

Rose Korber's 18th Art Salon

Art Salon, curated by noted Cape Town art dealer and consultant, Rose Korber celebrates its 18th anniversary in 2009. The exhibition opens on 14 December 2009 until 31 January 2010 at Rose Korber Aart, 48 Sedgemoor Road, Camps Bay, Cape Town. Gallery hours are 10am - 6pm daily, including weekends and public holidays.

The Art Salon - widely regarded as one of the key events in Cape Town's visual arts calendar - aims to present a comprehensive and varied overview of the current state of South African art. Artists featured include William Kentridge, Robert Hodgins, Sam Nhlengethwa, Colbert Mashile, Richard Smith, Paul du Toit, Kevin Brand, Stephen Inggs, Robert Slingsby, Paul Blomkamp, Diane Victor, Deborah Bell, Claudette Schreuders, Nina Romm and Wendy Anziska.

Since its inception in 1992, the Art Salon has been a major enterprise, bringing together - under one roof - a large showcase of quality artworks, in various media and styles. In keeping with international trends, this event sees a subtle shift towards the most cutting-edge art, while still maintaining its backbone of 'classics', such as John Kramer and Erik Laubscher.

Contemporary, younger artists have become increasingly important since 2000, and this year the Salon will have plenty to offer on this score, with artists such as Pamela Stretton, Peter Eastman, Sanell Aggenbach, Dan Halter, Kate Gottgens, Jaco Sieberhagen, Kathryn Smith, Alexandra Ross and Stuart Bird represented.

In addition to the traditional genres of landscape and figurative painting, the Art Salon will also feature some of the best in sculpture, photography, ceramics and contemporary Shangaan beadwork.

Leading ceramic artists on this year's Salon include Louise Gelderblom, Astrid Dahl, Barbara Jackson, Hennie Meyer, Helen Vaughan, Ruan Hoffmann, Laura du Toit, Rebecca Tetley and Yvette McGee; while photographers of note include Stephen Inggs, Dale Yudelman, Kathryn Smith and Jurgen Schadeberg.

According to Korber: "This year's Art Salon promises to have a more focused selection and is more directed towards the demands of the contemporary collector than ever before, while still showing the best possible work of established South African artists. We hope this year's offering will be the most exciting ever."

"Given the economic crisis facing the world", she adds, "art, and especially South African art, seems to have weathered this storm amazingly well - against the most dire predictions."

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