**MARTIN JAKAILA**

Martin Jakaila (b: 1988) now lives and works in Nairobi. After obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nairobi in 2014, he decided progressively to dedicate his time to his passion: painting- initially being mentored at Dust Depo, an artist colony at the Railway Museum, Nairobi. More recently, he was selected as the best contemporary artist at the Sondeka Awards, and was a National finalist at the Manjano Art Competition, emerging as one of the best young painters on the Kenyan art scene.

Born in the North Western part of Kenya, Jakaila is interested in the notion of the landscape, and how to render the fluctuating, distorted memories we have of the familiar landscapes of our childhood.

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CV

EDUCATION

2014 Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, University of Nairobi, Kenya.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 It Resonates, In the occasion of TED Countdown Nairobi, Kenya

2023 Central Fine Art Gallery, Miami United States of America

2022 Art Affair “22” One off Contemporary Art Gallery, Nairobi Kenya.

2021 Manjano Art Competition, The GoDown Arts Centre, Nairobi, Kenya.

2020 Manjano Art Competition, The GoDown Arts Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

2019 Affordable Art Show National Museum of Kenya

2018 Manjano Art Competition, the GoDown Arts Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

2017 Affordable art show National museum of Kenya

2016 Kenya Art Fair. Nairobi Kenya

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

2021 Best Contemporary Artist in Sondeka Awards, at Creatives Garage in Kenya.

2021. Finalist in Manjano Art Competition, Special Mention, The GoDow Art Centre,  
 Nairobi, Kenya.

2024 Lusaka Contemporary Art Center, Zambia.

2024 Lamu Factory Art Residency

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Sondeka awards, Creatives Garage Martin Jakaila August 2021 <https://www.blog.bake.co.ke>

Manjano Art Competition Martin Jakaila |1-30May 2021 <https://thegodown.org>