## Jane Alexander

Cian-Yu Bai

Zander Blom

Wim Botha

**Edson Chagas** 

Steven Cohen

Meschac Gaba

Georgina Gratrix

lan Grose

Simon Gush

Pieter Hugo

Ruth Ige

Sosa Joseph

Bronwyn Katz

Mawande Ka Zenzile

Dada Khanyisa

Moshekwa Langa

Neo Matloga

Meleko Mokgosi

Paulo Nazareth

Simphiwe Ndzube

**Hylton Nel** 

Mame-Diarra Niang

Serge Alain Nitegeka

Thenjiwe Niki Nkosi

Odili Donald Odita

Frida Orupabo

**Deborah Poynton** 

Jo Ractliffe

Robin Rhode

Viviane Sassen

Shine Shivan

**Penny Siopis** 

**Guy Tillim** 

Barthélémy Toguo

Portia Zvavahera

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The Artist List

2 December 2023

- 20 January 2024

The gallery is proud to present *The Artist List*, a group exhibition with works by each of our represented artists, marking our 20th anniversary.

Following close to 450 exhibitions, more than 150 publications and almost as many art fairs, this presentation of the works of 36 artists – some of whom have been with the gallery for decades, and others for months – reflects the flux, multiplicity and wonder that characterise the gallery today. As our founder, Michael Stevenson, reflects:

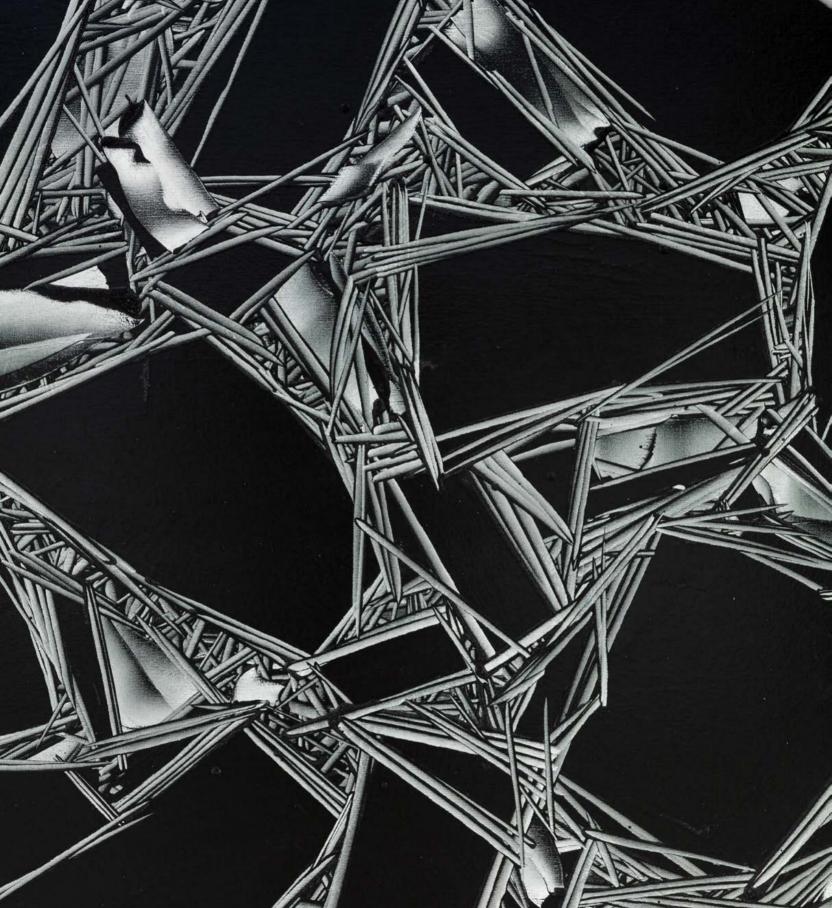
A gallery is both an economic and an imaginative entity, and its existence and success is equally dependent on sustaining these two seemingly disparate aspects. In economic terms, a gallery could be considered a 'manufacturer' - various 'raw materials' are transformed, and value is added by art 'workers' to produce a new commodity namely art. This is offered for sale by the gallery, and each sale in aturn ripples through the art economy and its concentric circles around a gallery - the artists and their studios, the staff, the supporting industries like framers and shipping, and of course the collectors, museums, curators and critics. The multiplier effect is significant, and many livelihoods are sustained by the representation of 36 artists and 38 staff - maybe more than 1 000 people, if one includes families. This spread of the proceeds of a sale in the art economy, especially a country like ours, ensures a pragmatism over indulgence to maintain the financial viability of the gallery and its extended family. Yet, it is sometimes a shock when one realises how little control a gallery has in terms of 'supply' and 'demand'. Our 'stock' depends on the creative impulses of our artists - we cannot order product from a wholesaler. And in terms of demand, nobody truly needs art in the way we need food and provisions - it is an emotive transaction that depends on many individualistic circumstances way beyond the control of the gallery. Thus, a gallery exists in a nebulous space between impulses, emotions, imagination and concepts, and simultaneously all within a transactional world. So, when daily life sometimes feels within the realm of magical realism, we are constantly humbled and grateful that we are able to sustain a commitment to the idealism of contemporary art and, most importantly, artists, in South Africa and beyond.



Lamb, 2020 Mixed media Height 23cm Varied limited edition of 5 oil painted bronze casts









Study for the Epic Mundane, 2013 Encyclopedias, dictionaries, Bibles, historical journals, wood, stainless steel Dimensions variable





Common Walls \_U3A5598, 2023 Inkjet on cotton paper 80 x 80cm Edition of 1 + 1AP



Horten Intervention, 14/7/2023
Archival tape, make-up, glitter, bindi, synthetic eyelashes; police report; replica diamond; artist's blood on bandage, video (6 min 26 sec)
Work on paper, 60 x 60cm
Installation dimensions variable

Cohen's intervention took place at the Heidi Horten Collection, Vienna, in July 2023 in protest against the Nazi origins of its founder's wealth.

Auctions of the late billionairess's jewellery took place at Christie's earlier this year, breaking records to become 'the most expensive private jewellery collection ever to sell at auction'. The final part of the sale, scheduled for November 2023, was cancelled following an outcry from human rights and other organisations.

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Mitsubishi 4X4, 2008 From the Car Tresses series Braided artificial hair and mixed media 70 x 55 x 28cm





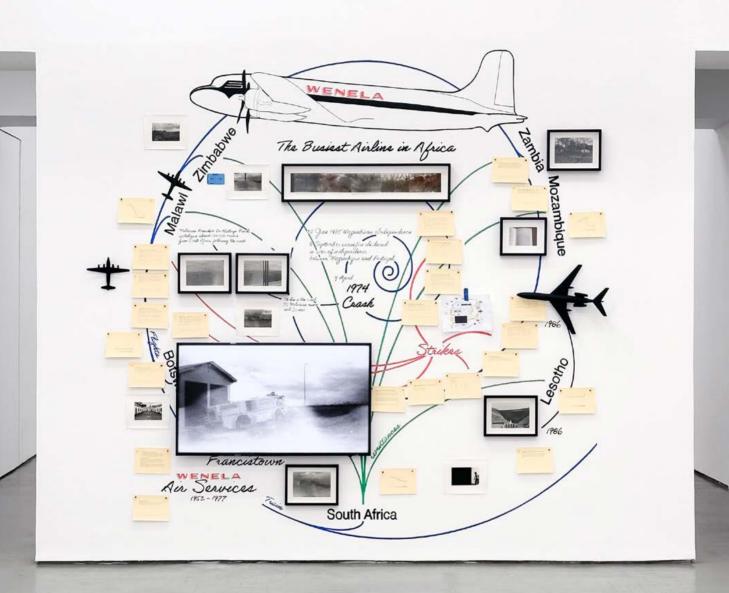
*Vriende*, 2020 Oil on canvas 165 x 135cm



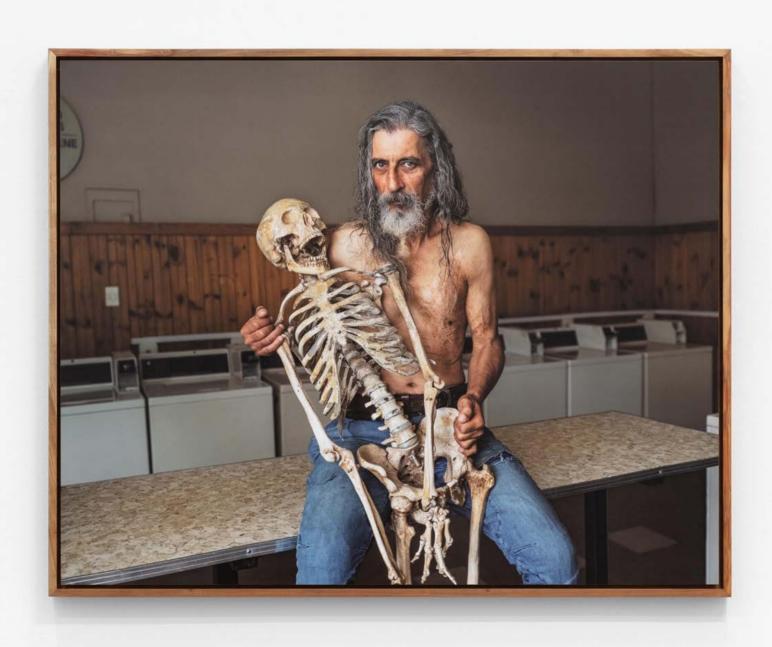


The captive, 2023 Oil on linen 123 x 125cm





The Busiest Airline in Africa, 2021-23
Paint on wall, hand-printed silver gelatin photographs, mixed media, digital video (7 min 51 sec)



Dirty Laundry, Cape Town, 2023 Archival pigment print 99 x 124.5cm Edition of 7 + 2AP

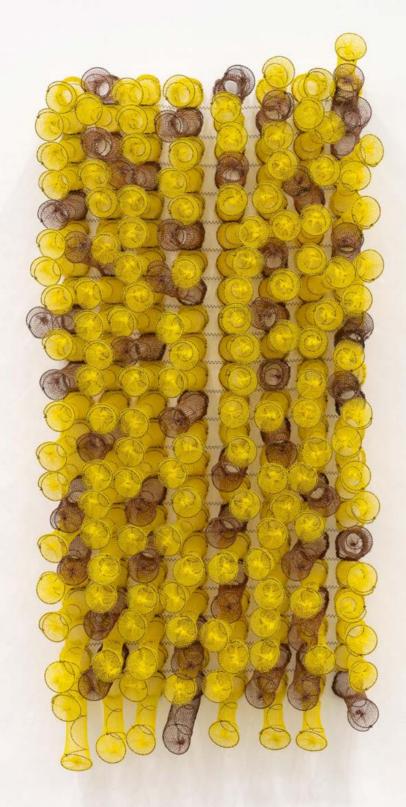


It will be okay, 2023 Acrylic on canvas 137 x 84cm



Cassava eaters, Cochin, 1600s, 2023 Oil on canvas 122 x 183cm





+xon||xūb |'amiros (sweet thorn star), 2022 Salvaged bedsprings, pot scourers, wire 184 x 91 x 35cm



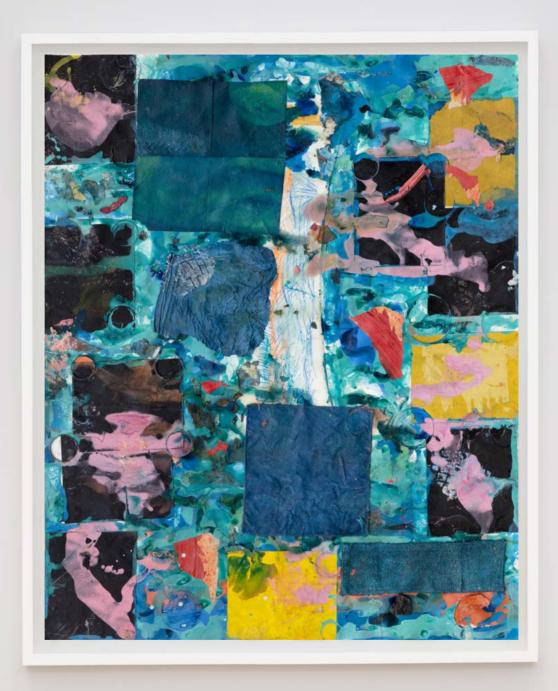


Spiritual possession



Amawele: Thandiwe, 2023
Mixed media and found objects on wood
62 x 54 x 15cm
Click here to see works on Khanyisa's solo, Cape Town,
currently on view at the Johannesburg Art Gallery





Dawn, 2021/2023 Mixed media on paper 152.5 x 124cm



Letena, 2022 Collage, charcoal, liquid charcoal and ink on canvas 200 x 200cm





Untitled (God Loves Us), 2023 Oil on canvas 25 x 27.5cm 37 x 50cm, framed







29 October 2023 Glazed ceramic bowl 9.5 x 29cm



Ce qui n'est pas encore là et ce qui a disparu, 2021 From the series *Léthé* Archival pigment ink on cotton paper Image and paper size: 100 x 100cm Edition of 2 + 1AP





Gala (Rejoicing), 2023
Oil on Belgian linen
120 x 150cm
Click here to see works on Nkosi's solo, Stadium, currently on view in Amsterdam



Collage Studies 4, 2023
Photocopy collage, adhesive tape on graph paper
Image 16 x 19.5cm; paper 20.5 x 28cm
Framed 38 x 41.5cm





Car Ride, 2022 Collage with paper pins on birch plywood panel 97 x 230cm









Okiep, 2023
Diptych
Silver gelatin
70 x 86cm each
Edition of 2 + 1AP













Atma Sabha, 2023 Sanguine, charcoal and dry pastel on paper 375 x 150cm











Govan Mbeki Avenue, Gqeberha, 2021 Acrylic paint over pigment inks on Hahnemühle Baryta 55.5 x 145.5cm Unique

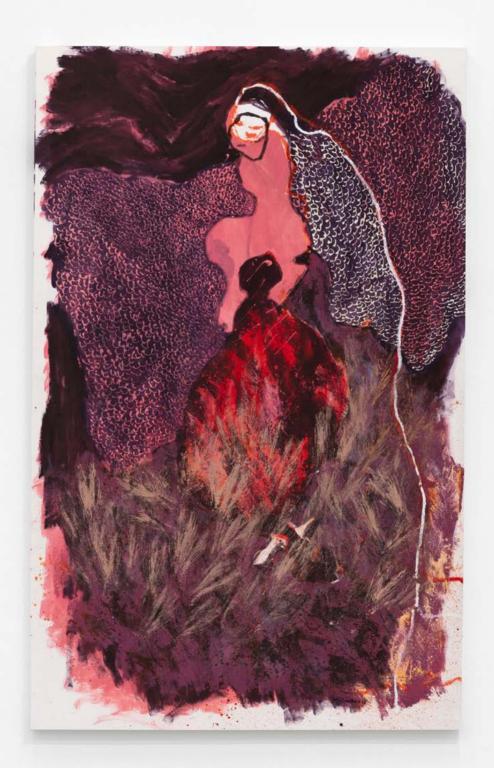




Dialogue with Nature (Bandjoun Station), 2023 Mosaic 161.5 x 147.5cm



Buda mumadhaka (Come out of the mud), 2023 Oil-based printing ink and oil bar on canvas 234 x 148cm





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