

Tatenda Chidora Artist Bio and CV

Born in Zimbabwe and based in South Africa, Tatenda Chidora is a commercial, fine art and fashion photographer whose contemporary style is representative of the global movement hailed as 'new African photography'. He's driven by creating a more diverse picture and inspired by the stories and faces of the African metropolis. His striking visuals, often shot from new and unexpected angles make heroes of his subjects. At the core of his practice is light; a marathon runner, he studies light from the road in the early mornings and evenings and is moved by the way it cuts curves into a face or a landscape. In turn he commands natural light or studio lighting to paint black skin luminous. There's a richness of tone in his work whether it's shot in colour or his beloved black and white. Tatenda studied photography at the Tshwane University of Technology completing his BTech in 2015, but he remains a humble student of the medium through assisting and shooting in various genres of photography while carving out a style of his own. Working between genres keeps him nimble and versatile; he brings a fine art sensibility to his fashion photography and an editorial edge to his portraiture which champions unconventional beauty. His subjects are often people he discovers on the street and finds interesting. Tatenda has a deep love for making portraits for its opportunity to engage with a subject. "I try not to just photograph people," he says. "I try to connect with them." His muse is the everyday which he endeavours to translate and elevate through his lens.

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Exhibitions and Publications

2014

Press and Catalogue
Povo Arts and Culture Journal Issue 5 2014

2015

Tshwane University of Technology
BTech Final Work Exhibition, November 2015
10and5
Fresh Meat Graduate 2015
UnOrdinary Exhibition, May 2015, Cape Town.
LongStreet Art Lovers
SubCulture Group Exhibition, May 2015
Trent Gallery
Letters to the past or the future, July 2015
You Are Here
You are Here 2015, Charity Exhibition against Human Trafficking. November 2015

2016

District 6
Cape Peninsula University of Technology 50th Artist Print exchange and Exhibition.
November 2016

2017
Khula Ukhokhobe
University of Stellenbosch Museum Art
February 2017
Anomalies
Semaphore, Switzerland
April 2017
2017 Progeny Exhibition
Fried Contemporary Gallery
April 2017
Innibos, Group Exhibition
June 2017
Aardklop, Group Exhibition
NWU Potchefstroom
October 2017
Fried Contemporary Young Collectors III
December 2017

2018
KKNK 2018 Exhibition
True Self, Open Dialogues, Group Exhibition
March 2018
Unsettled Exhibition, Group Exhibition
April 2018
Half Tone Analog Exhibition and Publication
October 2018
Print Art Then and Now 1960 – 2018, Group Exhibition
October 2018
Behind The Lens, Group Exhibition
October 2018

A Letter to my 22 year old self, Group Exhibition
November 2018
Addis Foto Fest 2018
December 2018

2019
Cure The Powerless, Group Exhibition
No End Contemporary, March 2019
Process, Group Exhibition

March 2019

FNB Art Fair 2019, Group Exhibition

September 2019

Until We Safe, Solo Exhibition

September 2019

X_POSURE Pretoria Art Museum, Group Exhibition

November 2019

2020

Blue is the Warmest Colour, Group Exhibition

February 2020