – I SEE A DIFFERENT YOU, Diesel Art gallery Japan (Cocoti B1F, 1-23-16, Shibuya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)  
<https://www.diesel.co.jp/art/en/i-see-a-different-you/>

Exhibition (collective)

- 2013 November. Native Nostalgia, MOAD Museum Of African Design.  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2013/11/14/world/africa/africa-first-design-museum-creative/index.html>

Exhibition (solo)

- 2018 Through Their Eyes, Daville Baille Gallery, Johannesburg

Exhibition (group)

- 2019 An Esoteric Voyage Through Ecstasy, Redd Gallery, Chaniá, Greece.

Exhibition (group)

- 2020 ABANTU The People - An exhibition of photography and the lives of the South African people. DYMAN GALLERY. 20 Plein Street Stellenbosch.

Exhibition (group)

- 2020 Blue Is The Warmest Colour (Johannesburg Edition) Dates:15.03.20 - 11.04.20 <https://bkhz.art/blue-is-the-warmest-colour-jhb>

Exhibition (group)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 Group show, Redd Gallery Greece, <https://redd-pr.com/redd-gallery-1>

Exhibition (solo)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 Artsy NYC, <https://www.artsy.net/artist/justice-rendani-mukheli>

## Art Fairs

- 2019 Also Known as Africa, Art Fair, Paris, represented by Dyman Gallery.
- 2019 Joburg FNB Art Fair with Kalashnikov Gallery.

## Publications

- 2019 Justice Mukheli Seeks Authentic South African Representation, Bubblegumclub, January 2019, <https://bubblegumclub.co.za/features/justice-mukheli-seeks-authentic-south-african-representation>
- 2018 Creative Mornings. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qV03mePyIXg>
- 2018 Mukheli showcases “Through Their Eyes”, SABC News online, 3 March 2018, <https://www.sabcnews.com/sabcnews/l-freshness-youth-showcased-mukhelis-exhibition/>
- 2018 Justice Mukheli – Through Their Eyes, [https://www.inyourpocket.com/johannesburg/justice-mukheli-through-their-eyes\\_12189e](https://www.inyourpocket.com/johannesburg/justice-mukheli-through-their-eyes_12189e)
- 2018 Unlabelled Magazine, <https://www.unlabelledmagazine.com/post/2018/02/28/justice-mukheli-capturing-vulnerable-and-powerful-moments-through-their-eyes>
- 2018 Stalker: Justice Mukheli Interview, The Lake Magazine, Issue 24, p12 – 17, [issuu.com/thelakeco/docs/the\\_lake\\_24](http://issuu.com/thelakeco/docs/the_lake_24)

- 2018 Beautiful News, Picturing an Afrotopia through the eyes of children, [https://www.beautifulnews.co.za/stories/justice-mukheli?fbclid=IwAR3UoQdlmGNYXzkb7h5X\\_UNNNum9BynRjs2Qr6tfzc4I3DyoEDLKi9h8fEbE](https://www.beautifulnews.co.za/stories/justice-mukheli?fbclid=IwAR3UoQdlmGNYXzkb7h5X_UNNNum9BynRjs2Qr6tfzc4I3DyoEDLKi9h8fEbE)

## Seminars

- 2019 Justice Mukheli | Unearthing the soul in stories, Orms, Cape Town School of Photography
- 2019 Speaker at Also Known As Africa, Art Fair, Paris
- 2018 Creative Mornings Johannesburg: <https://youtu.be/qV03mePylXg>
- 2012 TEDx TALK Soweto <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4gioQmtHeU>

## Artist's Statement

Justice Mukheli is a self-taught multidisciplinary artist based in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was born and raised in Soweto. His community, the streets he grew up on, the ways of being and, the experiences lived in this space provide the source from which he draws his creative expression.

Mukheli found early creative expression through street art and music. Later, through his work as a creative director in advertising, he crafted the foundation for what would become his fine art photography. He co-founded the internationally successful photography collective *I See A Different You*. Following on from this, he established himself individually working both commercially and creatively as a photographer. Alongside he developed into a film and advertising director. Seeking new ways of expression when the pandemic curtailed physical interactions, Mukheli explored self-portraiture in photography. This led him to further explorations and expressions through painting, drawing and collage. At present, he works in all mediums; layering the processes to attain his vision, his feeling.

In making work, Mukheli taps into his lived experiences and how these have shaped him. He taps into the resources he has acquired in response to these experiences. He draws from growth and connection to himself and his community. He uses his art-making process as a tool for questioning and processing his beliefs and ideas that are stored in the subconscious.

Making art offers him a safe space in which to be curious and explore outside of the structures that society has placed on being, while black and male. Here he moves freely through themes of race, gender, sexuality, love, hope and innocence. Mukheli continues to learn and grow in both his practice and in his way of being. These two processes interweave in a way that consistently inspires him to go deeper and lead with curiosity and vulnerability.