

## **Artist Statement**

“My artistic practice bears reference to the importance of process, and the physical act of creating artwork, that she often enacts by experimenting with different products and materials. I resonate with the belief that it is through the act of creating, that we become a vehicle for that which is greater than ourselves, and are then able to release that greatness into the world. The underlying intention of my work is to release an inquiry into spirituality, by both creating and viewing art, without offering the viewer any conclusions.”

## **Biography**

Karen Cullinan, born in 1968, was passionate about art from an early age. During her early career, Karen worked for various design companies, gaining skills in textiles, ceramics and graphic design. Cullinan has completed numerous public commissions nationally and internationally that are characteristically large-scale and made from mixed media. In 1996, she opened her own art company which has been successful in the creation of national and international commissioned artworks. Karen has been involved in a number of exhibitions and has worked internationally on various private and corporate collections. Karen has been published in ‘South African Art and Artists’, and she has taught public workshops on abstract painting and authentic creativity. During her career, Karen has successfully worked in the intersecting space of business and art. She currently resides in Johannesburg.

## **Education**

After completing her matric, Karen studied Fine Arts at Wits Technikon (1988), majoring in painting, where she won the Radley and Ashley Best Painters Award

and a bursary award. In 2013, she returned to the University of Johannesburg (UJ) to complete her BTek Honours in Visual Arts, graduating in 2014.

### **Exhibition History**

**1988** - Group Exhibition, Wits Tech

**1992** - Group Exhibition, Parktown

**2014** - 'Some Went Made, Some Ran Away', group exhibition, Fada Gallery

**2015** - Essence Group Exhibition, Henry George Gallery

**2016** - The Storr Room Group Exhibition

**2020** - Group Exhibition, Hi Hotel

**2020** - 2023 - Artyli Gallery