

# 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

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

### Group shows & screenings / Expositions collectives et projections

- 2023 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  
*Gegen die Strömung. Reise ins Ungewisse*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany
- 2017 *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  
*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
- 2016 *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

- 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
- 2009 *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  
*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

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

2006 MALAB, Amazonas, Brazil

2004/5 CCA Kitakyushu, Yahata, Japan

Catalogues & publications

2019 ... *James Webb*, edited by Hannah Lewis, with essays by Sandra Klopper, 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  
 Jauhianen I., "The Sound of James Webb", Another Africa
- 2012 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  
 Minnaar M., "Artist of the imagination", The Argus, South Africa
- 2006 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  
 The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, Port Elizabeth, South Africa  
 The Life Collection, Johannesburg, South Africa  
 Nirox Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa  
 Ellerman House, Cape Town, South Africa  
 Gordon Schachat Art Collection, Johannesburg, South Africa  
 Domaine Pommery, Reims  
 Darat al Funun, The Khalid Shoman Foundation, Amman, Jordan