

EVERARD READ

TAFADZWA TEGA

(b.1985 Harare, Zimbabwe)

Tafadzwa Tega was born in Harare and studied art at the National Gallery of Zimbabwe. In 2008, Tega moved to South Africa, later joining Good Hope Art Studio. Tega has participated in several group exhibitions and has presented solo exhibitions in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa as well as Lausanne, Switzerland. His works are found in several prominent private collections, including the Leridon Collection, the Spier Arts Trust, Nando's and the University of Cape Town. Tega is currently based in Cape Town.

Tega's work speaks to the struggles, dreams and triumphant moments of the people of Zimbabwe. Political and economic stability over several decades has forced many Zimbabweans to emigrate, with the artist and his relatives themselves being victims of this forced migration. Finding themselves in foreign countries – and, often, subjected to poor working and living conditions – Zimbabweans learn how to make ends meet while, and at the same time, to not forgo ambition. These opposing currents – joy and desire on the one hand; exploitation and alienation on the other – often come to be represented in photographs. In these photographs, people dress their best; they choose glamorous settings for backgrounds; they pose. Tega's paintings are based on these photographs, conveying citizens' resilience and determination to live (or, at least, to project) a better life.

EDUCATION

2008 Diploma in Fine Art, National Gallery of Zimbabwe

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Fortune Favours the Brave, Everard Read Franschhoek, South Africa
- 2025 Matakadya Kare, Everard Read Cape Town, South Africa
Mabahambe, immo Scognamiglio, Milan, Italy
- 2023 Chisi hachieri musi wacharimwa (A seed will take its time to grow), Everard Read, Johannesburg; Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom, South Africa
Exodus, Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Milan, Italy
Future Fair, with Martin Projects, New York, USA
- 2022 Rwendo (Journey), JD Malat Gallery (in collaboration with Africa First), London, UK
Zumbani, Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Milan, Italy
- 2021 Harare Dream, Foreign Agent, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2020 Mwana Whevu (Son of the Soil), Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2019 Africa Without Borders, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2014 Africa Without Borders, World Art, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2012 Adolf Tega, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read Cape Town, South Africa
- 2025 EXPO CHICAGO, with Everard Read, Chicago, USA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
10 Years | Summer Show, Everard Read, London, UK
Rwendo Rwechokwadi, Christopher Moller, Cape Town, South Africa
Africa Rising: Highlights from the Africa First Collection, ACEL, Seoul, Korea

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- 2024 Inner Sanctum, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
Winter Collection, Everard Read, Franschhoek, South Africa
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
Artefiera Bologna, Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Bologna, Italy
EXPO CHICAGO, with Everard Read, Chicago, USA
- 2023 miart Fair, with Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Milan, Italy
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Cape Town, South Africa
FNB Art Joburg, with Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
The Other's Warmth, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
Contemporary Figuration: Between Body & Metaphor, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 Art Miami, with Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Miami, USA
Volta Fair, with Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Basel, Switzerland
So Far So Good, Mimmo Scognamiglio, Milan, Italy
Dallas Art Fair, with Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Dallas, USA
- 2021 A Very Loop Street Summer, EBONY/CURATED, Cape Town, South Africa
8x8, Ebony/Curated, Cape Town, South Africa
Art Miami, with Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Miami USA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Ebony/Curated, Cape Town, South Africa
Dallas Art Fair, with Mimmo Scognamiglio / Placido, Dallas, USA
Open City: Everything was beautiful and nothing hurt, FNB Art Joburg, South Africa
Foreign Agent, 1-54 London, UK
- 2020 Summer Show, Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Gallery MOMO, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2019 #Recess, Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa
Urban Archaeology, Daor Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa
Nando's Creative Exchange, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
FNB Art Joburg, with Gallery MOMO, Johannesburg, South Africa

COLLECTIONS

Leridon Collection, France
Spier Arts Trust, South Africa
Nando's Collection, South Africa
University of Cape Town, South Africa
Fundacion AMMA, Mexico
Fundacion para el Desarrollo de la Pintura, Spain
Radisson Red, South Africa