

CYRUS KABIRU

B. Kenya, 1984

Lives and works in Nairobi, Kenya

Solo exhibitions:

2022

A Small World, AKKA Project, Venice, Italy

2015

C-Stunners & Black Mamba at SMAC Gallery in Cape Town, South Africa

2011

Cyrus Kabiru, Kuntspodium T Gallery, Tilburg, Netherlands

2010

The C-Stunner, Kuona Trust, Nairobi, Kenya

Group exhibitions:

2024

Homo Faber 2024: The Journey of Life, Fondazione Cini, Venice, Italy

2022

OZANGÉ African Photography Biennial, Malaga, Spain

Before Yesterday We Could Fly: An Afrofuturist Period Room, The Met Museum, New York City, New York, USA

2021

Cyrus Kabiru - End of the Tunnel, Online exhibition, AKKA Project

2019

Africa... & The Other 54 Countries: Focus On Kenya, Group exhibition, AKKA Project Dubai, UAE

2014

MORE MATERIAL, presented by fashion designer Duro Olowu, Salon 94 Bowery Gallery, New York, USA

2013

The Shadows Took Shape, The Studio Museum, Harlem, USA

Afrofutur: Adventure with makers, thinkers and dreamers, collaboration with La Rinascente, Milan Design Week, Milan, Italy

Museum of Architecture (Arkitekturmuseet), Skeppsholmen, Stockholm, Sweden

New Museum Architect, Stockholm, Sweden

2012

Visiones Africanas, Perimeter Art & Design, Paris, France
The Space we Live in, Rosetta Arts, London, UK
Framed! Contemporary Eyewear in Fashion, Fashion Space Gallery, London
College of Fashion, London, UK
Istanbul Design Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey

2010

C-Stunners, Maker Faire Africa 2010, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya
Mwangali Tofauti: Nine Photographic Perspectives from Kenya, Portraits of Cyrus Kabiru
by Barbara Minishi, Nairobi Gallery, Nairobi, Kenya

Art fairs:

2025

1-54 New York, New York City, USA, with AKKA Project

2022

Art Dubai 2022, Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE

2013

LagosPhoto Festival, Lagos, Nigeria
Phantasms of the Non-City /LAGOS PHOTO FESTIVAL, FNB Joburg Art Fair,
Johannesburg, South Africa

Residencies:

2021

AKKA Project, Venice, Italy

Publications:

2013

'A Kenyan artist transforms trash', March 22, Showbiz, CNN, Atlanta, USA
Rosenburg, K. 'The Future Is African', New York Times, New York, USA
Cavendish, E. 'Under the Magazine', The Africa Issue, November, COUNTRY
'C-STUNNERS worn by Bobby Womack', Clash Magazine, December, London, UK
Hossfeld, J. (ed), 'MWANGALIO TOFAUTI Nine Photographers from Kenya', National
Museums of Kenya, Contact Zones NRB vol. 05, Nairobi, Kenya

Videos:

2010

'Manufactured: Cyrus Kabiru's Recycled Art from Makeshift: <https://vimeo.com/33167682>

Public collections

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY City

Zeitz MOCAA - Museum of Contemporary Art Africa - Cape Town, South Africa

Cam - Casoria Contemporary Art Museum, Casoria (NA), Italy

Han Nefkens H+F Collection, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Kuona Trust, Nairobi, Kenya

Scheryn Art Fund, Cape Town, South Africa