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Born 1975, Roodepoort, SA
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Education

1996 BA Fine Arts, Pretoria University, South Africa

Work in Corporate Collections:

University of Johannesburg (UJ), J A Meyer Attorneys, Standard Chartered Bank London, Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA), Ukwazi Mining Group, University of South Africa (UNISA), Blend Property Group, Northcliff Eye Centre, North-West University, Oliewenhuis Art Museum, William Humphreys Gallery, War Museum of the Boer Republics, The National Museum of China, Pretoria Art Museum, Absa Bank.

Work in Private Collections:

South Africa, Germany, Singapore, Australia, Great Britain, United States of America (USA), the Netherlands, Canada, Italy, France.

Acknowledgements and Awards:

Finalist for

- BP Portrait Awards, London
- Absa L'Atelier Competition
- Eukuruleni Fine Arts Award
- Brett Kebble Award
- Sasol New Signatures Competition
- National Portrait Awards
- Momentum Lifestyle Awards (art)

2007 Top ten. Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa.
2008 Obtained Project Funding from the National Arts Council for partially funding the exhibition SA@work
2011 Selected as Festival Artist, Absa Klein Karoo National Arts Festival
2012 Winner of the Bettie Cilliers-Barnard Award for painting
2015 Top five. Sanlam Portrait Award

Residencies:

2013 Cité International des Arts, Paris
2016 Sachaqa Centro de Arte, San Roque de Cumbaza, Peru
2018 SAFFCA (The South African Foundation for Contemporary Art), Entabeni farm, Knysna
2024 Admirals Residence, Muizenberg, Western Cape

List of Solo Exhibitions:

- 2024 *Emerged/Revealed*, Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
2022 *Morph*, Gallery @ Glen Carlou, Stellenbosch
2020 *Legacy*, William Humphreys Art Gallery, Kimberley
2019 *Legacy*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
2015-2016 *Grass People*, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg
2015 *Grass People*, Alliance Française, Johannesburg
2013 *Surface*, North-West University Gallery, Potchefstroom
2013 *Surface*, Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein
2011 *Portret*, Absa Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn
2010 *SA@Work*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
2009 *Worker*, Tina Skukan Gallery, Pretoria
2008 *KZN@Work*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban
2001 *Emplastron*, Victoria Memorial Hall, Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn
1997 *Helena Hugo*, Terre Verté, Pretoria

List of Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2024 *Alexa make some Art*, The Viewing Room Art Gallery, Pretoria
Tiny People, Trent Gallery, Pretoria
The Art of Propaganda, Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
Immerse/Emerge, Admirals Residence, Muizenberg
Seed III, curated by SAFFCA, Villa Arcadia, Johannesburg
2023 *Give her a Crown*, The Melrose Gallery, Johannesburg
Portrait Award 2023, top 40, Rust-en-Vrede-Gallery, Durbanville and Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Lena Hugo & Jaco Benade, Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
A Season of Feathered Friends, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Bloom, The Gallery at Steyn City, Johannesburg
2022 *Material Divine*, Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
The Illusion of Reality, Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
Figure Me, Art & Collect, Midrand
Phenomenal Women, Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
Seed II, curated by SAFFCA, Villa Arcadia, Johannesburg
2021 *Persistence of Vision*, Knysna Fine Art, Knysna
Freedom Equals no Fear, Eclectica Contemporary, Cape Town
Life, Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
Portrait Award top 40, Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Portrait Award top 100, Rupert Museum, Stellenbosch
The Threads that Bind us, The Viewing Room Art Gallery, Pretoria
2020 *Ichabod*, Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, online
Absa Art Hotspot Auction, Absa Gallery in partnership with Aspire Art Auctions, online
Boys don't cry, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Summer Salon, Gallery @ Glen Carlou, Stellenbosch
Pearl, Artbox, Pretoria

- 2019 *KKNK 25 - 'n Terugblik Uitstalling*, Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees, Oudtshoorn
Palate, Plate, Palette, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
21 Years of Curating the Cube, UJ Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Winter Collection, Everard Read, Franschhoek
- 2018 *Unfolding Fibre*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
African Contemporary Art, PIASA, Paris
Drawing conclusions II, Association of Arts, Pretoria
See Art, Contemporary Drawing, Gallery 2, Johannesburg
Prides an Plights, University of Pretoria, Pretoria
SAFFCA Residency Exhibition, Entabeni Farm, Knysna
A Blushfull Hippocrene, Knysna Fine Arts, Knysna
- 2017 *Important South African and International Art*, Strauss & Co, Johannesburg
Genre, Moór Gallery, Franschhoek
See Art, Gallery 2, Johannesburg and Association of Arts, Pretoria
Sanlam Portrait Award top 100, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town and Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Ars Gratia Artis, Gallery at Grande Provence, Franschhoek
Kakotopia, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2016 *Origins & Trajectories, Contemporary Art from Africa & the African Diaspora*, PIASA, Paris
Art Exchange Mexico, Querétaro, Mexico and Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Performing Wo/Man, North West University Gallery, Potchefstroom and Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein
Sanlam Portrait Award, Knysna Fine Art, Knysna and KZNSA, Durban
100 Geographies, University of Stellenbosch Art Museum, Stellenbosch
Element: Air, Sachaqa Centro De Arte, Peru
Crossing Borders, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
I Object, Art It Is, Johannesburg
- 2015 *Twenty: Art in the Time of Democracy*, 6th Beijing Biennale, Beijing, China and Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria and University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Not a Portrait Exhibition, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Sanlam Portrait Award, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville and Sanlam Gallery, Johannesburg
Homo Sapiens, Object, design, Art/ ANPA, Franschhoek
- 2014 *Twenty: Art in the Time of Democracy*, Appalachian State University, Turchin Centre, North Carolina, USA
SPI National Portrait Awards, KZNSA Gallery, Durban and Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein
Easter Symbols, Association of Arts, Pretoria
The Grand Exhibition, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Earthborn, joint exhibition with Retha Buitendach, Trent Gallery, Pretoria
- 2013 *Jeunes Artistes d'Afrique du Sud*, Vivienne Art Galerie, Paris
Tom Waits for No Man, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Re-envisioning the Anglo-Boer War, Johannes Stegmann Gallery, Bloemfontein
Big Enough to be Small, William Humphreys Gallery, Kimberley
SPI National Portrait Awards, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville and University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg and Stephan Welz & Co at the Alphen Estate in Constantia, Cape Town
Interrupted, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Summer exhibition 45, Strydom Gallery, George

- 2012 *Re-sample*, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg
Rendezvous Focus Painting, UCT Michaelis School of Fine Art and Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein and University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Circles, Cycles and Seasons, Strydom Gallery, George
Engage - World Art Day Exhibition, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Altered Pieces, Strydom Gallery, George
- 2011 *This Place/Displace*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Skilder met Woorde II, Klein Karoo National Arts festival, Oudtshoorn
Recent Acquisitions Art Exhibition, University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria
Altered Pieces, Thompson Gallery, Johannesburg and Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
Rendezvous Focus Painting, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
Self Portrait 2011, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Transvaalse Verhalen, Zuid-Afrikahuis, Amsterdam
43rd Summer Exhibition, Strydom Gallery, George
- 2010 *Skilder met Woorde I*, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
Woman at Work, The Gallery at Duncan Yard, Pretoria
Source, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
42nd Summer Exhibition, Strydom Gallery, George
Oppitafel 20(10), Artspace, Johannesburg
- 2009 *St Sebastian*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Justified Jotting, Magpie, Pretoria
Absa L'Atelier Competition, Absa Towers, Johannesburg
Enigma, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
41st Summer Exhibition, Strydom Gallery, George
- 2008 *Metaphor*, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
A Thin Line, Platform on 18th, Pretoria
Reflect Refuel, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Centenary Exhibition, University of Pretoria, Pretoria
- 2007 *Opening Exhibition*, The Secret Gallery, Pretoria
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa
Evidence, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
Woman's Exhibition, The Secret Gallery, Pretoria
- 2006 *Opening Exhibition*, Platform on 18th, Pretoria
Woman, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
Positive, Sun City
Sasol New Signatures, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Absa L'Atelier Competition, Absa Towers, Johannesburg
- 2005 *Sasol New Signatures*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
BP Portrait Award 2005, National Portrait Gallery, London and Sunderland Museum, Winter Gardens, Sunderland and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa
Artists from Pretoria, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
Far and Wide, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2004 *For the Record/Off the Record*, Gordart @ Thompson Gallery, Johannesburg and Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
Woman's day Exhibition, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Recent Works, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
- 2003 *Repositioning*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Cetshwayo KaMpande National Portrait Competition, Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg

- Femina 2003*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Encaged, joint exhibition with Nicky Leigh, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2002
Drawing Exhibition, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Twenty/Two, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Arcadia, Carfax, Johannesburg
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa
Erica Jacubcínová and Helena Hugo, Tina Skukan Art Gallery, Pretoria
- 2001
3/3, Open Window Art Gallery, Pretoria
Unframed works, Tina Skukan Art Gallery, Pretoria
- 2000
Olaf Bishoff, Helena Hugo and Rentia van der Merwe, Grahamstown National Arts Festival, Grahamstown
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa
- 1999
Easter Exhibition, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Easter Exhibition, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Our World in the Year 2000, Winsor & Newton Fine Arts Competition, Sandton Civic Gallery, Johannesburg
Opening Exhibition, Gallery Voss, Pretoria
- 1996
Final Year Exhibition, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/ Tembisa
Sasol New Signatures, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Get Framed, Café Palette, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
- 1995
PPC Cement exhibition and auction, Newtown Galleries, Johannesburg
Sasol New Signatures, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Drawing Exhibition with students of Diane Victor, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria