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INFANTRY II | KAALVOET SOLDATE II

by Haidee Nel



Sculptor and performance artist, Haidee Nel graduated from Michealis, where she studied sculpture under the supervision of both Jane Alexander and Gavin Young. She is an award-winning artist and is included in numerous private and public collections.

Having two daughters of her own, Nel became aware of the harsh reality of escalating violence against children. This urged her to create imaginative and quirky, yet empowering sculptures of small girls. Masked by their playfulness, these works question the certainty of our children's future. Based on her personal relationship with her own daughters, Nel's sculptural pieces used to be primarily centred around the narratives of little girls. In her new solo exhibition Infantry II | Kaalvoet soldate II shifts her focus to include boys. This exhibition unfolds in an ongoing narrative as the artists interrogates social issues around the violence against young children. Taking this as her cue, Nel creates empowering sculptural pieces that also acts as metaphors and become monuments for pain experienced by both adults and children.









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