

James Webb

CV

B. 1975, Kimberley, South Africa

Lives and works in / *Vit et à travaille* à Cape Town & Stockholm

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Education / Formation

1999 Diploma (Copywriting), The Red & Yellow School, Cape Town, South Africa
1996 B.A. (Drama & Comparative Religion), University of Cape Town, South Africa

Solo shows / Expositions personnelles

2025	<i>Let the Darkness Be a Doorway</i> , Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
2025	<i>See you in Hapiness</i> , blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
2025	<i>tuuui trrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr</i> , MAC/CCB, Belém, Lisbon, Portugal
2024	Kabuso Art Centre Øystese, Norway
2024	<i>The Moon Will Not Stay Hidden Forever</i> , Liljevalchs +, Stockholm, Sweden
2020	<i>What Fresh Hell Is This</i> , blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
2019	<i>James Webb: Prayer</i> , Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Canada <i>Choose the Universe</i> , Imane Farès, Paris, France <i>Three Dreams Of The Sinking World</i> , POOL, Johannesburg, South Africa
2018	<i>It's Not What It Looks Like</i> , SPACES Cleveland, USA <i>James Webb: Prayer</i> , The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA <i>The dreamer in me meets the dreamer in you</i> , Norrtälje Konsthall, Sweden
2016	<i>Hope is a good swimmer</i> , Imane Farès, Paris, France <i>ECSTATIC INTERFERENCE</i> , blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa <i>We listen for the future</i> , Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield, UK
2015	<i>Xenagogue</i> , curated by Anthea Buys, Hordaland Kunstsenter, Bergen, Norway <i>Nous</i> (with Ninar Esber), Imane Farès, Paris, France
2014	<i>The Two Insomnias</i> , blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
2013	<i>Audiopolis</i> , curated by Francisco López, CentroCentro, Madrid, Spain
2012	<i>MMXII</i> , Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
2010	<i>Aleph</i> , Goethe On Main, Johannesburg, South Africa <i>Untitled States</i> , curated by Douglas, MAC, Birmingham, UK <i>One day, all of this will be yours</i> , blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa <i>Prayer</i> , Djanogly Gallery, Nottingham, UK <i>Jwakznsa</i> , Kznsa, Durban, South Africa
2008	<i>Prayer</i> , Huddersfield Art Gallery, Huddersfield, UK
2006	<i>Untitled</i> , blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
2002	<i>Phonosynthesizer</i> , US Art Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Group shows & screenings / Expositions collectives et projections

- 2025 *Déborder la rivière*, Kunsthalle Mulhouse, France
- 2025 *For the Birds*, MGK Siegen, Germany
- 2024 *Prayer (Houston)*, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, USA
- 2024 *Between Rivers*, Asturp Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway
- 2023 *Goodbye to Love*, Marres, House for Contemporary Culture Maastrich, Netherland
International Biennale of Saint-Paul de Vence, cur. by Ludovic Delalande and Claire Staebler, Saint-Paul de Vence, France
Monheim Triennale II, cur. by Kathrin Jentjens and Frank Schulte Monheim am Rhein Germany
A bruit secret. Hearing in art, Basel, Switzerland
Islamic Arts Biennale, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Mona Foma Festival, Launceston / Hobart, Tasmania
- 2022 *The Future Is Behind Us*, A4 Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa
16th Lyon Biennale, *Manifesto of fragility*, curated by Sam Bardaouil and Till Felrath, Lyon, France
- 2021 *Sånger till Hökarängen*, Konsthall C, Stockholm, Sweden
There's No Place Called Home (Hökarängen), Konsthall C, Stockholm, Sweden
Deep listening for longing, Borås Art Biennial 2021, curated by Ulrika Flink and Amanprit Sandhu, Borås, Sweden
The Normal, curated by Tessa Giblin and James Clegg, Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh, UK
As yet untitled, commissioned by Norval Foundation Cape Town, South Africa
Kukho Ukukhanya Okungasoze Kuphele, A4 Arts Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2020 *Konst i Ån*, Norrtälje, Sweden
Helicotrema, La Fratellanza 1874, Modena, Italy
The Repetition Compulsion, commissioned for *Audiosfera. Experimentación sonora 1980-2020*, curated by Francisco Lopez, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
Ernest Mancoba — An Artist and His Legacy, Södertälje Konsthall, Södertälje, Sweden
- 2019 *Open Borders*, 12th Curitiba International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Curitiba, Brazil
Blickachsen 12, curated by Elisabeth Millqvist & Mattias Givell, Bad Homburg, Germany
Persona grata?, Musée d'Art Contemporain du Val-de-Marne, Paris, France
Ngoma: Art and Cosmology, JAG, Johannesburg, South Africa
Listening Room, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 *Truth is black, write over it with mirage's light*, Darat al Funun, Amman, Jordan
Hacer Noche, Centro Cultural San Pablo, Oaxaca de Juarez, Mexico
Radiophonic Spaces, Museum Tinguely, Basel, Switzerland
African Metropolis. An imaginary city, MAXXI, Rome, Italy
L'heure rouge, 13th Dakar Biennial, Dakar, Senegal

- 2017 *Gegen die Strömung, Reise ins Ungewisse*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany
Picasso et la maternité, Hôtel Dieu, Le Puy en Velay, France (catalogue)
The Lotus in spite of the Swamp, 4th Prospect Triennial, New Orleans, USA
Home is so fucking complicated, curated by Samuel Leuenberger, Galerie Nathalie Halgand, Wien, Austria
Image Drain, curated by Anthea Buys, Tallinn Art Hall/Foto Museum, Tallinn, Estonia
Ways of Seeing, curated by Sam Bardaouil & Till Felrath, ARTER, Istanbul, Turkey; Villa Empain / Fondation Boghossian, Brussels, Belgium
Every Time A Ear di Soun, documenta 14 (radio programme), Kassel, Germany/Athens, Greece
- 2016 *Tous, des sangs-mêlés*, curated by Julie Crenn & Frank Lamy, MAC VAL, Vitry-sur-Seine, France
Afriques Capitales, curated by Simon Njami, La Villette, Paris, France
Tamawuj, 13th Sharjah Biennial, Sharjah, UAE
History Unfolds, Historiska Museet, curated by Helene Larsson Pousette, Stockholm, Sweden
Alive in the Dead Sea (1995-2015), The Khalid Shoman Foundation Darat Al Funun, Amman, Jordan
The Adventure of Our Collection I, Kaiser Wilhelm Museum | Re-opening, Krefeld, Germany
Barriers - artists based in South Africa, Wanås Konst, Wanås, Sweden
Between the idea and the experience, 12th Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba
- 2014 *What would be about the world without the things that don't exist?*, 1st Frestas Triennial, curated by: Josué Mattos, Sorocaba, São Paulo, Brazil (catalogue)
Bleu Brut, Experience Pommery 12, Domaine Pommery, Reims, France
Helicotrema, curated by Blauer Hase, Viafraini, Milano, Italy
- 2013 *NO LIMIT 2*, Galerie Imane Farès, Paris, France
Imaginary Fact, curated by Brenton Maart, South African Pavilion, 55th Venice Biennial, Italie
Between The Lines, curated by Eva Scharrer, Former Tagesspiegel Building, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 *Shuffling Cards*, curated by Cécile Bourne Farrell, Art-Cade, galerie des grands bains, Marseille, France
GIPCA Live Art Festival, curated by Jay Pather, City Hall, Cape Town, South Africa
Experience Pommery 10, curated by Bernard Blistène and Jean Marie Gallais, Domaine Pommery, France
When Form Becomes Attitude, blank projects, Cape Town, South Africa
Fierce Festival, curated by Laura McDermott & Harun Morrison, various venues, Birmingham, UK
In Other Words: the black market of translation, curated by Elena Agudio, NGBK, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *Experience Pommery 9*, curated by Claire Staebler and Charles Carcopino, Domaine Pommery, Reims, France
Neither Man, Nor Stone, Iziko South African Museum, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 *Sentences On The Banks and other activities*, curated by Abdellah Karroum, Darat al Funun, Amman, Jordan
GIPCA Live Art Festival, curated by Jay Pather, City Hall, Cape Town, South Africa
Re ex / Re exión, curated by Bronwyn Lace, Johannesburg Art Gallery, South Africa
Article Biennale, various venues, Stavanger, Norway

Istanbul, Athens, Marrakech, Palermo, Catania, curated by Abdellah Karroum, Riso Museo d'Arte Contemporanea della Sicilia, Palermo, Italy
In Other Words, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Twenty, Nirox Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa
Contemporary Artists From South Africa, Stiftelsen 314, Bergen, Norway
Ampersand, Daimler Contemporary, Berlin, Germany
No Soul For Sale, curated by Abdellah Karroum, L'appartement 22/Tate Modern, London, UK

- 2009 *1910 – 2010*, curated by Riasson Naidoo, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Printemps des Poètes, curated by Muriel Lardeau, Musée du quai Branly, Paris, France
Happy House, Kunst im Tunnel, Düsseldorf, Germany
3rd Arts In Marrakech Biennale, curated by Abdellah Karroum, Museum of Marrakech, Morocco
L'effacement des traces, curated by Thierry Dufrêne, Musée d'histoire contemporaine, Paris, France
Melbourne International Arts Festival, Melbourne, Australia
Open Frame, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia
CAPE 09, Cape Town's second biennale of contemporary African Culture, South Africa
- 2008 *Delusions Of Grandeur*, Unit B Gallery, San Antonio, USA
Jozi & The (M)Other City, Michaelis Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Home Bound, Stiftung Kunst: Raum Sylt Quelle, Sylt, Germany
za. Giovane arte dal Sud Africa, Palazzo delle Papesse Centro Arte Contemporanea, Siena, Italy
This Is Now 1, L'appartement22 booth, Johannesburg Art Fair, South Africa
Light Show, Bank Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- 2007 *Sakra!*, St. Andrä, Graz, Austria
9th Lyon Biennale, curated by Stéphanie Moisdon and Hans Ulrich Obrist, Lyon, France
- 2005 *Incidental Amplifications*, various venues, Melbourne, Australia
CCA Kitakyushu Open Studio, Kitakyushu, Japan
- 2004 *Typhoon*, Maeda Gallery, Kitakyushu, Japan
The Brett Kebble Art Awards, CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa (with Matthew Kalil)
- 2003 *Mooimark*, Mooimark House, Johannesburg, South Africa
YDEsire, The Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2002 *The Long Night Of Radio Art*, Ars Electronica Festival, Linz, Austria

Installations pérennes (sélection) / Permanent installations (selection)

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

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Let Me Lose Myself, Skogskyrkogården, Stockholm, Sweden
There Is A Light That Never Goes Out, Darat al Funun, Amman, Jordan
There's No Place Called Home (Amman), Darat al Funun, Amman, Jordan
There's No Place Called Home (Pommery), Vranken-Pommery Monopole, Reims, France
There's No Place Called Home (La Villa Demoiselle), Vranken-Pommery Monopole, Reims, France

Untitled, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Siren, Main Street Life, Johannesburg, South Africa

Projets de commandes in-situ (sélection) / Selected commissions (selection)

2021 *As Yet Untitled* (sound installation), Norval Foundation Sculpture Garden, Cape Town, South Africa
 Nothing here does not hear you, National Arts Festival, Makhanda, South Africa
 2014 *The Shadow Of The Hummingbird*, written and directed by Athol Fugard, Fugard Theatre, Cape Town, South Africa
 2013 *The Conversation*, time capsule to be opened on 4 August 2103, Egebjerg, Denmark
 2013 *Die Laaste Karretjiegraf*, written and directed by Athol Fugard and Riana Steyn, Fugard Theatre, Cape Town, South Africa
 2011 *Telephone Voice*, Répondeur, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France
 2011 *The Bird Watchers*, written and directed by Athol Fugard, Fugard Theatre, Cape Town, South Africa

Residencies / Résidences

2023 HANGAR - Centro de Investigação Artística, Lisbon, Portugal
 2018 SPACES Cleveland, Cleveland, USA
 2017 Fountainhead, Miami, USA
 Atelier Mondial, Basel, Switzerland
 2016 IASPIS, Stockholm, Sweden
 2011 Nirox Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa
 Darat al Funun, Amman, Jordan
 2010 USF, Bergen, Norway
 2009 Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France
 KIT – Kunst im Tunnel, Düsseldorf, Germany
 Visby International Composers' Centre, Götland, Sweden
 2008 MediaLab Prado, Madrid, Spain

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2006 MALAB, Amazonas, Brazil
 2004/5 CCA Kitakyushu, Yahata, Japan

Catalogues & publications

- 2019 ... *James Webb*, edited by Hannah Lewis, with essays by Sandra Kloppe, Kathryn Smith, Louis O'Toole, Sean O'Toole, published by blank projects, Cape Town
- 2018 *Ways of Seeing*, Ed. Akkadia Press, UAE
- 2017 Webb J., "All the Things Unseen", *Reflections on Process in Sound*, edited by Iris Garrelfs, Issue 5
Picasso et la maternité, Hôtel Dieu, Le Puy en Velay, Ed. Un, deux... quatre, éditions culturelles, France
- 2015 *Xenagogue*, edited by Anthea Buys, with essays by Brandon LaBelle and Rahma Khazam, published by Hordaland Kunstsenter
- 2014 *What would be about the world without the things that don't exist?*, Ed. 1° Frestas _ Triennial de Artes, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2010 *Site of Sound: Of Architecture and the Ear: Vol 2*, edited by Brandon LaBelle and Cládia Martinho, Errant Bodies Press, Webb J., "Activating and Amplifying"
- 2009 *Melbourne International Arts Festival – Visual Arts Program*, Davis J., "James Webb, 2009"
A Proposal for Articulating Works And Places, 3rd Arts In Marrakech Biennale catalogue, Karlsen A.S., "Hacking and Hiding"
- 2007 *The history of a decade that has not yet been named*, Lyon Biennale catalogue, O'Toole S., "A Sweet and Tender Hooligan"

Press (selection) / Presse (sélection)

- 2020 Jon Seals, "The Other. James Webb's Prayer & Janet Cardiff's The Forty Part Motet", *ArtPulse*, May 2020
 Isabella Kuijers, "Sympathetic Magic: On James Webb and Donna Kukama", *ArtThrob*, May 2020
- 2019 La Dispute, *France Culture*, coup de cœur of Frédéric Bonnet, October 23, 2019
 Scemama P., "Bienveillance", *La République {de l'art}*, September 11, 2019
 Stevens N., "The Inverted Funnel/ James Webb's 'Three Dreams of the Sinking World'", *Art Throb*
 Elizabeth M., "James Webb's '3 Dreams of a Sinking World – reflections on the Carlton Hotel", *Bubblegum Club*, April 2019
- 2018 Litt S., "Three shows at Spaces by artists Sarah Kabot, James Webb and Dustin Grella", *The Plain Dealer* on *Cleveland.com*
 "Prayer" by James Webb at Art Institute of Chicago", *BLOUIN ARTINFO*
 Johnson S., "Songs, Chants and Prayer", *Chicago Tribune*
- 2017 Somhegyi Z., "Sharjah Biennial 13 – Expanding Waves", *ART AFRICA*, Issue 8
 Pigeat A., "Sharjah", *artpress*, n°444
 Potts D., "James Webb, We Listen to the Future", *Aesthetica*, Issue 74
 Coussonnet C., "The sound artist making a call for resilience", *Apollo*, January 12, 2017
- 2016 Brit M., "Hope is a Good Swimmer", *Galerie Imane Farès*, Paris
 Forrest, N., "James Webb's Sound Art Symphony at Yorkshire Sculpture Park", *BLOUIN ARTINFO*

- Leibbrandt T., "Reverberating Sound of Things to Come: James Webb's Ecstatic Interference", Arthrob
 O'Toole S., "Bassdrum: Predictions from the heart of the sun", Sunday Times, South Africa
 O'Toole S., "Critics Picks: James Webb", ARTFORUM
 Minaar, M., "Webb se konseptuele minimalisme tref", Die Burger, South Africa
 Coussonnet C., "Spiritual Resonances, Call to prayer, sacred chants et glossolalia in sound-based practices", Afrikadaa
 Moulonguet C., "JAMES WEBB, À l'écoute du monde", Afrikadaa
 2014 Bourne-Farrell C., "Saying out loud what everyone else is thinking", Galerie Imane Farès, Paris
- 2012 Jauhianen I., "The Sound of James Webb", Another Africa
 Bester R., "James Webb", Art South Africa, Vol 11.1
 Buys A., "James Webb: MMXII", this is tomorrow
- 2010 O'Toole S., "Young African Artists, Business Day", Wanted magazine, South Africa
 "Voice in the Wilderness", Mail & Guardian, South Africa
 O'Toole S., "Black Landscape: An Argument in Three Parts", Art South Africa, V9.1
 Simbao R., "One day, all of this will be yours", Art Throb
- 2006 Minnaar M., "Artist of the imagination", The Argus, South Africa
 Hardy S., "That Subliminal Kid", Art South Africa, Vol 4.3

Institutional collections / Collections publiques et fondations

Tate Modern, London, UK
 The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA
 The Rennie Museum, Vancouver, Canada
 MAXXI, Rome, Italy
 MAC VAL, Musée d'Art Contemporain du Val-de-Marne, Vitry-sur-Seine, France
 FRAC Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France
 Kadist, Paris/San Francisco
 Kaiser Wilhelm Museum, Krefeld, Germany
 Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
 The Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
 Wits Art Museum, Johannesburg, South Africa
 A4 Arts Foundation, South Africa
 Red Sea Museum, South Arabia
 The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
 The Life Collection, Johannesburg, South Africa