



## STEWART MUDZIMUREGA

### TENGENENGE ART COLONY

Stewart Mudzimurega was born in Guruve, a rural community near the Zambian border, in 1971 and started carving at the age of 18. His mentor was the respected Shona artist Mackenzie Kapisa and Mudzimurega spent a full year watching the famous man before being allowed to put hand to chisel.

Stewart has been described by a Dutch critic as 'one of the top Shona artists of the new generation'. He has a contemplative style, often spending a whole day studying the stone, before starting work on it. The family is a recurring theme in his work as is the natural world. Stewart is a respected member of the Tengenenge Art Colony, where he mentors younger, less experienced carvers.

His work has been bought by collectors from the Netherlands, Germany, South Africa and the USA and Canada. In 1998 and again in 2000, Stewart travelled to Holland to give sculpting workshops organized by the Huis Van Steen Gallery. He was invited to ArtAfrica's Rice Lake II exhibition as the Artist-in Residence in 2001 and visitors had the opportunity to see him sculpting stone, shipped from Zimbabwe, using the traditional methods he employs at home. Stewart lives with his wife, Ellen, and their two children, near Tengenenge.

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