

EVERARD READ

CAPE TOWN

NELSON MAKAMO

(b. 1982, Limpopo, South Africa)

In my work, I reflect on the movement of culture amongst the youth living in and around the city. My observation is that there is an exchange between people where we adopt each other's cultures that are relevant to our respective ages. I am greatly fascinated by this, and how we in turn manage our identity with different personas. Therefore, my work aims to show that we are always changing and moving in a path of self discovery. My work does not represent a certain group of people, it moves across cultures and generations.

Known for his vibrant portraits set in pulsating African urbanized landscapes, Nelson Makamo is a celebrated, young South African artist. Observing with astute sensitivity the chaotic energy of the city, Makamo strives to capture everyday people going about their ordinary lives as the contemporary world accelerates around them.

Joining the Artist Proof Studio (Johannesburg) in 2003, Makamo was the recipient of the Johnson & Johnson International bursary. He exhibited alongside fellow South African artists William Kentridge, Deborah Bell and David Koloane in *Ten Years of Printmaking* at the David Krut Print Studio in 2006. Makamo has exhibited in America, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Scotland, and is included in various international public and private collections. His solo exhibition, *A New Lease on Life*, recently ran at CIRCA Gallery, Johannesburg and major exhibitions of his work will take place at Everard Read, Cape Town and CIRCA Gallery London in 2016/17.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** Everard Read Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015** *New Works*, CIRCA Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2014** *Generations*, Everard Read Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
A New Lease on Life, Everard Read Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010** *Movement*, Factory gallery
- 2009** *Sharing Realities II*, African Studies Centre, Leiden, Netherlands
Walk with Me, UTS Gallery, Edingburgh, Scotland, UK
A Place I Call Home, Gallery on the Square, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2008** *Moving into Light*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban,
Sharing Realities, Gallery Izarte, Zutphen, Netherlands
- 2005** *Walk with Me*, Obert Contemporary Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** *Title to be confirmed*, CIRCA Gallery Group Exhibition, London, UK
- 2015** *1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair*, CIRCA Gallery Booth, London, UK
FNB Jo-burg Art Fair, Everard Read Gallery Booth, Johannesburg, South Africa
WINTER, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010** *Young Contemporaries*, Galerie Nikki Diana Marquardt, Paris, France
My City, Arts on main, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2009** *City Link*, Gallery 23, Amsterdam, Netherlands & Gallery on the Square, Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa

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- 2007** *Cultural and Business Art Exhibition*, Somma Lombardo, Italy
Making Identity, The Thompson Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2006** *Ten Years of Printmaking*, David Krut Print Studios,
Johannesburg Student and Staff Artists Proof Studio Exhibition, Gallery on the Square, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2003** *Student and Staff Artists Proof Studio Exhibition*, Wits Substation Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Print Marathon, RAU Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Print Marathon, Boston, USA

PUBLICATIONS

The Arts Section (2010) Street Art. True Love, pp 90
Hengen, E (2010) Das Wahre Gesicht Suidafrokas, Tageblatt, 18
Zvomuya, P. (2010) Jozi for the Alienated. Mail and Guardian, pp 6

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

City of Johannesburg
Matis Investment Holdings (Company named after Mandela, Tambo and Sisulu)- ObertGallery
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