

AWARDS

2022

Awarded The Ellen Kuzwayo Council Award 2022 for “His substantial body of art and photography that helped catalyse political resistance for change.

2021

Awarded Honorary Doctorate for Art and Design from the Tswana University of Technology, 12 November 2021

2018

Awarded the South African National Order of Ikhamanga (silver)

Awarded Life Time Achievement Award for the Preservation of South African History, Western Cape Government Department of Arts, Culture and Sports

2015

Arts and Cultural Trust: Lifetime Achievement for Visual Arts

Made member of the Department of Arts and Culture Living Legends Project

2003

Awarded citation for Contribution to Resistance Media by Satayagraha Magazine

1996

Awarded scholarship to travel in India by Indian Government 2003

Awarded The Sir Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Award, First Prize "Art South Africa To-Day"

1995

Awarded scholarship to travel and photograph in Denmark, by Danish government

1993

First Prize, “Images of Africa” African Arts Festival Denmark

1968

Natal Society of Arts Annual Award

1965

The Sir Basil Schonland Award, "Arts South Africa Today Exhibition"

PUBLICATIONS

2017

"Seedtimes" by Omar Badsha, Published by South African History Online

2012

"One Hundred Years of the ANC: Debating Liberation Histories Today". Edited by Arianna Lissoni, Jon Soske, Natasha Erlank, Noor Nieftagodien and Omar Badsha

2010

"Bonani Africa 2010" Catalogue. Published by SAHO. Curated by Omar Badsha, Jeeva Rajgopaul, Mads Norgaard

2002

"Amulets and Dreams: War, Youth and Change in Africa". Published by SAHO, ISS and UNISA Press, August 2002

2001

"Imperial Ghetto: Ways of Seeing in a South African City". Published by South African History Online, Pretoria

"With Our Own Hands: Alleviating Poverty in South Africa". Published by Department of Public Works

1968

Natal Society of Arts Annual Award

1965

The Sir Basil Schonland Award, "Arts South Africa Today Exhibition"

EXHIBITIONS

2017

"A Short History of South African Photography Fotografia Europea", the annual festival of photography held in Reggio Emilia, Italy. 5 May 2017-9 July 2017

2016

"Seedtime". April - January 2017 Museum Africa.

Group show "Between States of Emergency" Nelson Mandela Centre for Memory

2015 Seedtime Omar Badsha Retrospective – Iziko South African National Gallery
24 April – 2 August

Seedtime, Durban Art Gallery 22 September – January 2016

2013

"Umlambo – 100 years: Commemorating 100 Years of the Land Act". Iziko South African National Gallery

2012

"Walking on Water." District Six Museum, Homecoming Centre, Cape Town. Solo exhibition

"Rise and Fall of Apartheid". International Centre for Photography, New York. Group exhibition

2010

"Samsara: A Continuous Pursuit." DMAG, Durban. Group exhibition

"Under the Umdoni Tree: The Art of Omar and Ebrahim Badsha." (DMAG, Durban and University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Group exhibition.)

"From Pierneef to Gugulective, 1910-2010.". South African National Gallery, Cape Town. Group exhibition

"Bonani Africa" Photography Festival, Group exhibition, Cape Town

2009

"Precedents and Currents." Mayibuye Centre, University of Western Cape, Bellville. Group exhibition

"South-South: Interruptions & Encounters". (Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. Group exhibition)

2007

"Africa South". Association for Visual Arts, Cape Town. Group exhibition

2006

University of De Quilmes, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Group exhibition

"The World of Small Things." DMAG, Durban. Solo exhibition.

"Black Brown White: Photography from South Africa. Kunsthalle, Wien, Germany. Group exhibition

2005

"Two Lenses – Two Visions – One Experience". (With Peter Magubane. The Museo de La Ciudad, Cuernavaca, Mexico.)

"ReVisions: Expanding the Narrative of South African Art". South African National Gallery, Cape Town. Group exhibition

"A Place Called Home". (Touring exhibition: NSA, Durban; South African National Gallery, Cape Town and Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg. Group exhibition)

2004

Oslo, Norway. Solo exhibition

"Narratives, Rituals and Graven Images". Saba Cultural Centre, Tehran, Iran. Solo exhibition

"A Place Called Home". Travelling exhibition: Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg. Solo exhibition

Group exhibition. Oman. December 2004

"Ties that Bind". Durban Art Gallery. Group exhibition

2003

"August 9 Celebrating Women". Durban University, Westville. Group exhibition

2002

"Shooting Resistance". Axis Gallery, New York, USA. Group exhibition.

"Imperial Ghetto," Alliance Ethio-Francaise, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Group exhibition.

"Amulets and Dreams: War Youth and Change in Africa," (International travelling exhibition: DMAG, USA and Canada. Group exhibition.)

"Bonani Africa Festival of Photography". Museum Africa, Johannesburg and Pretoria Art Gallery, Pretoria. Group exhibition

2001

"Imperial Ghetto". DMAG, Durban. Solo exhibition

"Narratives, Graven Images and Rituals". Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town. Solo exhibition

"With Our Own Hands." University of South Africa, Pretoria. Group exhibition

2000

"Portrait Afrika". Haus de Kulture der Weld, Berlin, Germany. Solo exhibition

African Identities Conference, Adelaide University, Australia. Solo exhibition

1998

"Eye Africa – African Photography 1840-1998". International travelling exhibition, Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town. Group exhibition

1996

National Women's Day Exhibition, House of Parliament, Cape Town. Group exhibition

Cape Town Festival, Centre for the Book, Cape Town. Group exhibition

"Portraits." South African National Gallery, Cape Town. Group exhibition

"25 Years of Photojournalism". Cape Town, Johannesburg and U.K. Group exhibition

"Photo Synthesis: Contemporary South African Photography". South African National Gallery. Group exhibition

Grahamstown Festival, Grahamstown. Group exhibition

"Imperial Ghetto." South African High Commission, Pakistan. Solo exhibition

1995

"Peoples Portraits". South African National Arts Gallery, Cape Town. Group exhibition

"Images of Denmark". Copenhagen City Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark. Solo exhibition.

1993

"Images from Africa". Denmark. Group exhibition

1992

"Visual Arts Group". Travelling exhibition: Zolani Centre, Nyanga East; Uluntu Centre, Guguletu; Manenberg Peoples Centre, Cape Town

South African Association of Arts, Cape Town. Group exhibition

1991

ANC National Conference, Durban. Group exhibition

1990

"Omar Badsha, David Goldblatt and David Lurie". Portfolio Gallery, London. Group exhibition

"South Africa: Beyond the Barricades". Zabalala Festival, London. Also travelled to Paris and New York, Group exhibition

"On Education". University of Cape Town African Studies Centre, Cape Town. Solo exhibition

1988

Alternative Museum, New York, USA. Group exhibition

Children on the Frontline Conference, Harare, Zimbabwe. Group exhibition

Human Rights Conference, Port Elizabeth. Group exhibition

Artists for Human Rights Exhibition, Durban. Group exhibition

Documentary Photography Conference, Cape Town. Group exhibition

United Women's Congress (UWCO) Festival, Samaj Centre, Cape Town. Group exhibition

Staffrider 10th Anniversary Exhibition, Market Gallery, Johannesburg. Group exhibition

1987

History Workshop, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Group exhibition.

Shell Gallery, Cape Town. Solo exhibition

"Beyond the Hidden Camera". Culture in Another South Africa Festival, Amsterdam, Holland. Group exhibition

1986

"South Africa: The Cordoned Heart". International Centre for Photography, New York, USA. Group exhibition. *This show travelled in the USA for nearly ten years.

"South Africa: The Cordoned Heart". Photographers Gallery, London. Group exhibition.

"South Africa in Conflict – End Conscription Campaign". Baxter Theatre, Cape Town. Group exhibition

Weekly Mail Book Week, Cape Town. Group exhibition

1984

"Omar Badsha and Paul Weinberg". NSA Gallery, Durban. Group exhibition

"Staffrider" Annual Exhibition. Market Photo Gallery, Johannesburg. Group exhibition

History Workshop, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Group exhibition.

David Goldblatt and Paul Alberts

"South Africa: The Cordoned Heart". University of Cape Town, Cape Town. Group show of South African photographers

"Nichts Wird Uns Trennen". Frankfurt, Germany. Group show of South African photographers

1983

"South Africa Through the Lens". Staffrider photographic exhibition, Market Photo Gallery, Johannesburg. Group exhibition

History Conference, University of Natal, KwaZulu-Natal. Solo exhibition

"Imijondolo". Market Photo Gallery, Johannesburg. Solo exhibition

"Imijondolo". Merebank Public Library, Durban. Solo exhibition

"Omar Badsha with Peter Mackenzie". Botswana National Gallery, Gaborone, Botswana. Group exhibition

Stockholm Culture Centre, Sweden. Group exhibition

1982

"We Photograph". DMAG, Durban. Group exhibition

"South Africa: Photo Statements". South African National Gallery, Cape Town and National Touring Exhibition. Group exhibition

Culture and Resistance Conference, Gaborone, Botswana. Group exhibition

Creative Arts Society, University of Durban, Westville. Group exhibition

Cultural Festival, Bosmont Township, Johannesburg. Group exhibition

Cultural Festival, University of Natal, Allan Taylor Residence, KwaZulu -Natal. Group exhibition

"Imperial Ghetto". 6 September 1982. Nuffield Gallery, Durban. Group exhibition

1981

"Imperial Ghetto". Market Photographic Gallery, Johannesburg. Solo exhibition
University of Durban, Westville. Group exhibition

1980

"You Have Struck a Rock: Women and Resistance in South Africa". Durban and Cape Town. Group exhibition

"Arts South Africa Today, 1971". DMAG, Durban. Group exhibition

NSA Gallery Group Exhibition. Durban

1979

"Letter to Farzanah". NSA Gallery, Durban. Solo exhibition

"Letter to Farzanah". Pietermaritzburg Public Library, Pietermaritzburg.

Solo exhibition

1978

"Some South African Photographers". DMAG, Durban. Group exhibition.

1972

"Omar Badsha, Mahomed Timol and Duke Ketye". NSA Gallery, Durban. Group exhibition

"Natal Contemporary Art". DMAG, Durban. Group exhibition

1971

"Omar Badsha and Wiseman Mbambo". NSA, Durban. Group exhibition

"Omar Badsha, David Cremer, D. Wilmot". Nuffield Arcade, Durban. Group exhibition

1970

"Graphic Work by Natal Artists". DMAG, Durban. Group exhibition

1969

"Art South Africa Today". Durban Art Gallery

1968

Artists Gallery, Cape Town. Group exhibition

"NSA Annual Members Exhibition". NSA Gallery, Durban. Group exhibition.

Artists Gallery, Cape Town. Solo exhibition

1965

"Art South Africa Today". Durban Municipal Art Gallery (DMAG), Durban. Group exhibition