

Artist Statement

"I always knew that all I ever wanted to be was an artist. As a compromise, I entered the commercial art field but always hankered to do my own thing. I eventually left the corporate sector and spent the next ten years as a freelance graphic designer, eventually throwing in the towel in 2007 to paint full time. Although I am no longer young, I consider myself young in terms of being an artist. At the start of the COVID lockdown, I started doing abstracts which I found calming. It all begins with a sort of extraction of the myriad emotions, happenings and pivotal points in the journey of my life - which have been waiting - to be transformed onto canvas. Some works are self-indulgent, others less so, but always personal, but isn't all art , by its very nature, personal? My work is expressionistic, mostly figurative and I work mainly with oils on canvas. I mostly title my work but it is more out of the need to identify each piece. The viewer brings his or her interpretation to the work. Painting for me is both agony and ecstasy."

Biography

Margo Schopf is an Expressionist figurative painter born in Johannesburg, Gauteng.

Exhibition History

Solo Exhibitions

2019 - 'Through a Glass, Darkly', solo exhibition, Henry George Gallery, Johannesburg

2018 - 'Catharsis', solo exhibition, Henry George Gallery, Johannesburg

2015 - 'Through the Glass Darkly', solo exhibition, ArtEye Gallery, Johannesburg

- 2014** - 'Suspicious Minds', solo exhibition, ArtEye Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2011** - 'Katharos', solo exhibition, Gerard Sekoto Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2010** - Private solo exhibition, Karen Durney-Staples and Arternatives Gallery, Parkhurst, Johannesburg

Group Exhibitions

- 2022** - 'Art and About', group exhibition, Salon Collectibles, RMB Johannesburg
- 2021** - 'Pretty Much', group exhibition, Henry George Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2019** - 'Skeletons in the Cupboard', group exhibition, Artwell Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2019** - 'Fases', group exhibition, Art on Avenues, Somerset West
- 2018** - 'An Ink Collective', group exhibition, Henry George Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2017** - 'A Collaboration', group exhibition, Artlink Gallery on 6th, Johannesburg
- 2017** - 'The Female Collection', group exhibition, Henry George Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2017** - 'Behind the Screen', group exhibition, Artlink Gallery on 6th, Johannesburg
- 2017** - '50/50', group exhibition, DF Contemporary, Cape Town
- 2014** - 'An Unmasked Collective', group exhibition, Henry George Collective, Johannesburg
- 2014** - 'Fifty Shades of Grey', group exhibition, ArtEye Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2013** - 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow', group exhibition, Youngblood Gallery, Cape Town
- 2013** - 'What I Love', group exhibition, Gallery on 6th, Johannesburg
- 2013** - Group Exhibition, Gallery on 6th, Johannesburg