

Artist Statement

My creativity pays homage to my origins and personal experiences. This is evident in my choice of subject matter and medium. I paint images of sprawling rural landscapes onto traditional grass mats, which all speak about my origins. The ever-present focus of my work is my rural upbringing, along with the sacrifice and support of my mother who raised my siblings and I. I frequently reference my home of Limpopo which is perhaps most recognizably in the landscapes of rolling hills and vast rural scenes I present on grass mats. I use the grass mat as a resting place for my creations. I mirror the intended purpose of the mats as a traditional resting place and usher them into an artistic context where they become replacements of the expected canvas and paper substrates.

Biography

Fumani Walter Maluleke was born in Limpopo in 1991, in the village of Thomo. Fumani has carried with him the spirit of art for as long as he can remember, - drawing in school books and on the walls of his family home. Maluleke would later see his artistic talent acknowledged by winning numerous art prizes and sharing his creative skills as an art teacher.

Education

After matriculating, Fumani Maluleke enrolled at the Tshwane TVET North College (TNC) for a Diploma in Art and Graphic Design in 2015.

Exhibition History

Solo Exhibitions

2016 - Savanna Mall, solo exhibition

2017 - Game reserve, solo exhibition

2017 - John West Art Gallery, Pretoria

2018 - Springs Art Gallery, Ekurhuleni, Johannesburg

2018 - Joy Alive Art gallery, Soweto, Johannesburg

Group Exhibitions

2014 - SAADA Art Fair

2014 - Wang Thola Collective, Johannesburg Art fair

2015 - 'Uncovered' Student Exhibition

2018 - Julie Miller Art Gallery, Winter Exhibition Collection

2018 - Art Impact International Gallery, Golden Exhibition

2018 - John West Art Gallery, Pretoria

Achievements

Maluleke was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Department of Art and Culture, for assisting in the realization of youth goals at Ekurhuleni performing art competitions in March 2016.

Commissions

September 2014 - Rand Merchant Bank (RMB), charcoal and pastel

September 2015 - Rand Merchant Bank (RMB), mix media

October 2016 - Mandela Children's Hospital

June 2017 - Rand Merchant Bank (RMB), charcoal and pastel

Competitions

2013 - Thami Mnyele Merit Award, art on paper, student collaboration

2014 - Absa Art Competitions

2018 - Giyani Art Completion

2018 - GCR Giyani Radio Station