

# SULGER-BUEL GALLERY



## **Freddy Tsimba**

Born in 1967, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Lives and works in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Born in Kinshasa in 1967, Freddy Tsimba is an artist-sculptor from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is a graduate of the prestigious Beaux-Arts de Kinshasa, and a world renown artist with various international awards and collections. Since the mid-1990s, Freddy Tsimba specialized in the recovery of metallic and mainly war materials - sockets, chains, pieces of shells, and machetes - to transform them into monumental works and to make the Congo conflict resonate while addressing issues of universality, life, and survival through his art.

After a selective process around the world, it is *Porteuse De Vies*, his monumental work, which was chosen to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris. *Porteuse De Vies* became, at the same time, the first work of art to enrich the decor of this institution since 1937.

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## Solo Exhibitions:

- 2019 AKAA Art Fair, Carreau du Temple, Paris, France  
Congo Art Biennale, Kinshasa R.D. Congo  
BISO, International Sculpture Biennial of Ouagadougou, Conference and residence exhibition  
French Embassy, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso  
The Swedish Archives, Länsmuseum Jönköpings, Sweden  
"Lend Me Your Dream", International Exhibition, Casablanca, Morocco  
The Swedish Archives, Calmar Museum, Sweden
- 2018 "Out of Chaos", Beaux Arts, London, UK
- 2010 "Renaissance. Congo 2010", Maison du Tourisme du Pays de Herve, France
- 2007 "Freddy Tsimba, L'Esprit Guerrier", Fondation Jean-Paul Blachere, Apt, France
- 2004 "Freddy Tsimba: Un Sculpteur, Un Regard Sur Le Congo", Atrium de l'Hôtel de Ligne, Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2003 "Formes et Sculptures", La Chapelle, France  
"Au-delà De La Matière", Espace bibliothèque, Coucouron, France
- 2002 "Regarde des Autres", Dijon, France
- 2000 Hotel Memling, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- 1999 Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- 1997 Galerie Giga, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

## Select Group Exhibitions:

- 2011 "Wote Pamoja", Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- 2010 "Un Giorno Di Felicità", International Contemporary Art Exhibition Miniartexilcomo, Museo Civico Archeologico, Como, Italy  
"Bakeyi Na Biso Wapi", outdoor installation as part of the 'Fêtes de Gand'  
"Brave New Worlds", Essen (DE), coordination KVS-Koninklijkvlaamschouwborg (BE), Germany  
"Indépendance c ha cha", Royal Museum of Central Africa, Tervuren / Brussels, Belgium  
"La RDC En 2060", Mercedes House, Brussels, Belgium  
"Nuit Africaine", Bois des Rêves-Ottignies, Brussels, Belgium  
AFRIfestival, Gallery @Kultuurkaffe, VUB Campus Etterbeek, Brussel, Belgium  
"Voies De La Liberté", Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve Cultural Centre, Brussel, Belgium
- 2009 "Africa Fast Forward/Avance rapide/Snel vooruit", Atomium and AfricaMuseum, Brussels, Belgium  
Afriques Art contemporain, Paris, France  
"...Persona", Tervuren Museum, Brussels, Belgium
- 2008 "Africa Now", Washington DC, USA  
Semaine Africaine au Parlement européen, Brussels, Belgium  
Art Brussels, Brussels  
"Miroirs", Dakar, Sénégal  
"Recycl'Art", Centre d'art contemporain de l'Outaouais, Montpellier, Québec, Canada
- 2007 "Terre Noire", Departmental Museum Maurice Denis, Saint-Germain-en-Lay, France  
"Lelo Lobi (Aujourd'hui Demain)", Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles, Paris  
"Freddy Tsimba et Kura Shomali, L'arthothèque, Brussels  
"Congo En Marche", Brussels

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- "Congo Contemporain", Monos Art Gallery, Liège  
Commune d'Ixelles, Bruxelles
- 2006 "L'Homme Est Un Mystère #2", Brittany, France  
"Afrique Europe : Rêves Croisés", Brussels  
1st Festival of the ACP States, Dominican Republic  
"Afrique : Entendus, Sous-Entendus Et Malentendus", Dakar, Senegal  
"Crise d'Afrique", Château Malou, Brussels, Belgium
- 2005 Congo-Haïti, fête de la sculpture, Port-au-Prince, Haïti  
Arroyo, Saint-Remy Hospital Centre, Faverney, Franche-Comté, France  
"Puissance 4", Sainte-Marie Hospital Centre, Le Puy en Velay, Haute-Loire, France  
"Pas De Quartier Pour Le Rêve", Paris, France
- 2004 "Routes et Couleurs de la Pierre", Maison Folie, Choisel, Tournai, Belgium  
"Adai, Voyage Dans l'Art Contemporain", Château d'Alba La Romaine, Ardèche, France
- 2003 "Impact", Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles, Paris, France  
"Love", Galerie Barnoud, Dijon, France  
"L'Europe Fantôme", Espace Vertebra, Brussels, Belgium
- 1999 "L'Art et la Paix", Cantharide Gallery
- 1998 Collective exhibition, British Embassy, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- 1997 Collective exhibition, Centre Culturel Français, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo  
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- 1995 50 ans de l'UNESCO, Kimbanguist Conference Centre, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- 1994 Mixed Exhibition, Hôtel Memling, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo  
"Solidarité Sans Frontière : Aujourd'hui Rwanda", Hôtel Intercontinental Kinshasa, RDC
- 1992 "Sport", Académie des Beaux-Arts, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

## Select Reviews, Features and Articles:

- 2019 Stand Up For Human Rights, [Freddy Tsimba: A Monument For Peace](#)

## Videos:

- 2019 [Freddy Tsimba: Porteuse De Vies](#), Documentary by Nathalie Verdier

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