

James Webb

1975 Born in Kimberley, South Africa

Education

1999 Diploma (Copywriting) The Red & Yellow School, Cape Town, South Africa

1996 B.A. (Drama & Comparative Religion) University of Cape Town, South Africa

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Slowly, slowly, and then all at once*, Kunsthuset Kabuso, Øystese, Norway

2024 *The moon will not stay hidden forever*, Liljevalchs+, Stockholm, Sweden

2020 *What Fresh Hell Is This*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa

2019 *Choose the Universe*, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France

2019 *Three dreams of the sinking world*, POOL, Johannesburg, South Africa

2018 *It's not what it looks like*, SPACES, Cleveland, USA

2018 *Prayer (Chicago)*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA

2018 *Supernature*, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Yorkshire, UK

2018 *The dreamer in me meets the dreamer in you*, Norrtälje Konsthall, Norrtälje, Sweden

2016 *Hope is a good swimmer*, Galerie Imane Fares, Paris, France

2016 *We Listen for the Future*, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Yorkshire, UK

2016 *Ecstatic Interference*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa

2015 *Xenagogue*, Hordaland Kunstsenter, Bergen, Norway

2015 *Nous نحن*, with Ninar Esber, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France

2014 *The Two Insomnias*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa

2013 *Audiopolis*, Centro Centro, Madrid, Spain

2012 *MMXII*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2010 *Aleph*, Goethe On Main, Johannesburg, South Africa

- 2010 *Terms Of Surrender*, ABSA Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010 *Untitled States*, MAC, Birmingham, UK
- 2010 *Prayer*, Djanogly Gallery, Nottingham, UK
- 2010 *JWAKZNSA*, KZNSA, Durban, South Africa
- 2010 *One day, all of this will be yours*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2008 *Prayer*, Huddersfield Art Gallery, West Yorkshire, UK
- 2007 *Beau Diable*, Gallery In The Round, Grahamstown, South Africa
- 2006 *Untitled*, Blank Projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2002 *Phonosynthesizer*, US Art Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *My Mother's Tongue*, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Canada
- 2024 *Between Rivers*, Astrup Fearnley Museum, Oslo, Norway
- 2024 *Makeshift Memorials, Small Revolutions*, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, USA
- 2024 *There is a light that never goes out*, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
- 2023 *Goodbye to Love*, Marres, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2023 *You to Me, Me to You*, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2023 *A Dobradiça - Encontros contemporâneo*, A Dobradiça Biennale, Mação, Portugal
- 2023 *Au hasard des oiseau*, Biennale Internationale Saint-Paul de Vence, Saint-Paul de Vence, France
- 2023 *Vävda Rum*, Riksförbundet Sveriges Konstföreningar, Augmented Reality throughout Sweden
- 2023 *IO*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2023 *The Sound*, 2nd Monheim Triennale, Monheim am Rhein, Germany
- 2023 *À bruit secret: Hearing in Art*, Museum Tinguely, Basel, Switzerland
- 2023 *MONA FOMA festival*, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania
- 2023 *Awwal Bayt (First House)*, Islamic Arts Biennale, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

- 2022 *The Future is Behind Us*, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2022 *manifesto of fragility*, 16th Biennale de Lyon, France
- 2021 *Deep listening for longing*, Borås Art Biennial, Borås, Sweden
- 2021 *The Normal*, Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2020 *Audiosphere: Sound Experimentation 1980-2020*, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- 2020 *Helicotrema*, La Fratellanza 1874, Modena, Italy
- 2020 *freq_wave (Seven Seas)*, Curated by Carl Michael von Hausswolff and Alonso Vázquez, TBA21-Academy, Austria [online]
- 2020 *Konst i Ån*, Norrtälje, Sweden
- 2019 *Ngoma: Art and Cosmology*, JAG, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2019 *the head the hand*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2019 *Rennie at the WAG*, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada
- 2019 *Open Borders*, 14th Curitiba International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Curitiba, Brazil
- 2019 *Listening Room*, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 *Hacer Noche*, Centro Cultural San Pablo, Oaxaca de Juarez, Mexico
- 2018 *Radiophonic Spaces*, Museum Tinguely, Basel, Switzerland
- 2018 *Truth is black, write over it with a mirage's light*, Darat al Funun, Amman, Jordan
- 2018 *Radiophonic Spaces*, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Ways of Seeing*, New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2018 *African Metropolis: An Imaginary City*, MAXXI Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome, Italy
- 2018 *blank*, Galerie Guido W. Baudach, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Gegen die Strömung: Reise ins Ungewisse*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany
- 2018 *More for less*, A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 *The Red Hour*, 13th Biennial of Dakar, Senegal

- 2018 *Common Ground*, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield, UK
- 2017 *17, blank projects*, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017 *The Lotus in Spite of the Swamp*, Prospect New Orleans 4, New Orleans, USA
- 2017 *Ways of Seeing*, Villa Empain Fondation Boghossia, Brussels, Belgium
- 2017 *Mixed Signals*, Helicotrema 6, Teatro di Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy
- 2017 *Utocorpis*, Silenco, Paris, France
- 2017 *Cinéphémère for LOOP Barcelona*, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2017 *Every Time An Ear Di Soun*, documenta 14 radio
- 2017 *Tous, des sang mêles*, MAC VAL, Paris, France
- 2017 *Home is so fucking complicated*, Galerie Nathalie Halgand for the Curated by_ series, Vienna, Austria
- 2017 *Picasso et la maternité*, Musée Crozatier, Le Puy-en-Velay, France
- 2017 *Image Drain*, Tallin Art Hall, Tallin, Estonia
- 2017 *Afrique Capitales*, La Villette, Paris, France
- 2017 *Becoming an Apricot, an apple, a crow, a tree, a cockroach, a glacier, a plant, a mushroom, a shell, a bird, algae* for Survival Kit 9, Former Faculty of Biology of the University of Latvia, Riga
- 2017 *Tamawuj*, Sharjah Biennial 13, United Arab Emirates
- 2016 *Silencio*, in collaboration with Raphaëlle Delaunay, Paris, France
- 2016 *Sonic Somatic*, Firenze, Italy
- 2016 *Nothing is Impossible*, Monte Vista Projects, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sante Fe, USA
- 2016 *Helicotrema*, Palazzo Grassi, Venice, Italy
- 2016 *History Unfolds*, Historiska Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2016 *Malmö's Leende*, Malmö, Sweden
- 2016 *Sèvres Outdoors 2016*, Sèvres Cité de la Céramique, Paris, France
- 2016 *Le Voyage à Nantes Festival*, Théâtre Graslin and Jardin de la Psalette, Nantes, France

- 2016 *A Place In Time*, Nirox Foundation, South Africa
- 2016 *Alive in the Dead Sea (1995-2015)*, The Khalid Shoman Foundation Darat Al Funun, Amman, Jordan
- 2016 *The 55-Minute Hour*, Trubok Factory, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015 *Libertas*, 7th Bienal de Jafre, Girona, Spain
- 2015 *Handle with care*, Ostrale 15, Dresden, Germany
- 2015 *Barrier*, Wanås Konst Sculpture Park, Sweden
- 2015 *Between the idea and experience*, Bienal de la Habana, Havana, Cuba
- 2014 *Frestas*, Trienal of Sorobaba, Sesc, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2014 *Helicotrema*, Recorded Audio Festival, Viafarini DOCVA, Milan, Italy
- 2014 *No Fixed Abode*, The New Church Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2014 *Fittja Pavilion at the 14th Venice Architecture Biennale*, Serra dei Giardini, Venice, Italy
- 2014 *Dirty Ear Forum: Sound, Multiplicity and Radical Listening*, Galleri 3,14 and Rom8, Bergen, Norway
- 2014 *next thing you know*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 *This is the thing*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 *blank projects in Johannesburg*, Ithuba Arts Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2013 *Imaginary Fact*, South African Pavillion, 55th La Biennale di Venezia, Italy
- 2013 *Between The Lines*, Former Tagesspiegel Building, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *No Limit 2*, Galerie Imane Fares, Paris, France
- 2012 *GIPCA Live Art Festival*, City Hall, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2012 *When Form Becomes Attitude*, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2012 *Experience Pommery 10*, Domaine Pommery, Reims, France
- 2012 *Making Way*, National Arts Festival, Grahamstown, South Africa
- 2012 *Fierce Festival*, various venues, Birmingham, UK
- 2012 *In Other Words: the black market of translation*, NGBK, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *Experience Pommery 9*, Domaine Pommery, Reims, France

- 2011 *Neither Man, Nor Stone*, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 *Sentences On The Banks and other activities*, Darat Al-Funun, Amman, Jordan
- 2010 *Reflex / Reflexión*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010 *Article Biennale*, various venues, Stavanger, Norway
- 2010 *My World Images*, various venues: Copenhagen, Denmark, Istanbul, Athens, Marrakech, Palermo, Catania, Riso Museo d'Arte Contemporanea della Sicilia, Palermo
- 2010 *In Other Words*, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010 *Twenty*, Nirox Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010 *Contemporary Artists From South Africa*, Stiftelsen 314, Bergen, Norway
- 2010 *Ampersand*, Daimler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 *No Soul For Sale*, L'appartement 22 / Tate Modern, London, UK
- 2010 *1910 – 2010*, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 *Printemps des Poètes*, Salon de lecture, Musée du quai Branly, Paris, France
- 2009 *Happy House*, Kunst im Tunnel, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2009 *3rd Arts In Marrakech Biennale*, Museum of Marrakech, Morocco
- 2009 *L'effacement des traces*, Musée d'histoire contemporaine, Paris, France
- 2009 Melbourne International Arts Festival, Melbourne, Australia
- 2009 *Open Frame*, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia
- 2009 *CAPE 09*, Cape Town's 2nd biennale of contemporary African culture, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2009 *This Is Now 2*, L'Appartement 22, Rabat, Morocco
- 2008 *Delusions Of Grandeur*, Unit B Gallery, San Antonio, Texas, USA
- 2008 *Jozi & The (M)Other City*, Michaelis Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2008 *Home Bound*, Stiftung Kunst:Raum Sylt Quelle, Sylt, Germany
- 2008 *za*, Giovane arte dal Sud Africa, Palazzo delle Papesse Centro Arte Contemporanea, Siena, Italy

- 2008 *Light Show*, Bank Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- 2007 *Sakra!*, St. Andrä, Graz, Austria
- 2007 9th Biennale d'Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, France
- 2007 3C, Critic's Choice Exhibition, Association for Visual Arts, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2007 *(In)visible Sounds* (with Brandon LaBelle), Netherlands Media Institute, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2007 *Afterlife*, Michael Stevenson Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2006 *MTN New Contemporaries*, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2005 *Aqua Art Sound Broadcast*, Aqua Art Hotel, Miami, USA
- 2005 Gallery Puta, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2005 *Incidental Amplifications*, Various venues, Melbourne, Australia
- 2005 CCA Kitakyushu Open Studio, Kitakyushu, Japan
- 2004 *Typhoon*, Maeda Gallery, Kitakyushu, Japan
- 2004 *The Brett Kebble Art Awards* (with Matthew Kalil), CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2004 *Listening to The World Today*, BBC Radio 4
- 2004 *A Decade Of Democracy*, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2004 Zèppelin 2004-Festival de Arte Sonor, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona, Spain
- 2003 *Mooimark*, Mooimark House, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2003 *YDEsire*, The Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2002 *The Long Night Of Radio Art*, Ars Electronica Festival, Linz, Austria

Selected Public and Private Collections

Tate Modern, London, United Kingdom

Smithsonian Institution National Museum of African Art, Washington DC, USA

KADIST Foundation, Paris, France

Red Sea Museum, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA

MAC VAL Musée d'Art Contemporain du Val-de-Marne, Paris, France

MAXXI Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome, Italy

FRAC Champagne Ardenne, Reims, France

Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

The Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

Wits Art Museum, Johannesburg, South Africa

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, Gqeberha, South Africa

Kaiser Wilhelm Museum, Krefeld, Germany

Darat al Funun, Khalid Shoman Foundation, Amman, Jordan

A4 Arts Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa

Jordan Vranken Pommery Monopole, Pommery, France

Rennie Museum, Vancouver, Canada

The Life Collection, Johannesburg, South Africa

Nirox Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa

Ellerman House, Cape Town, South Africa

UNISA Art Gallery & Collection, Pretoria, South Africa

Residencies

2023 HANGAR - Centro de Investigação Artística, Lisbon, Portugal

2018 SWAP, SPACES, Cleveland, USA

2017 Fountainhead Residency, Miami, USA

2017 Atelier Mondial, Basel, Switzerland

2016 IASPIS, Stockholm, Sweden

2011 Nirox Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa
2011 Darat al Funun, Amman, Jordan
2010 USF, Bergen, Norway
2009 Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
2009 KIT – Kunst im Tunnel, Düsseldorf, Germany
2009 Visby International Composers' Centre, Götland, Sweden
2008 MediaLab Prado, Madrid, Spain
2006 MALAB, Amazonas, Brazil
2004/5 CCA Kitakyushu, Yahata, Japan

Awards and Grants

2016 IASPIS grant, Sweden
2013 Turquoise Harmony Institute Art Award, South Africa
2009 Art Moves Africa Travel Grant
2008 ABSA L'Atelier Award