

THEMBINKOSI HLATSHWAYO BIOGRAPHY

Born (1993), Johannesburg, South-Africa
Lives and works in South-Africa

Thembinkosi Hlatshwayo (b. 1993) is a photographer based in Lawley, Johannesburg. He uses the tavern run by his parents as a studio in which to investigate themes of first-hand and generational trauma, violence and memory. Hlatshwayo was mentored by the photographer Jabulani Dhlamini and photography curator and educator John Fleetwood.

He won the 2019 CAP Prize for Contemporary African Photography with his series Slaghuis I. His work has been featured in group exhibitions at Fotomuseum Winterthur, IAF Basel Festival, and Johannesburg's Turbine Art Fair.

Hlatshwayo was the Gisèle Wulfsohn Photography Mentorship Recipient for 2019. He held his first solo exhibition, Slaghuis II at the Market Photo Workshop in February 2020, and was an overall winner of the international Blurring the Lines photo award for 2020.

EXHIBITIONS

2024

I Dream I'm Crosssing The River — Group exhibition, Uitstalling Art Gallery, Belgium

2023

Umnyakazo, Goethe-Institut, Johannesburg

2021

Addis Foto Fest, Addis Ababa

2020

Slaghuis II, Market Photo Workshop, Johannesburg

2019

Because the Night, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland

IAF Basel Festival, CAP Prize, Basel, Switzerland

RMB Talent Unlocked, Turbine Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa

In Thokoza: Place of Peace, Stop Sign Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

AWARDS

Blurring the Lines international photography award, Paris - Winner, 2020

CAP Prize for Contemporary African Photography, Basel - Winner, 2019

Gisèle Wulfsohn Mentorship in Photography, Johannesburg - Winner, 2019