

Artist Statement

“My artwork is born from a fascination with painterly abstraction and the power it has to engage us visually and emotionally. In a fast paced society saturated with minute by minute documentation, abstract art gives us an opportunity to reflect and to delve below the surface. I am inspired by literature, poetry and music, but just as easily by rain pelting the studio or a landscape remembered. Any of these can be the impetus for the colours and tools I choose, the marks I make and the shapes that emerge, as they obliquely inform the content.”

Biography

Tanja Truscott was born in the Netherlands but currently lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa. She has taught art and after many years spent in educational publishing as an illustrator, graphic designer and art director, she turned to painting full time in 2017.

Education

Tanja Truscott received a BA in Graphic Design from the University of Stellenbosch in 1984 and a Diploma in Secondary Teaching in 1990 from the University of Cape Town.

Exhibition History

In 2022 Tanja Truscott was selected for the Nando's Creative Exchange programme which culminated in an exhibition at the AVA gallery in Cape Town and a presence at the RMB Latitudes Art Fair in Johannesburg (2023). Other exhibitions are exhibitions in Cape Town (2019) which include 'New Light' at No 5

on Hudson and Nano 1.3 at the Barnard Gallery. Truscott's work is represented in private collections both locally and abroad.