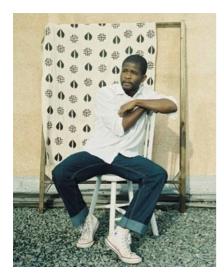
# Thabiso Sekgala



## Biography

Thabiso Sekgala (b. 1981 in Johannesburg, South Africa) was a photographer whose work explored themes of abandonment, memory, spatial politics and concept of home.

'In photography I am inspired by looking at human experience whether lived or imagined,' Sekgala once expressed. 'Images capture our history and who we are, our presence and absence. Growing up in both rural and urban South Africa influences my work. The dualities of these both environments inform the stories I am telling through my photographs, by engaging issues around land, peoples' movement, identity and the notion of home.'

Sekgala held solo exhibitions in South Africa and Europe and exhibited in group shows internationally, including Les Rencontres D'Arles, LagosPhoto Festival and Bamako Biennale. In 2013 he had residencies in both the Kunsterhaus Bethanien, Berlin, and at HIWAR/Durant Al Funun, Jordan.

He studied at Johannesburg's Market Photo Workshop from 2007 to 2008 and was awarded the Tierney Fellowship in 2010.

Sekgala died in Johannesburg in 2014.

#### Solo Exhibitions

2014 Running, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2013 No place like this, Epicentro, Berlin, Germany

2013 Paradise, Kunslerhaus, Berlin, Germany

2011 Homeland, Market Photo Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2011 Homeland, Recyclart & The vieuwer, Brussel, Belgium.

#### Group Exhibitions

**2017** Recent Histories – New African Photography, Walther Collection, Ulm, Germany

2016 In Context: Where We Are, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2016 New Revolutions: Goodman Gallery at 50, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

2015 10th Rencontres de Bamako Biennale panafricaine de Photographie, Bamako, Mali

2015 LagosPhoto festival, Lagos, Nigeria

2014 Rise and Fall of Apartheid: Photography and the Bureaucracy of Everyday Life, Museum Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa

**2013** Rise and Fall of Apartheid: Photography and the Bureaucracy of Everyday Life, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany

**2013** Transition, Les Rencontres D'Arles 2013, Arles, France

**2013** Homestories, KFW, Frankfurt, Germany

**2013** My Joburg, La maison rouge, Paris, France **2013** Photoquai, Musee Du Quai Branly, Paris, France

2013 The space between us, IFA Gallery, Berlin, Germany

2013 Conversation in Amman, Durant Al Funun, Amman, Jordan

2012 Working Title, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2012 The rise and fall of Apartheid, ICP, New York, USA

2012 Shoe shop, Goethe Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2012 Transition, Bus Factory (France Institute), Johannesburg, South Africa.

2012 Expo sure Now, Speke Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2011** NYPH'11, Photo Festival NewYork,USA.

**2011** Basic Reality, Goodman Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2011** Joburg Art Fair, Johannesburg, South Africa

**2010** *10 (Borders Masterclass)*, Market Photo Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2010 Considering documentary, Market Photo Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2010** Re-found, Re-groupshow, Drongen, Belgium.

**2009** *Borders*, Market Photo Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa. **2009** Cetavoir Image Singuliere a photographic festival in Sete, France.

### Awards and Merits

2011 Honerable mention Ernest Cole Award.

**2011** Nominated Paul Huff Award.

2010 Awarded Tierney Fellowship.

## Academic Record and Residencies

2013 Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany.

**2013** HIWAR/ Durant Al Funun, Amman, Jordan.

**2012** History Matters Residency, CCA Lagos, Nigeria.

2012 Photographic portfolio meeting, by Goethe Institute, Lumombashi, DRC.

**2011** Photographic portfolio meeting, by Goethe Institute, Bamako, Mali.

**2010** Borders Master class, Market Photo Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa.