

# JOHANN LOUW

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**BIOGRAPHY**

Born 1965, Bellville, South Africa.  
Lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa.

**EDUCATION**

**2018** Master of Fine Arts (MA), University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
**2015** Bachelors of Fine Art (BA), University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

**AWARDS & RESIDENCIES**

**2021** Medal of Honour for Visual Arts, The South African Academy for Science and Arts, South Africa.  
**2014** Artist in Residence, The Ampersand Foundation , New York City, USA.  
The Ampersand Foundation Fellowship Award, New York City, USA.  
**2011** Artist in Residence, Nirox Foundation Sculpture Park, Arts on Main, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
**2010** Artist in Residence, Le Atelier Pons, Paris, France.  
**1991** Standard Bank Drawing Competition Award, Grahamstown, South Africa.  
**1989** Volkskas Atelier Merit – Award, Pretoria, South Africa.  
HSRC Bursary for Postgraduate Study, Pretoria, south Africa.  
**1988** Rolfes Student Art – Merit Award, Durban, South Africa.  
Volkskas Atelier – Merit Award, Pretoria, South Africa.

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**2026** **[UPCOMING]** At Sixty: Part 3, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
**2025** At Sixty: Part 2 - Paintings (1995 - 2015) SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa  
At Sixty: Part 1 - Works on Paper, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
**2024** Grys, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa  
**2022** Wrewel, SMAC Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
**2020** Artist Room, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2019** FNB Art Joburg (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
Lacrimosa, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2018** Contemporary Istanbul (SMAC Gallery), Istanbul, Turkey.  
**2017** 'Der Abschied', SMAC Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
AVA Alumni: Johann Louw, Association for Visual Arts Gallery (AVA), Cape Town, South Africa.

**2016** Loog, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2015** Gestaltes, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2013** *Et in Arcadia Ego*, in Collaboration with SMAC Gallery, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
Terugkoms van Cythera, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2010** New Paintings, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
**2007** Johann Louw: A Mid-Career Retrospective, Sanlam Art Collection; Sanlam Art Gallery, Bellville, South Africa. The exhibition travelled to: Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria; Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein and SASOL Museum, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
Untitled, KKNK, Oudtshoorn, South Africa.  
Gaze, Erdmann Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2005** Recent and Not So Recent Paintings by Johann Louw, Irma Stern Museum, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**2003** Sixth Solo Exhibition, Everard Read Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
**2001** Fifth Solo Exhibition, Everard Read Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**1999** Fourth Solo Exhibition, Harris Fine Art Gallery, Wynberg, Cape Town, South Africa.  
Third Solo Exhibition, Everard Read Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
**1998** Second Solo Exhibition, Association of Visual Arts, Cape Town, South Africa.  
**1996** First Solo Exhibition, Association of Visual Arts, Cape Town, South Africa.

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**2026** **[UPCOMING]** Investec Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery) Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town South Africa  
**2025** Investec Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery) Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town South Africa  
**2024** FNB Art Joburg (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
**2023** RMB Latitudes Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Shepstone Gardens, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.

**2022** FNB Art Joburg (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
Art Brussels (SMAC Gallery), Tour & Taxis, Brussels, Belgium.  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.

**2021** Opening Exhibition, FNB Art Joburg, SMAC Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2020** *SHAPING THINGS: An exploration of clay and ceramics in contemporary South African art practice*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.  
*A Show of Solidarity*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
*SHAPING THINGS: An exploration of clay and ceramics in contemporary South African art practice*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

**2019** *That Was Then*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
*Ampersand Foundation Award 21 years celebration exhibition*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
Investec Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.

**2018** *Forward? Forward! Forward...*, Stellenbosch University Museum, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
*Wish You Were Here*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
*Endless Horizons [Travelling Exhibition]*, Taller Rufino Tamayo, Oaxaca, Mexico.  
FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
*Impressions*, Association of Arts Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa.

**2017** *X: Part III*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
*X: Part I*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.  
*X: Part II*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

**2016** FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2015** *UPSTART/STARTUP*, SMAC Galley, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
*Home truths: Domestic Interiors in South African Collections*, IZIKO South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa.  
*SUMMER SHOW '16*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

**2014** *PAPERWORK: An Exhibition of Contemporary South African Works on Paper*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
Cape Town Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), The Pavilion, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa.  
*Miart* (SMAC Gallery), Fieramilanocity, Milan, Italy.  
FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2013** *The Xmas Show*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
ARCOmadrid (SMAC Gallery), IFEMA- Feira de Madrid, Madrid, Spain.  
Cape Town Art Fair, (SMAC Gallery), The Lookout, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa.  
*Weerberug*, Curated by Luan Nel, Aardklop National Festival, Potchefstroom, South Africa.  
FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
*SPI National Portrait Award Finalist Exhibition*, Sanlam Private Investments in Collaboration with Rust-en-Vrede Art Gallery, Rust-en-Vrede Art Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
*Vanitas*, Curated by Clare Menck, Dorp Street Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
*The Loom Of The Land*, curated by Anton Kannemeyer, STEVENSON, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2012** *PAINT I: Contemporary South African Painting 2002 – 2012*, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
*Collection 17*, SMAC Gallery, Aardklop National Festival, Potchefstroom, South Africa.

FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Collection 16, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

Contemporary Selection, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

Contemporary Selection, SMAC Plus, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

**2011** Collection 15, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa. Collection 14, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

Designs of Time, Fried Contemporary, Pretoria, South Africa.

Collection 13, SMAC Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2010** Painters Who Print, [Travelling Exhibition], Aardklop Kunstfees, Potchefstroom; The Gallery at Grande Provance, Franschoek, South Africa.

Parallel, Official Exhibition of the 2nd Sabbionetta Biennale, Palazzo Ducale, Sabbionetta, Italy.

*Index 40: Leading works from the Sanlam Art Collection* [Travelling Exhibition]; SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch; Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein; University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg; Sanlam Art Gallery, Bellville, South Africa.

Divisions: Aspects of South African Art 1948-2010, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Rendezvous: Focus Original Lithography, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Environmental Concern and Human Existence, Group Exhibition of the 4th Beijing International Art Biennale, The National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China.

FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2009** *I Linguaggi del Mondo: Languages of the World*, Exhibition at the 53rd Venice Biennale, Palazzo Querini Art House, Venice, Italy.

FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2008** Collection 10, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Home is my Castle, Erdmann Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa.

FNB Joburg Art Fair (SMAC Gallery), Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2007** Johann Louw & Sanell Aggenbach: *Portraits*, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Collection 6, SMAC Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Out of Context, Erdmann Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa.

Drawings & Prints, Art on Paper, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**2004** New Identities, Group show of South African artists, Bochum Kunsthalle, Germany.

**2003** Group Show, Strydom Gallery, George, South Africa

**2002** Three Person Show, with Clare Menck and Kennet Sinclair, Tokara, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

**1999** Postcards from the Edge, Axis Gallery, New York, USA.

**1998** Garob, Knysna Fine Art Gallery, Knysna, South Africa.

Vital Signs, Australia National University (ANU) School of Art Gallery, Canberra, Australia.

Private Histories, Munich, Germany.

Landscape, Association for Visual Arts Gallery (AVA), Cape Town, South Africa.

Summer Salon, with Rose Korber, Bay Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa.

**1997** Three-person show, Primart, Cape Town, South Africa.

Unplugged 2, Rembrandt Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Love (artwork in collaboration with Clare Menck), The Lounge, Cape Town, South Africa.

Die Ses : A Sculptural Requiem, (in collaboration with Clare Menck), Zonnebloem Estate/ District Six, Cape Town, South Africa.

Cyst : works in paint, [Travelling Exhibition], Fringe Exhibition for Cape Town Biennale, Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town, Sandton Civic Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**1996** Group Exhibition, Dorp Street Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Portraits, The Planet Contemporary Art Site, Cape Town, South Africa.

Group Exhibition, Primart Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

Group Exhibition, Labia Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

**1995** Committee's Choice, Association for Visual Arts (AVA), Cape Town, South Africa.

**1994** Staff Exhibition, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Displacements – South African Works on Paper, The Block Museum, Chicago, USA.

**1991** The Triennial Exhibition, Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

**1990** Critic's Choice Exhibition, Association for Visual Arts Gallery (AVA), Cape Town, South Africa.

**1989** Nudes Exhibition, Association for Visual Arts Gallery (AVA), Cape Town, South Africa.

**COLLECTIONS**

Iziko South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.  
Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa.  
University of Stellenbosch Collection, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
Sasol Art Collection, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
University of Cape Town Collection, Cape Town, South Africa.  
Spier Art Collection, Stellenbosch, South Africa.  
Pepkor, Cape Town, South Africa.  
Media24, Cape Town, South Africa.  
Sanlam Collection Cape Town, South Africa.  
Old Mutual, London, UK.  
Johannesburg Stock Exchange, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
ABSA Bank, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
JP Morgan Ltd, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
Bochum Kunsthalle, Germany.  
Johann C Porer Collection on loan to University of Cape Town, Oppenheimer Library,  
South Africa.  
Hollards, Johannesburg, South Africa.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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