INSIDERS VS. OUTSIDERS THOUGHTS AND DREAMS

GROUP EXHIBITION 10.06.23



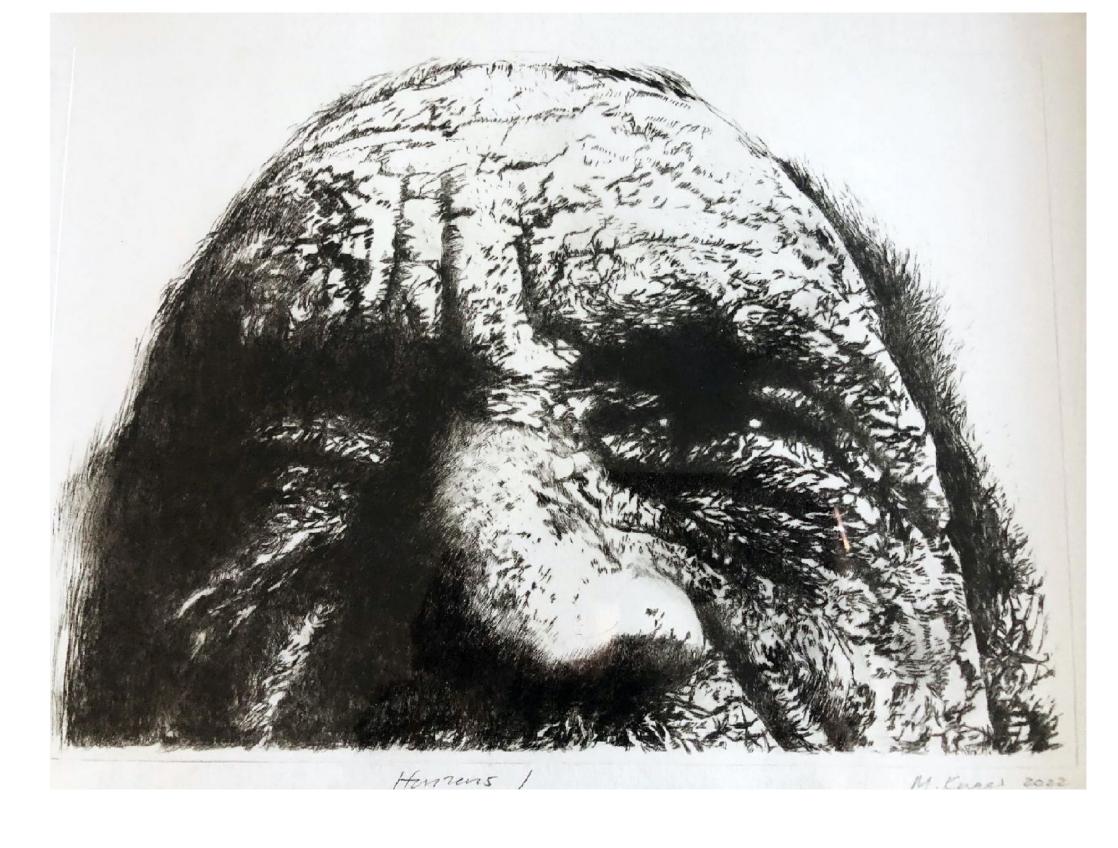
Insiders vs. Outsiders - Thoughts & Dreams is a group exhibition featuring the works of Marieke Kruger and Sandro Trapani including the works of inmates and ex-inmates under the mentorship of Marieke Kruger's Outsider/Insider Prison Art Project. The project focusses on printmaking and drawing as therapeutic fine art mediums towards the ultimate goal of positive identity transformation and rehabilitation of prisoners with artistic talent inside as well as outside of prison confines.

Marieke Kruger

"In my work I seek to explore the transformative potential of the empathic sublime through drawing. In these drawings of former prisoners, I explore the emotive and expressive qualities of the drawing material, surface and drawing trace as symbolic and autonomous means of communication. In so doing I explore the subliminal qualities of suggestive drawing trace as a possible autonomous entity and carrier of meaning.

In my work I argue that our experiences in life are a product of processes. The "dialogue" between myself and the prisoner/s whom I draw becomes central towards attempting to grasp the marks and tones of life beyond our everyday understanding of humanity: I am his other and he is my other. As established in my previous research on the transformative potential of drawing, I affirm that there exists a mutually conducive potential and influence that the interplay between the spiritual and the psychological in the drawing process bring about. Concluding, as a "self-object", a drawing attains its own 'silent visual language' replacing or assisting the role of the therapist, becoming pivotal in a transformative 'interpersonal dialogue'. Jung (Miller, 2004: 4) claims that the unification of the conscious and unconscious results in "a living birth" that leads to a new level of being, a new situation" (Miller, 2004: 4).





Horizons of Hope I

2022/23

Collaborative work Marieke Kruger/Joseph Buys (X-prisoner)
Panoramic drypoint etching on Fabriano Rosipina cotton paper
34.5cm x 73cm (framed)
Edition 1 of 3

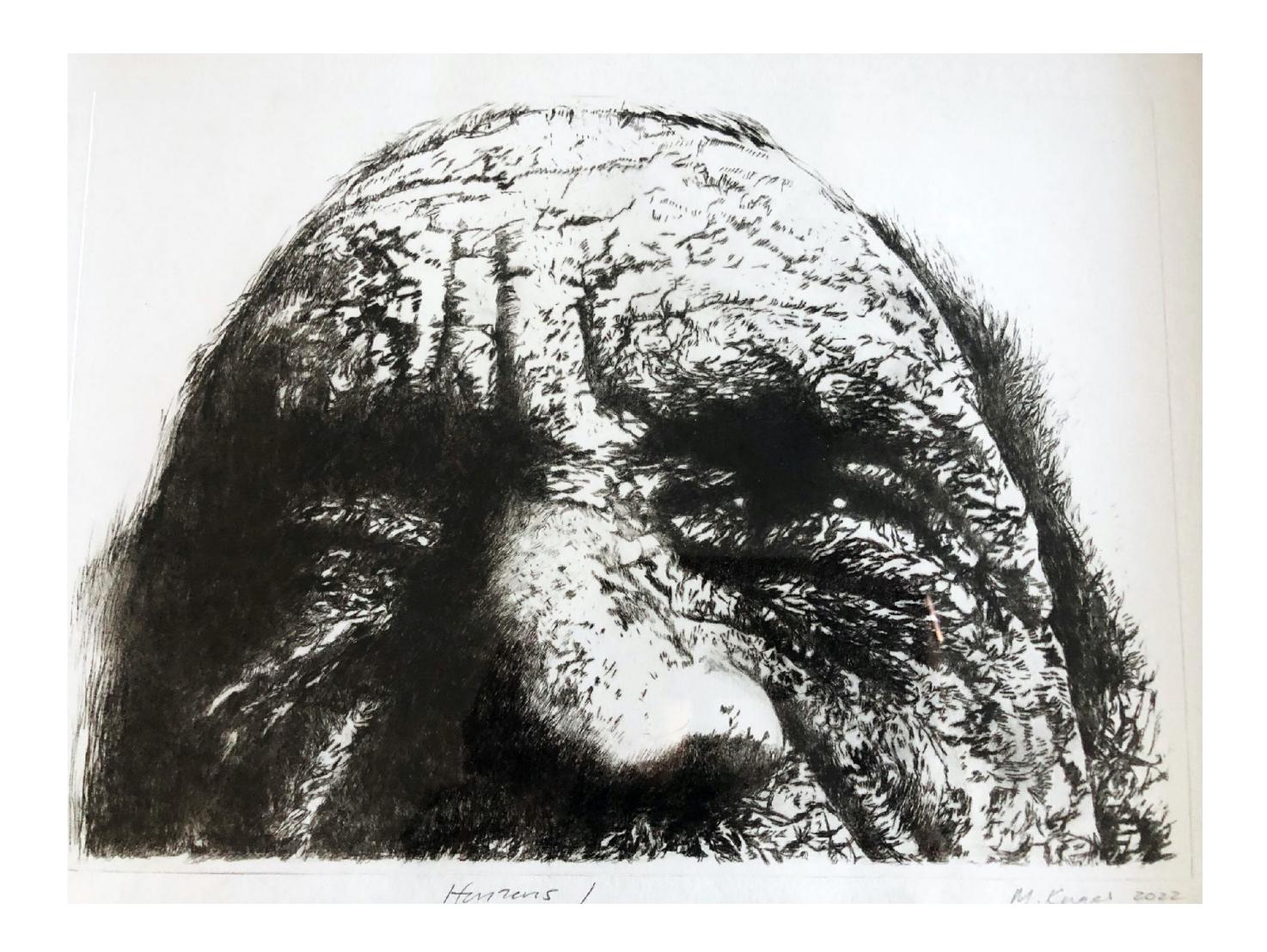
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Horizons (a)

2022/23

Single drypoint etching on Fabriano Rosipina cotton paper 35cm x 45cm (framed) Edition 1 of 5



Horizons (b)

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Single drypoint etching on Fabriano Rosipina cotton paper 35cm x 45cm (framed) Edition 1 of 5



Horizons (c)

2022/23

Single drypoint etching on Fabriano Rosipina cotton paper 35cm x 45cm (framed) Edition 1 of 5

Horizons (d)

2022/23
Single drypoint etching on Fabriano Rosipina cotton paper
35cm x 45cm framed
Edition 1 of 5



Sandro Trapani

"Carceral" is a conceptual engagement applicable to my sculptures in the context of the exhibition, Insider vs Outsider - Thoughts & Dreams. I personally cannot relate to being physically incarcerated, yet, as a South African I am (as are others) politically forced to submit to a way of life that bares psychological implications: For example, Loadshedding and the unprecedented violent crimes we are subjected to. Most South Africans are subjected to elements they do not choose and can do little to escape, in turn, forcing some to a life of crime in order to survive and make ends meet – a perpetual cycle that our government continues failing to manage. However, as much as these are unavoidable influences in my subconscious processes, I do not overtly address these issues but rather investigate personal ancestral bonds, my genealogical, geographical and spiritual contexts as metaphors for our socio-political climate. A carceral genealogy, heritage, or cultural expectation (as a South African with Italian, Russian-Jewish [speculative], Dutch, and Swiss/German ancestry) often leaves the psychological landscape blurred and confounding.

I reflect on a sense of beauty that is found in memories and experiences, particularly those that are forgotten or lost. The memories and recollections of people, places, and moments can evoke feelings of nostalgia and melancholy, and often become misted over time. As I try to accurately remember them subtle overlap in memory occurs, causing the narratives to change and be adjusted to suit the way memories are preserved. Over time there is a sense of the historical but a loss of the original context – a fascinating space for self-exploration.

In my portraits I attempt to reclaim these fading memories and evoke a sense of personal experience not quite fully recalled, at times, to free myself from obligatory histories. The portraits are nonspecific, meaning they are an assemblage of many different recollections and references and do not represent a single individual. They represent the beautiful yet illusive accumulation of memories.

There is a sense of melancholia or tragedy present in my portraits as suggested by the introduction of familiar-yet-nonspecific elements, such as ancient architecture, eroding wood, or the fractured and "dissolving" surfaces. they highlight the fading legitimacy of the past and bring a sense of longing to the fore. In some way I hope to capture and preserve the beauty found in memories and experiences, both preserved and forgotten".





Tragodia VIII

2021

Mixed media, resin and bronze powder 45cm x 25cm x 25cm

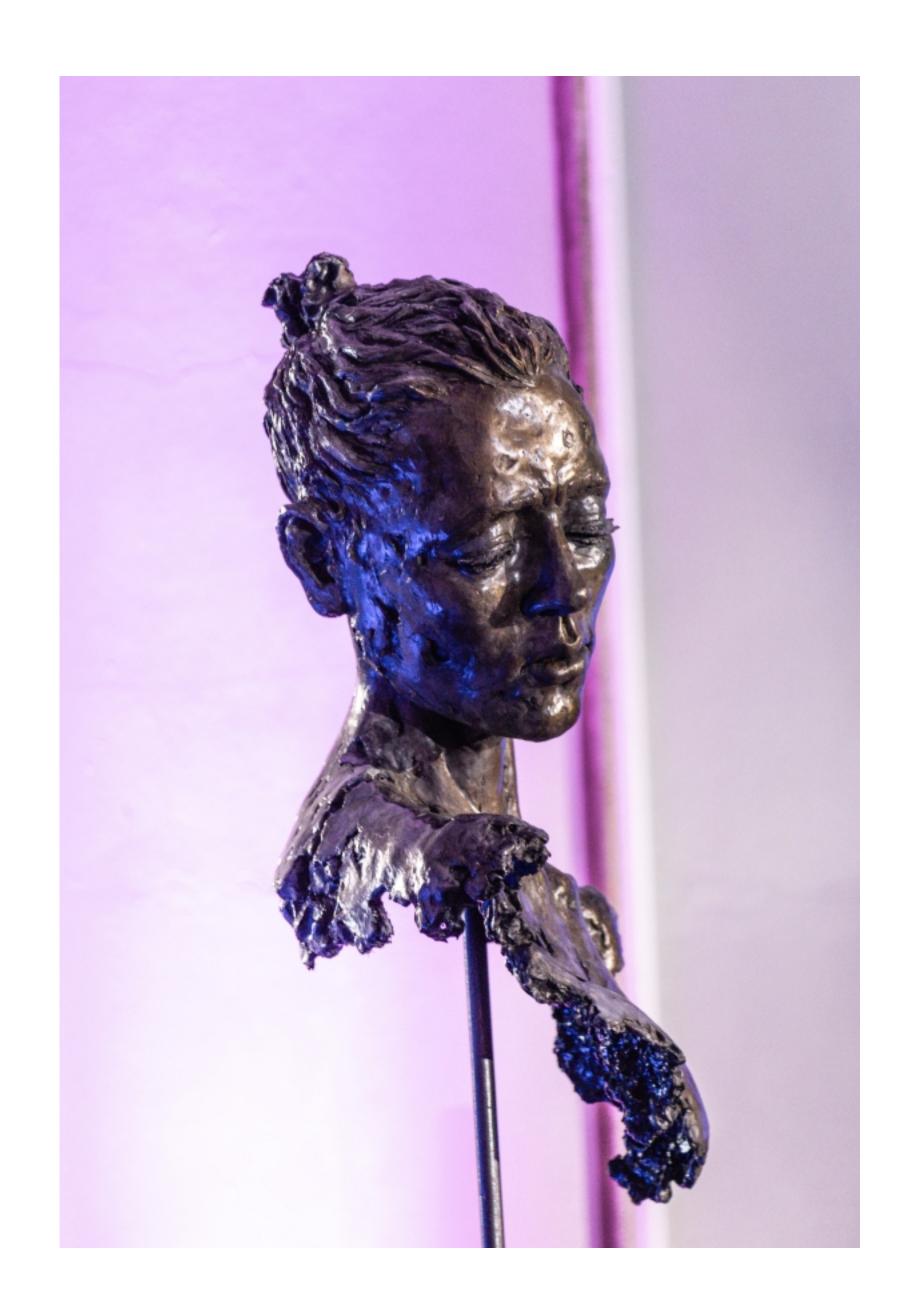


Tragodia (Awaken)

2023

Cast marble dust 37cm x 15cm x 15cm Variable edition of 40

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Dolorem III

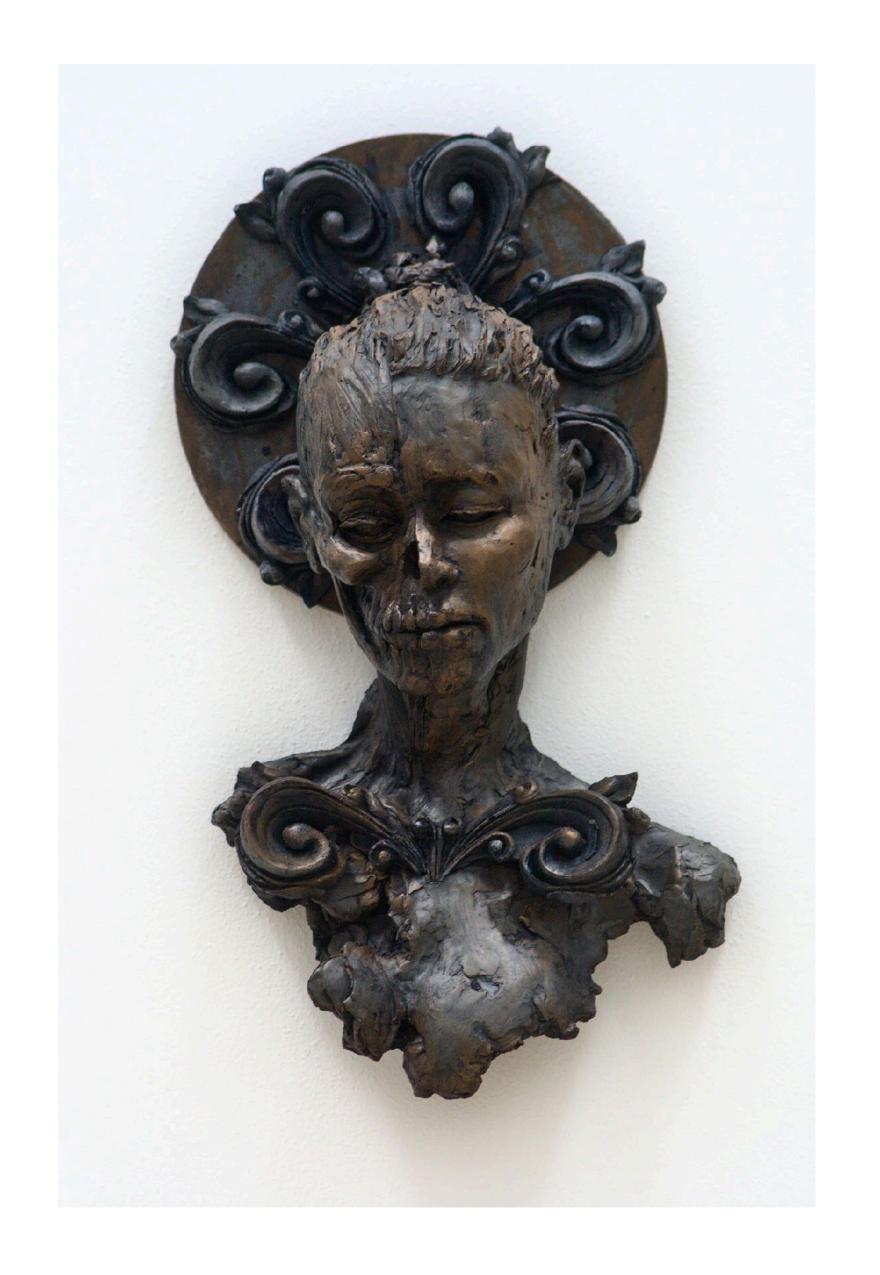
2023 Cold cast bronze and resin 200cm x 60cm x 40cm

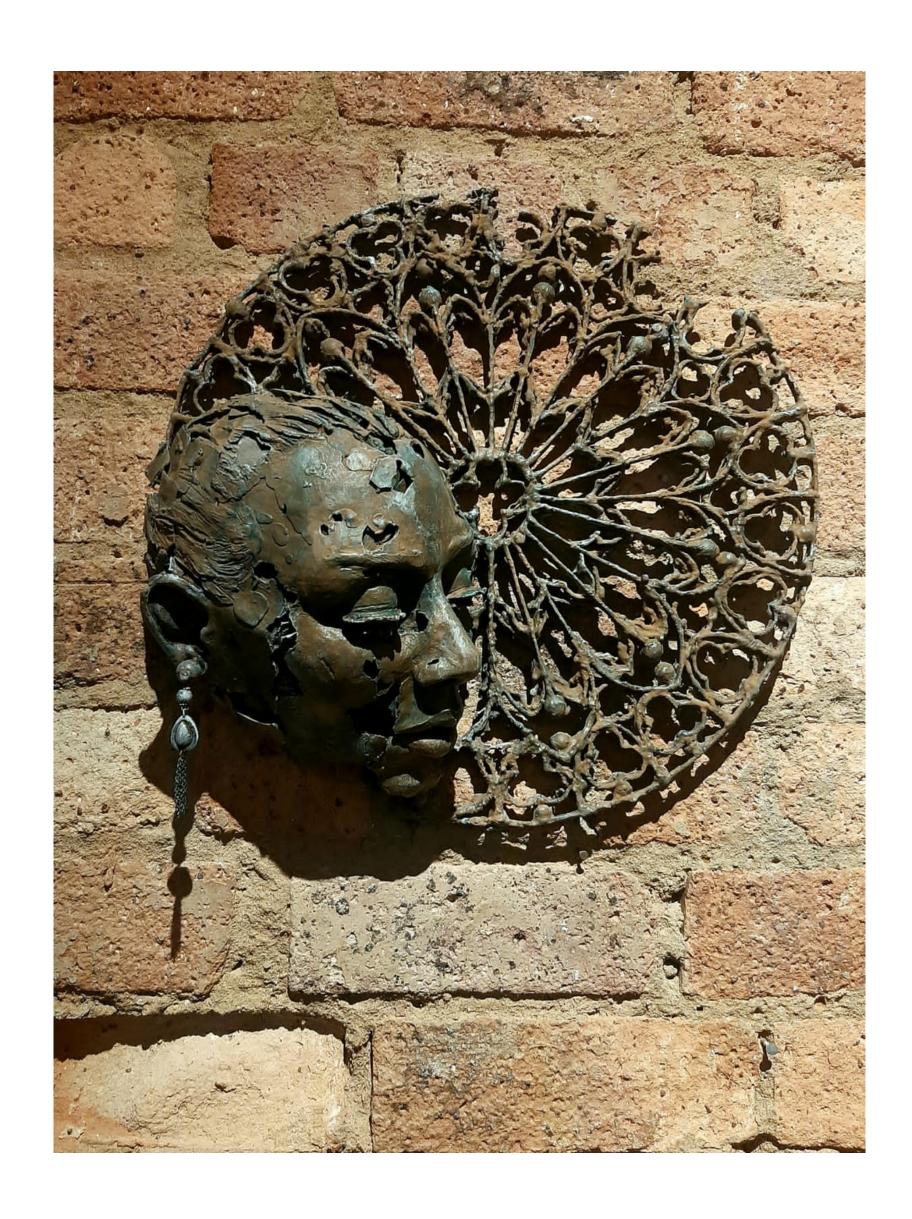
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Pulchra Mors IV

2022 Cold cast bronze 45cm x 35cm 25cm

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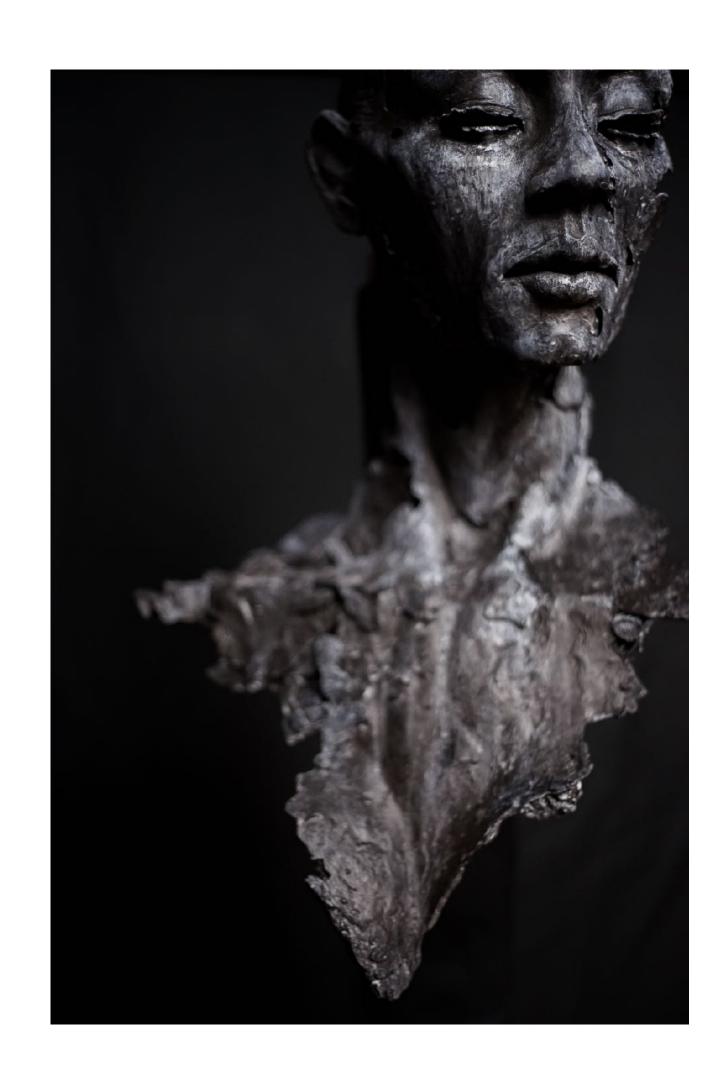


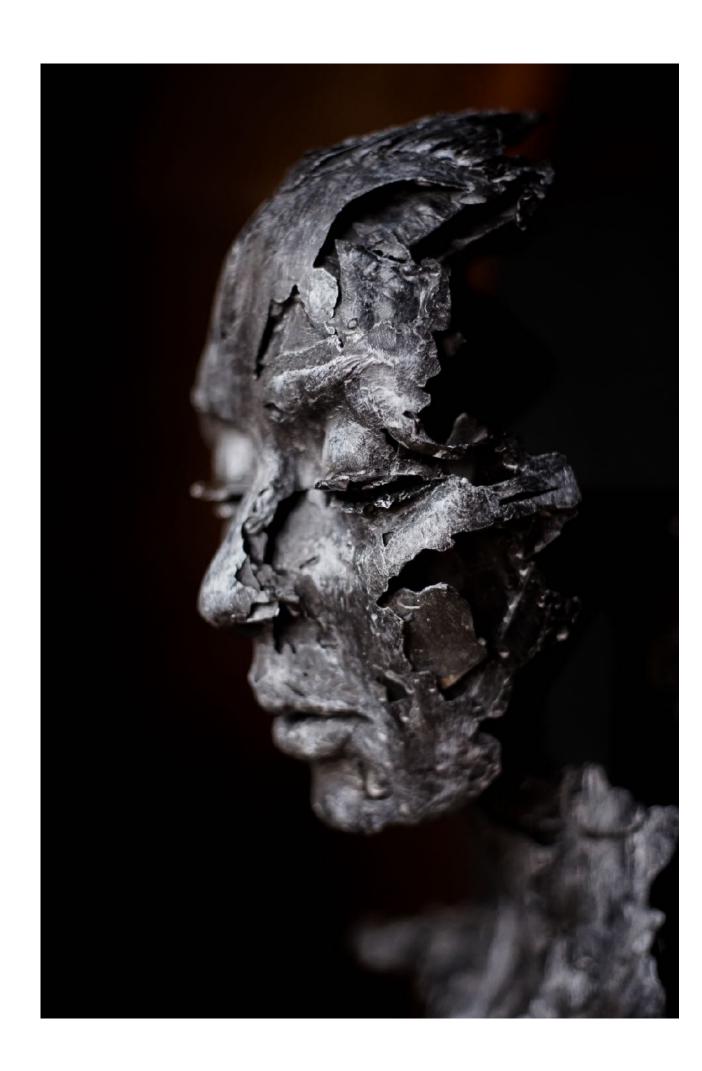


Tragodia VII

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Mixed media, resin and bronze powder 45c x 45cm x 20cm



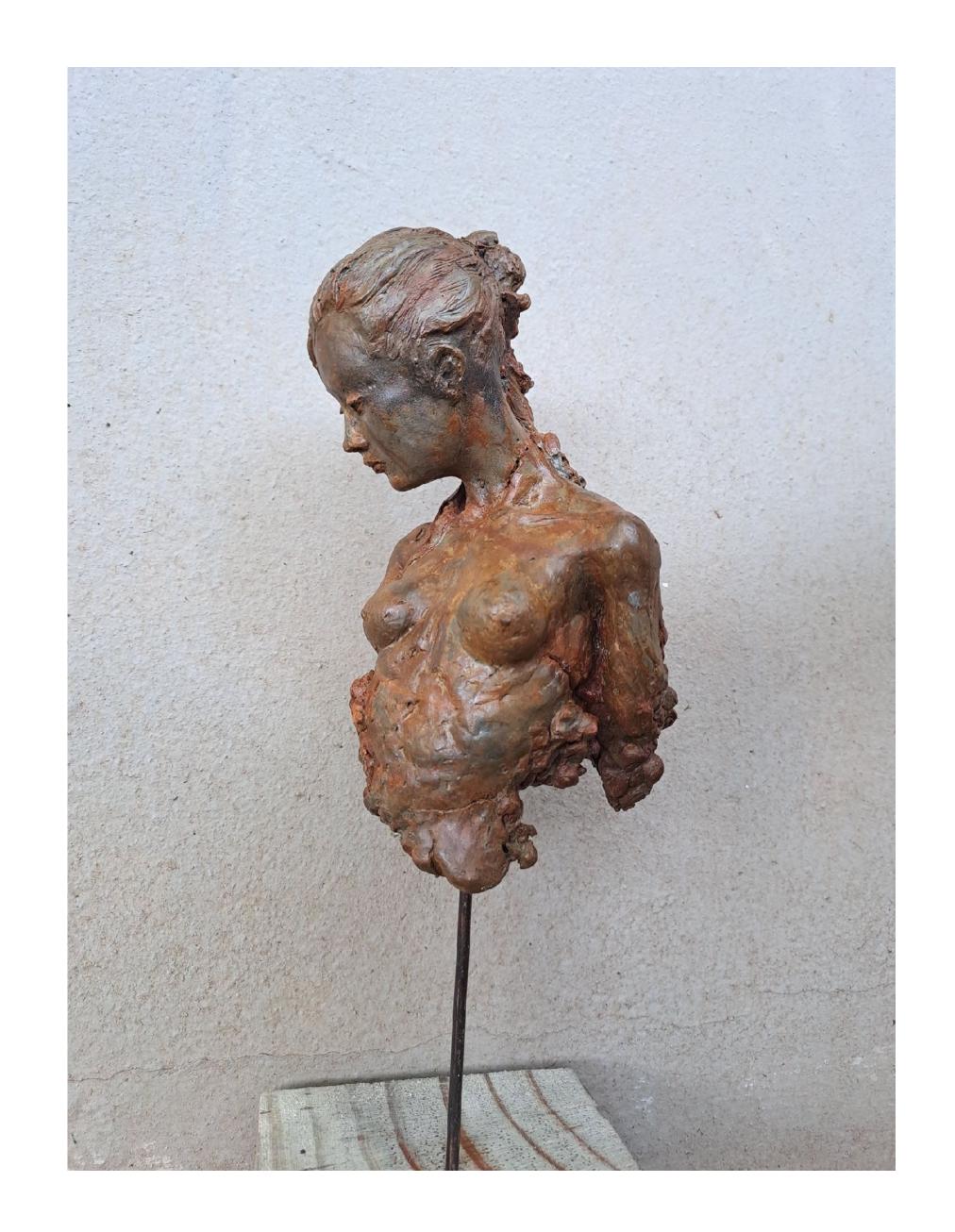


Tragodia VI
2021
Mixed media, resin and paint
45cm x 45cm x 20cm

Aethereas

2023
Cast marble dust
37cm x 15cm x 15cm
Variable edition of 40

R 7 500-00



OUTSIDER/INSIDER Prison Art Project

OIPA Projects is a non-profit organization dedicated towards empowering prisoners through the visual arts towards finding, establishing and developing their own "creative voice". They provide art workshops in various fine art disciplines (printmaking, drawing, painting, sculpture and/or ceramics and textiles/product/fashion design) with their primary focus being on the development of fine art printmaking and drawing skills inside as well as outside of prison confines. OIPA Projects offer art and skills training workshops in local prisons such as Drakenstein, Allandale and Havequa prison as well as prisons resorting under the Allandale Management area. Art workshops are offered to prisoners who have proven artistic talent and would like to grow and develop their talent in the contemporary art world, also after leaving prison, at our Outsider printmaking workshops at the Breytenbach Centre in Wellington.

OIPA Projects constantly seek to extend tehir work also to other prisons in South Africa, as far as our financial capacity will allow, and our workshops have proven to be an effective tool towards positive identity transformation and rehabilitation on a physical, psychological as well a spiritual level. The art making processes we employ in their workshops have proven therapeutic benefits and have become an effective tool towards self realization and individuation in prisoners towards positive identity transformation. Concluding, OIPA Projects have had many successful group, two person, and solo exhibitions with both "insider" as well as "outsider" prisoners over the years.



ASHWELL MICHAELS

Self Portrait

2022

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 34cm x 45cm framed with grey frame Edition 1 of 4



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BENSON NDLOVU

Self Portrait

2022

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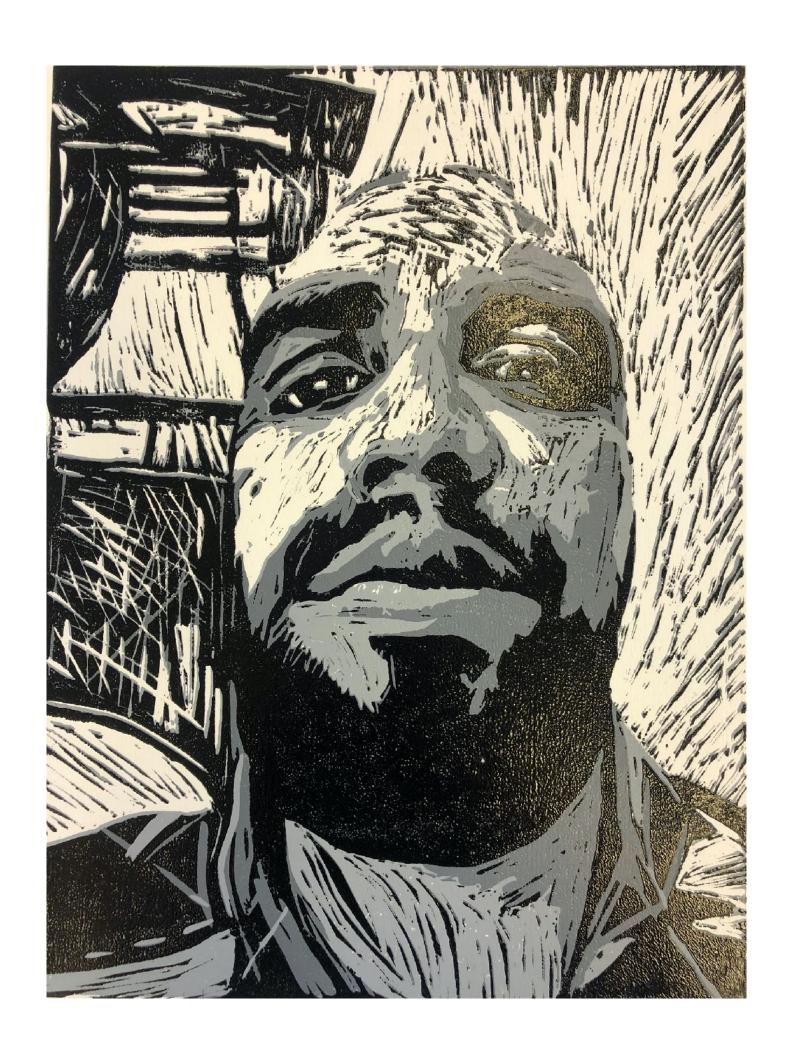
JOHN-PAUL PARIS

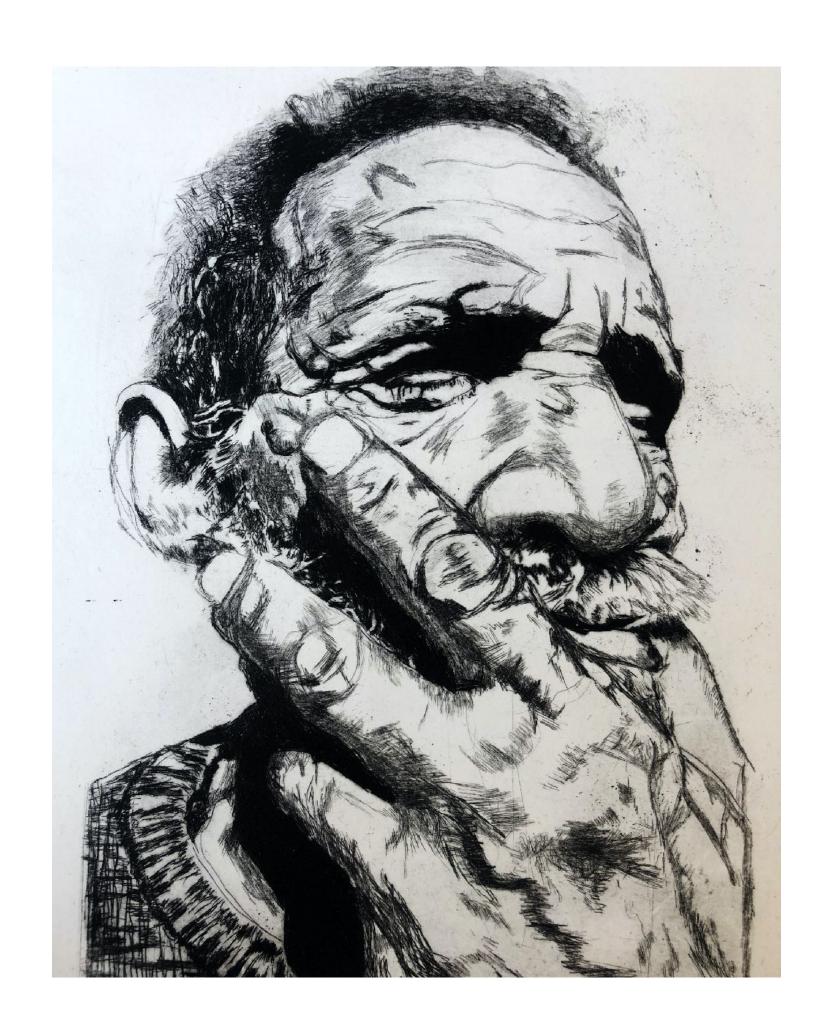
Self Portrait

2023

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 62cm x 47cm framed with white frame Edition 4 of 4

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Reflections

2020

Drypoint etching 45cm x 35cm framed Edition 3 of 3

NEELAN NAIDOO

Self Portrait

2017

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 34cm x 45cm framed with grey frame Edition 1 of 2



MAROAN ISAACS

Self Portrait

2023

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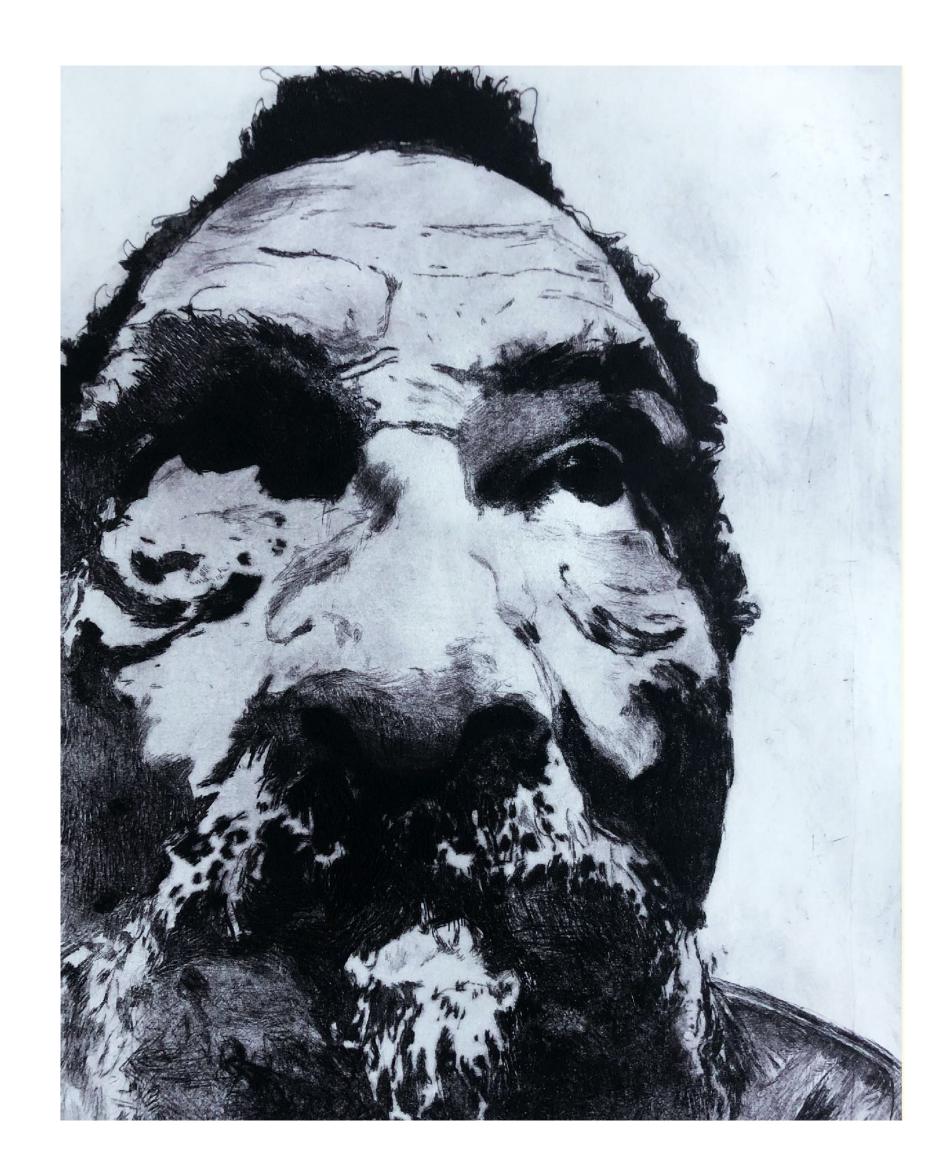
Self Portrait

2023

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Joseph

2020

Drypoint etching 45cm x 35cm framed with white frame Edition 2 of 3



Hear No Evil

2021

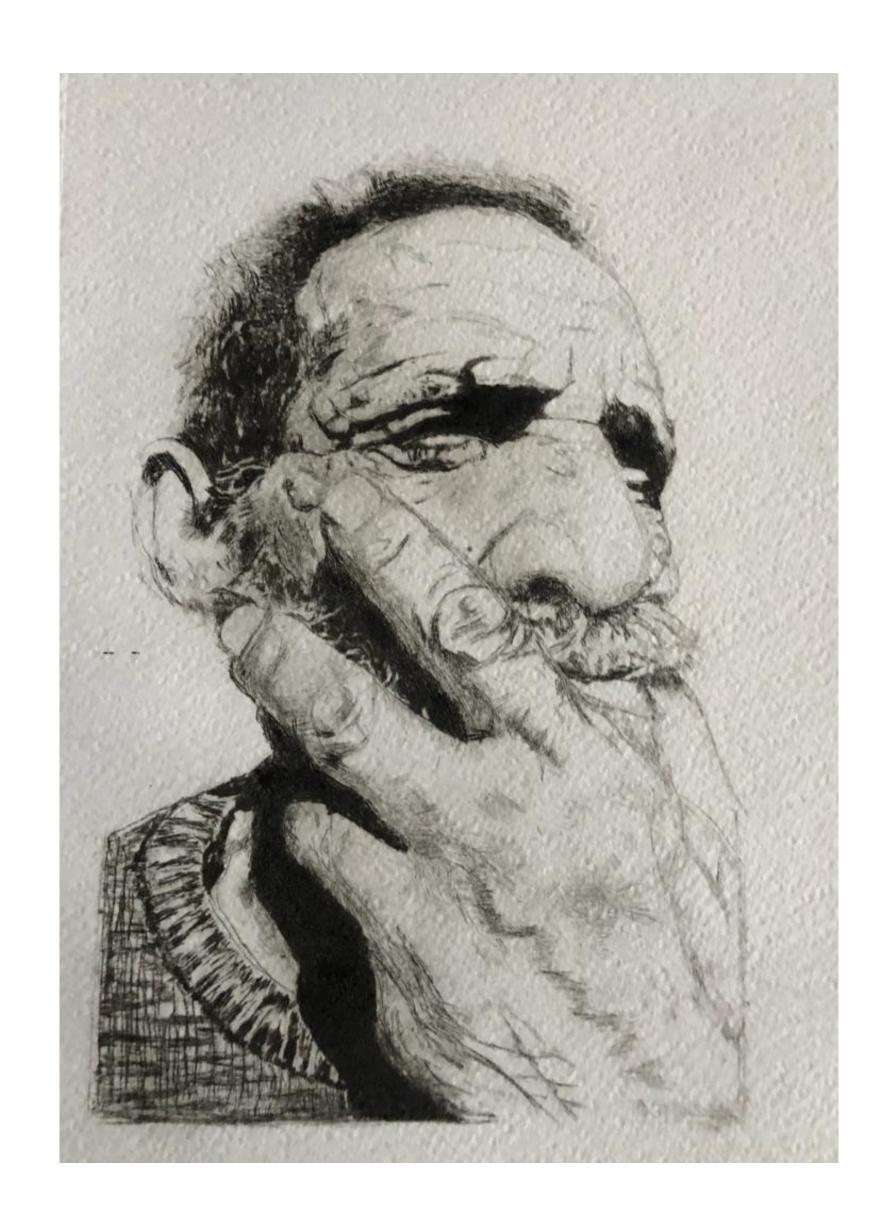
Drypoint etching
45cm x 35cm framed with white frame
Edition 2 of 3



Speak No Evil

2021

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2020
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Edition 3 of 3

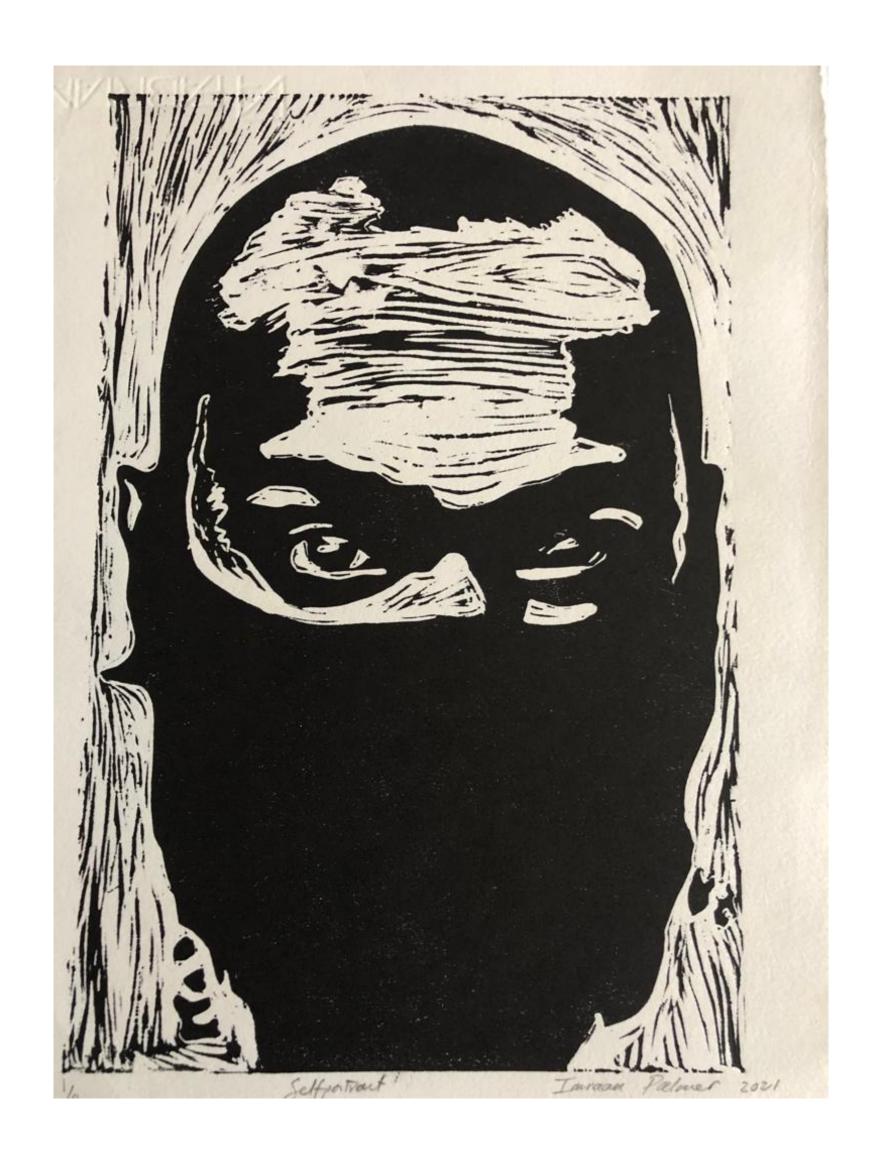
KURT SIMONS

Self Portrait

2021

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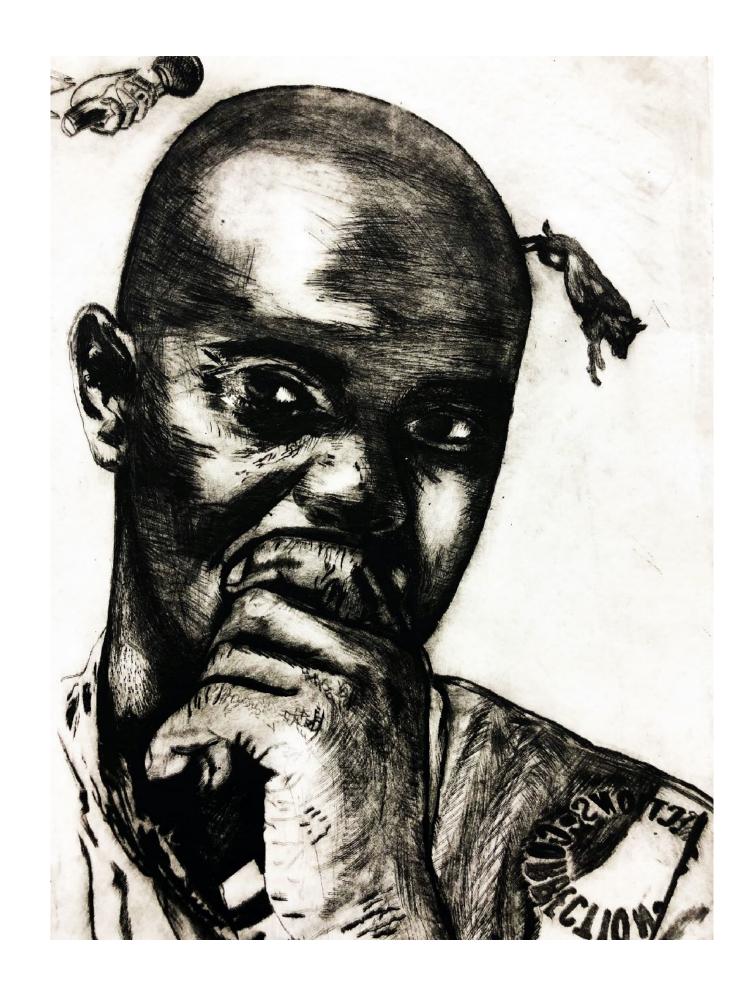


IMRAAN PALMER

Self Portrait

2021

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 45cm x 35cm framed with black frame Edition 1 of 4



PATRICK NTOBEKO ORIEY

Ambition

2019
Drypoint etching
45cm x 35cm framed with black frame
Edition 1 of 3



WEEZO DE MORNEY

Self Portrait

2023

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 45cm x 35cm framed with black frame Edition 3 of 4

AARON MUITURA

Self Portrait

2023

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 47cm x 62cm framed with white frame Edition 1 of 3

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JOHN-PAUL PARIS

Gedagtes en Drome

2023

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 47cm x 62cm framed with white frame Edition 2 of 3

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CURTIS ISELE

Self Portrait
2023
Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper
47cm x 62cm framed
Edition 3 of 3

R 4 500-00

WARREN

Self Portrait

2022

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 34cm x 45cm framed with black frame Edition 2 of 4



SANGELO KUTUKA

Self Portrait

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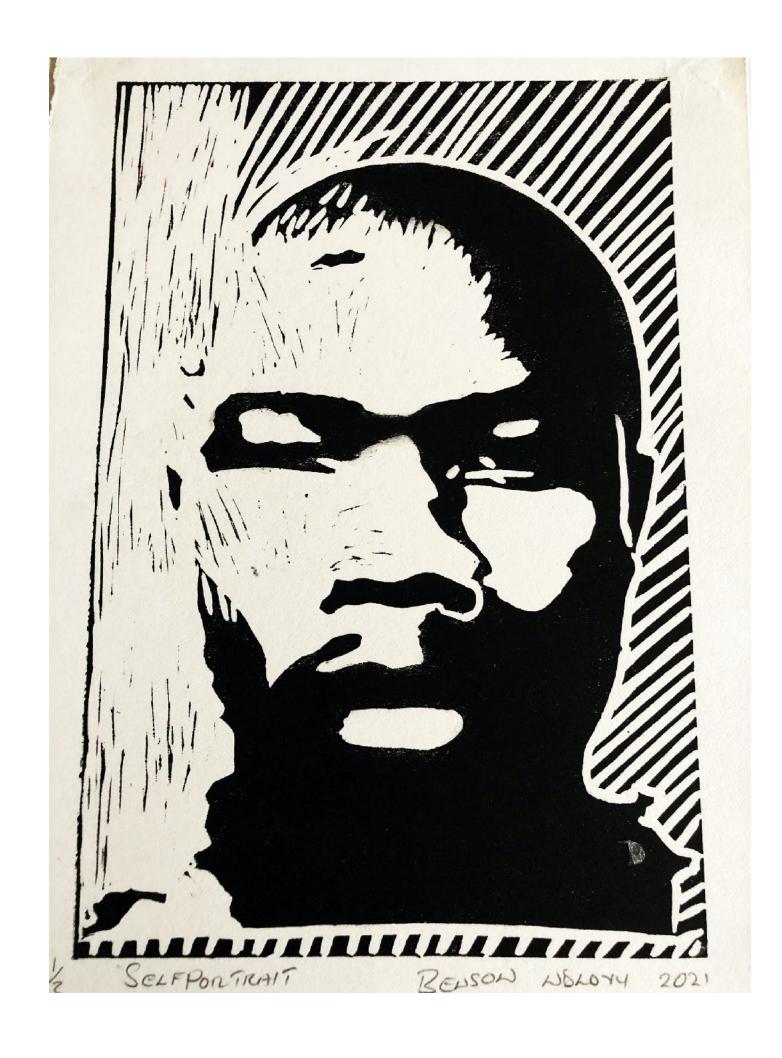


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ANDILE NOKWENI

Black

Drypoint etching 45cm x 35cm framed with black frame Edition 3 of 5



JOHN-PAUL PARIS

Portrait of Keanu

2023

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 47cm x 62cm framed with white frame Edition 3 of 3

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JOSHWIN FLOORS

Self Portrait

2021

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MARIUS ADONIS

Self Portrait

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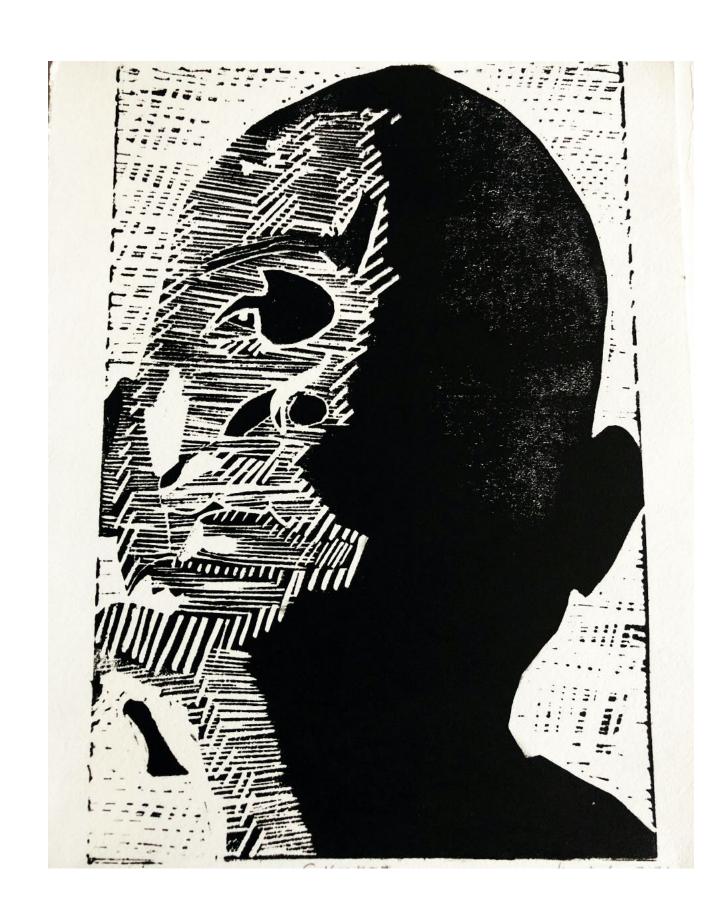


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Self Portrait

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SHANE PASS

Self Portrait

2021

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 45cm x 35cm framed with black frame Edition 1 of 3



RAVEN JEKESE

Self Portrait

2021

Lino print on Fabriano Rosipina paper 45cm x 35cm framed with black frame Edition 1 of 3

R 3 500-00



INSIDER 'ANONYMOUS

Self Portrait

2020

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Self Portrait

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