

## LEONARD PONGO

Born in 1988 in Liege, Belgium.  
Lives and works in Brussels and Kinshasa.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Primordial Earth – Interpretations*, Kristof De Clercq gallery, Ghent, Belgium  
*Enter 14: Léonard Pongo – Primordial Earth*, Mu.ZEE, Ostend, Belgium
- 2021 *Léonard Pongo: Primordial Earth*, Bozar, Brussels, Belgium  
*Primordial Earth – The Beginnings*, The Agprognostic Temple, Brussels, Belgium  
*Strangely Familiar*, Foreign Agent, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2015 *The Uncanny*, Contretype, Brussels, Belgium

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Horst Festival: The Act of Breathing*, Asiat, Vilvoorde, Belgium  
*Consume by*, Museum Arnhem, Arnhem, the Netherlands  
*BredaPhoto Festival 2022: Theatre of Dreams*, Breda, the Netherlands  
*Dak'Art 2022 Biennial: (Un)Charted Grounds*, Dakar, Senegal  
*Je suis moi-même le soleil (curated by Liz Gomis)*, 31 PROJECT, Paris, France
- 2021 *PhotoVogue Festival*, Milan, Italy  
*My Whole Body Changed Into Something Else*, Stevenson, Cape Town & Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Presence: Five Contemporary African Photographers*, The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK  
*Radically Naive / Naively Radical*, Extra City, Antwerp, Belgium  
*Extractions*, A Two Dogs Company, Brussels, Belgium
- 2020 *L'Afrique - Vue par les Photographes*, Patrimoine Culturel Mondial, Völklinger Hütte, Völklingen, Germany  
*Lagos Photo Festival: Home Museum*, Lagos, Nigeria  
*1:54*, The Photographic Collective, London, UK  
*Croyances : faire et défaire l'invisible*, Institut des Cultures d'Islam, Paris, France
- 2019 *IncarNations (curated by Kendell Geers & Sindika Dokolo)*, Bozar, Brussels, Belgium  
*6th Lubumbashi Biennale: Future Genealogies, Tales from the Equatorial Line*, Lubumbashi, Congo DR  
*Rencontres de Bamako*, Bamako, Mali  
*The New Jerusalem*, VUB, Brussels, Belgium  
*31 Days of .TIFF - Highlighting Emerging Image Makers*, FOMU, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2018 *The 3rd Beijing Photo Biennial*, CAFA Art Museum, Beijing, China
- 2017 *Rencontres d'Arles*, Arles, France
- 2016 *Lagos Photo Festival*, Lagos, Nigeria  
*Art Basel (with Edition POPCAP)*, Basel, Switzerland  
*Nuits de la Photo*, Arles, France
- 2015 *Museum of Contemporary Art*, Rome, Italy  
*Noorderlicht Photo Festival*, Groningen, the Netherlands  
*Delhi Photo Festival*, Delhi, India  
*Fotofestiwal Łódź*, Łódź, Poland  
*Edition POPCAP*, Gallery Weekend Berlin, Kasino der Fahrbereitschaft, Berlin, Germany

## **PRIZES**

- 2022 Leica Oskar Barnack Award 2022 (shortlisted)
- 2021 CAP Prize - The Contemporary African Prize (shortlisted)  
ICP/GOST First Photo Book Award
- 2020 Meitar Award for Excellence in Photography (finalist)
- 2019 Prix de l'OIF (Rencontres de Bamako)
- 2018 Getty Reportage Grant 2018
- 2017 Visura Grant  
NOOR agency
- 2016 PDN's 30 under 30 New and Emerging Photographers to Watch (in selection)  
Vocatio Grant
- 2014 CAP prize

## **RESIDENCIES**

- 2022 Black Rock Sénégal, Dakar, Senegal
- 2019 Le Point du Jour, Cherbourg, France  
Research residence with Dokoutine, Bohicon, Benin
- 2016 KAS/Kin ArtStudio, Kinshasa, Congo DR
- 2013 Lumbumbashi Art Biennale

## **COLLECTIONS**

Pongo's work is part of institutional and private collections.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Pongo's work has been published in The Wall Street Journal, The Guardian, The Washington Post, National Geographic and several other international publications.