

Chéri Chérin

Born in 1955 at Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Lived and worked at Kinshasa.

Graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts of Kinshasa

Died in 2025.

Solo exhibitions

2010

Chéri Chérin, Ambassadeur de la peinture populaire, Centre Culturel Français de Pointe-Noire, Democratic Republic of Congo

2009

Qui Fait Quoi, Influx Contemporary Art, Lisboa, Portugal

2003

Chéri Chérin, Dommenhoff, Neerpelt, Belgium

2002

Chéri Chérin, Galerie Marc Dengis, Brussels, Belgium

1993

Chéri Chérin, Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

1991

Chéri Chérin, Centre culturel français, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Group exhibitions

2025

Au-delà des apparences – Parcours amoureux de l'art moderne et contemporain d'Afrique, Musée d'art et d'histoire de Genève, Switzerland, October 16 – November 23, 2025

2024

Génération Chéri – Chéri Benga, Chéri Chérin, Chéri Samba, Galerie Angalia, Paris, France, May 2 – June 15, 2024

2023

Art joyeux – Toseka !, Galerie Angalia, Paris, France, April 11 – June 15, 2023

Congo Passé composé, Galerie Angalia, Paris, France, February 7 – April 1, 2023

2019

La peinture populaire en héritage. Hommage de JP Mika aux Bula Matari, Espace Texaf-Bilembo, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, January – March 2019

Congo Paintings, Musée des arts d'Afrique et d'Asie, Vichy, France, May 3 – October 31, 2019

Congo Stars, Kunsthalle Tübingen, Germany, March 9 – July 1, 2019

Congo Stars, Kunsthaus Graz, Austria, September 22 2018 – January 22 2019

2018

Congo Paintings, Une autre vision du monde, Musée africain de Namur, Belgium, February 23 – May 27, 2018

2017

Kinshasa, by Chéri Chérin and Moke fils, Institut français, Beyrouth, Lebanon, 4 – 28 May, 2017
Essentiel Paysage, Al Maaden Art Gallery, Centre d'Art contemporain Africain, Marrakech, Marroco, November 2016 – March 2017
Congo Art Works - Peinture populaire, Bozar, Brussels, Belgium, October 7, 2016 – January 22, 2017

2016

1,242 South-East Gallery, Africa Bomoko, Mauritius
Beauté Congo - Congo Kitoko : 1926 - 2015, Fondation Cartier pour l'Art contemporain, Paris, France, January 11, 2015 – January 10, 2016

2015

Artistes populaires, Le Monde des Flamboyants, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, December 12, 2014 – January 12, 2015

2014

Congo Eye Na Nantes, Angalia et Casa Africa Nantes, Voyageurs du Monde, Nantes, France

2013

Peintres reporters de l'urbanité à Kinshasa, Latitude 21, Dijon, France, November 15– December 14, 2013

2011

JapanCongo, Double regard de Carsten Höller sur la collection de Jean Pigozzi, Le Magasin, Grenoble, France, February 6– April 24, 2011
Kinshasa Pop, avec Pierre Bodo, Moke, Chéri Samba, Galerie Pangée, Montréal, Canada, 4 – 31 January 2011
African Stories, Magnin-A, Ancienne Banque du Maroc, Marrakech, Marroco

2010

Africa 2.0 > is there a 'contemporary african art?', Influx Contemporary Art, Lisboa, Portugal
Africa ? Una nuova storia, Complesso del Vittoriano, Rome, Italy, November 19, 2009 – January 17, 2010
Against Exclusion, 3rd Moscow Biennial, The Garage Center for Contemporary Culture, Moscou, Russia, September 25 – October 25, 2009

2008

Why Africa ? La collezione Pigozzi, Pinacoteca Giovanni e Marella Agnelli, Turin, Italy, October 6, 2007 – February 3, 2008
"Popular Painting" from Kinshasa, Tate Modern (Room 10), London, England

2007

100% AFRICA, Musée Guggenheim, Bilbao, Spain, October 12, 2006 – February 18, 2007
Africa Remix, Art contemporain d'un continent, Hayward Gallery, London, England, February 10 – April 17, 2005 ; Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France, May 15 – August 20, 2005 ; Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan, February - May 2006 ; Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden, October 14, 2006 – January 14, 2007 ; Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 24 – September 30

2005

15 ans de transition, Hôtel Memling, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, January 26 – March 25, 2005

Peinture populaire du Congo, Musée d'art haïtien, Port-au-Prince, Haïti

2004

Mémoires de Lubumbashi, Musée national, Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo
Art Korner Gallery, La Hague, The Netherlands

2003

Kin Moto na Bruxelles, Hôtel de Ville et galerie Bortier dans le cadre d'Africalia '03, Brussels, Belgium

2002

AAPPO : Union fait la force, Galerie Marc Dengis, Brussels, Belgium, 7 – 30 June 2002

2001

La Cité dans la peinture populaire, Centre Wallonie-Bruxelles, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
An/Sichten. Malerei aus dem Kongo 1990-2000, Museum für Völkerkunde, Vienna, Austria, February – June 2001

1999

Quatre peintres congolais, Centre culturel Gembloux, Belgium

Bibliography

2025

Au-delà des apparences – Parcours amoureux de l'art moderne et contemporain d'Afrique, exhibition catalogue, Musée d'art et d'histoire de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland, p.146

2022

Kouoh, Koyo (éd.), *When We Wee Us,. A Century of Black Figuration in Painting*, exhibition catalogue, Thames & Hudson Ltd, London ; Zeitz MOCAA, Cape Town, 2022, p.268-270

2019

Congo Paintings, exhibition catalogue, Musée des Arts d'Afrique et d'Asie, Vichy, France, p.52-57
La peinture populaire en héritage. Hommage de JP Mika aux Bula Matari, exhibition catalogue, Texaf-Bilembo, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
Darby English, Charlotte Barat, *Among Others: Blackness at MoMa*, New-York, USA, p.262-263

2018

Congo Stars, catalogue d'exposition, Kunsthhaus Graz, Autriche et Kunsthalle Tübingen, Germany, p.50, 89, 102, 127, 146, 158, 181

2017

MAGNIN A and QOTBI M. *Lumières africaines – L'élan contemporain*, Langages du Sud, p.58-59

2016

Essentiel paysage, exhibition catalogue, Fondation Alliances, MACAAL, Marrakech, Marroco, p.224-227

2015

Beauté Congo – Congo Kitoko, exhibition catalogue, Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France, p.216-221

2011

African Stories, by André Magnin, catalogue d'exposition, Ancienne Banque du Maroc, Marrakech, Maroc, p.14-17

2009

Africa ? una nuova storia, exhibition catalogue, Complesso del Vittoriano, Rome, Italy, P.44-47

2006

100%AFRICA - The Jean Pigozzi Contemporary Art Collection at the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, exhibition catalogue, Bilbao, Spain, p.60-63

2005

Chéri Chérin (peintre), Les Carnets de la création, Éditions de l'œil

Africa Remix, exhibition catalogue at Centre Pompidou (Paris), Centre Pompidou, p.109

2004

Africa Screams: da Böse in Kino, Kunst und Kult, exhibition catalogue, Tobias Wendl, Hammer, Germany, p.74-75

2003

Kin Moto na Bruxelles, exhibition catalogue, Hôtel de ville et Galerie Bortier, Brussels, Belgium, p.121-129