

Artist Statement

“The act of making, whatever form it has taken, has always given me a sense of self and identity. When asked what I do, I have always responded with “I am a maker, I make things”. It has been a thread that has run throughout my life and it is through my making that I discover who and what and why I am in this world. It is a means to ‘*nosce te ipsum*’, a means to ‘know thyself’. My artwork is process driven - it is the ‘making’ that most times is more important than the finished work. For me, making becomes an end in itself. I like getting my hands dirty. The process of creating, and the interaction with materials, tools, and different techniques and applications are all integral to, and equally important components of my work. Within my artwork I focus on mixed-media techniques which offer me an opportunity to experiment with diverse materials, objects, patterns, textures and layering. I like to explore the interplay between organic shapes and components, creating a dialogue between all the different elements.”

Biography

Born in 1956, Colleen Winter, expresses her creativity through drawing, mixed media, collage and sculpture using found objects, paper and textiles. Since childhood Colleen has considered herself a maker and it is the process of making that she enjoys most. She currently resides in Johannesburg.

Education

At age 55 Colleen decided to study Visual Arts full time at the University of Johannesburg, majoring in Sculpture and Drawing. In 2014, she obtained a Bachelor of Technology in Visual Arts (*Cum Laude*) from the University of Johannesburg (UJ) and in 2017 she obtained her Master of Technology in Visual Arts (*Cum Laude*) from the University of Johannesburg (UJ).

Exhibition History

2023 - 'MatteringsMutterings', Gallery 2, Johannesburg

2017 - 'Booknesses', South African Artists' and Designers' Book Arts Exhibition, University of Johannesburg

2016 - 'I Objekt', ART IT IS Gallery, Johannesburg

2015 - SASOL New Signatures, Pretoria Art Gallery

2015 - 'Eye,Mouth, Soul'; ART IT IS Gallery, Johannesburg

2015 - Jozi (PTY) LTD, ART IT IS Gallery, Johannesburg

2015 - 'Upcycle Chic', ART IT IS Gallery, Johannesburg

2014 - SASOL New Signatures, Pretoria Art Gallery

2014 - 'Paper',Artists' Proof Studio

2014 - Rooftop Exhibition, Cornerhouse, Johannesburg

2014 - Opening of the Bayliss Gallery, Johannesburg

2014 - Nirox Sculpture Winter, Johannesburg

2014 - 'Site Specific', Jozi Land Art, Johannesburg Botanical Gardens

2013 - SASOL New Signatures, Pretoria Art Gallery

2013 - PPC Cement Young Concrete Sculptor Awards, Association of the Arts, Pretoria

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Awards

2015

Sasol New Signatures Merit Award Winner
Thami Mnyele Fine Art Awards Finalist

2014

Sasol New Signatures Merit Award Winner

2013

Sasol New Signatures Finalist
PPC Cement Young Concrete Sculptor Awards Finalist

2012

PPC Cement Young Concrete Sculptor Awards Finalist.
First prize in the Visual Arts category in iOHA's 'Make a Difference' AIDS Poster and Design competition.