

A painting of a coastal town with a water tower under construction. The scene is set against a dramatic, cloudy sky. In the foreground, there are sparse, dark bushes and a sandy area. In the middle ground, a row of simple, white buildings with dark roofs stretches across the frame. To the right, a tall, cylindrical water tower is under construction, surrounded by a complex network of red and blue scaffolding. The overall mood is one of quiet activity and development in a coastal setting.

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Muta by JM Tshikhuthula interrogates the relationship between his family and landscape from Venda and Tzaneen. "The story of my family is a typical South African tale of troubled migrant labour and geography. My father moved from Venda to Tzaneen for work when I was born. I moved from Tzaneen to Venda and then to Johannesburg for work" Tshikhuthula explains.

Tshikhuthula's grandfather worked for a company that manufactured water pipes in the 1960's and his father was a community plumber who was appreciated in his community for going beyond the call of duty. The artist incorporates various objects and monuments, like water pumps, tanks, dams and informal housing, into nostalgic, charcoal landscapes as an ode to his late grandfather and father.

The objects the artist depicts cues his grandfather and fathers' presence. "Every time I come across an old pump, I remember my father." For Tshikhuthula, the landscape reflects the memory of the people and community embedded in the landscape.



Ari Vhatisane
2017. Soft pastel on paper, 175 x 125 cm
R 32 000,00



Tshikhuwan
2017. Soft pastel on paper, 175 x 125 cm
R 32 000,00



Zwilitsheni Zwi tuwe
2017. Soft pastel on paper, 175 x 125 cm
R 32 000,00



Muta
2017. Soft pastel on paper, 125 x 175 cm
R 32 000,00



Mhani
2017. Soft pastel on paper, 119 x 93 cm
R 16 000,00



Luendo
2017. Soft pastel on paper, 73.6 x 173 cm
R 18 000,00



Lushaka
2017. Soft pastel on paper, 73.6 x 173 cm
R 18 000,00



Thabalala III
2017. Soft pastel on canvas, 40.5 x 60.5 cm
R 7 800,00



Thabalala II
2017. Soft pastel on canvas, 40.5 x 60.5 cm
R 7 800,00



Thabalala I
2017
Soft pastel on canvas
25.5 x 60 cm
R 4 500,00



Thabalala IV
2017
Soft pastel on canvas
25.5 x 60 cm
R 4 500,00

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