

EVERARD READ

NEILL WRIGHT

(b. 1985, South Africa)

Neill Wright is a multidisciplinary artist based in Johannesburg, South Africa. He explores various mediums, such as sculpture, printmaking and painting as modes of expression, drawing inspiration from a variety of sources within his lived experience. The bold, multi-layered and colourful work speaks to a curiosity about and affection for the natural world while the geographically impossible mashups hint at the chaos of everyday life. Abstract and representational elements co-exist in a seductive yet menacing way suggestive of both the exultation and terror present in the unknown and un-explored.

In 2007 Wright graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art (Honours) at the Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town, where he was co-awarded the Simon Gerson Prize for an outstanding body of work. In 2009 he graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Fine Art, majoring in printmaking. In 2013, Wright was named one of the ten emerging South African artists to watch by *The Times*, and he has exhibited in a number of group and solo exhibitions as well as at numerous South African and international art fairs. His work is housed in both corporate and private collections throughout the world.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 This Quiet Company, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2022 I Forget Where We Were, District Gallery, Cleveland, USA
- 2020 The Only Way Out Is Through, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
To Anywhere and Nowhere, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2018 Blizzard Head, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2016 Wilderness, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2015 The Atrophy and the Ecstasy, Sulger-Buel Lovell, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 The Hilarity of Reality, Circa on Jellicoe, Johannesburg, South Africa
Spectacular but Empty, The Lovell Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2011 Protect Your Roots, Salon 91, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Inner Sanctum, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
Winter Collection, Everard Read, Franschhoek, South Africa
- 2022 Spring, group show, Everard Read, Franschhoek, South Africa
Things I'd like to remember, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2021 Spring Show, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2020 TINY2020, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
US, Everard Read, online exhibition, UK & South Africa
- 2019 Summer, Everard Read, London, UK
- 2017 Spectrum, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
Off the wall: A group sculpture exhibition, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2015 Bronze Steel Stone, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2014 Liberation un(masked), Sulger-Buel Lovell, London, UK
- 2013-14 Summer of Sculpture, Mount Nelson Hotel, Everard Read, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 Whack! Gallery In Toto, Johannesburg, South Africa

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- 2011 Summer Salon, Salon 91, Cape Town, South Africa
TLG Competition Winners, Lovell Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Winter Salon, Salon 91, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 Out Of Africa, Salon91, Cape Town, South Africa

SELECTED ART FAIRS

- 2016 FNB Art Joburg, Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2015 Turbine Art Fair, with Sulger-Buel Lovell, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2014 FNB Joburg Art Fair, with Lovell Urban, Johannesburg, South Africa
Turbine Art Fair, with Lovell Contemporary, Johannesburg, South Africa
Cape Town Art Fair, with Salon91 Contemporary, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2013 Art For Me, with Lovell Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Sydney Contemporary, Australia
FNB Art Joburg, with Lovell Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Turbine, with Lovell Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Standard Bank National Arts Festival, Makhanda, South Africa
- 2012 FNB Art Joburg, with Everard Read, Johannesburg, South Africa