

EVERARD READ

COLIJN STRYDOM

(b. 1979 Pretoria, South Africa)

Born in Pretoria, Colijn Strydom now lives and works in Cape Town. In 2008 he obtained an MA (Visual Arts) from Stellenbosch University. His practice is focused on drawing but extends to painting, photography and performance.

Strydom's subject matter is diverse and draws from literature, history, folk tales and contemporary culture. His art often engages with gender and whiteness, using humour and other self-reflexive strategies. The realm where spirituality and politics intersect interests him, as well as drawing and painting as subjects in themselves.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Run, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
- 2024 Ogygia, RMB Latitudes Art Fair, with Untitled Art, Johannesburg, SA
- 2023 Oedipus, Sisonke Gallery, Cape Town, SA
- 2022 Bacchae of Buitenkant, Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with Untitled Art, Cape Town, SA
Inside Out, Cubicle Series, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
- 2019 Crespuscular, 99 Loop, Cape Town, SA
- 2018 The Augurs Chord, 99 Loop, Cape Town, SA
- 2015 7, 8, 9, 10, Commune 1, Cape Town, SA
- 2011 The last battle is the loneliest, Brundyn +, Cape Town, SA
- 2010 Poppies in October, Brundyn +, Cape Town, SA
- 2009 Sad people from the future, Dawid Ras Gallery, Johannesburg, SA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 If you look hard enough you can see our future, African Diaspora Art Museum, Atlanta, USA
From the river to the sea, Desmond and Leah Tutu Foundation, Cape Town, SA
Little Life, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
- 2023 1-54 Art Fair, with Spier Arts Trust, London, UK
If you look hard enough you can see our future, African American Museum, Dallas, USA
Chromatic Horizons, Oude Leeskamer, Stellenbosch, SA
The Other's Warmth, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
- 2022 Seduction, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Fever, Art Gazette x Norval Foundation, Boschendal, Stellenbosch, SA
Charting the uncharted, Gallery University Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, SA
Breaking the Mould, Berman Contemporary, Johannesburg, SA
- 2021 Thinly veiled self portraits, Dawid Ras Gallery, Johannesburg, SA
Untitled 8.99, 99 Loop, Cape Town, SA
- 2020 Shaping Things, SMAC, Stellenbosch, SA
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with 99 Loop, Cape Town, SA
Kantel, a 2-person show with Isabel Mertz, Woordfees Arts Festival, Stellenbosch, SA
Nostalgia, DAOR Gallery, Cape Town, SA
- 2019 Back to the Future, Dawid Ras Gallery, Johannesburg, SA
Dwell in possibility, Centenary Gallery, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, SA
Affordable Art Fair, with Dyman Gallery, Brussels, BE
Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with 99 Loop, Cape Town, SA
- 2018 Proof, SMAC, Stellenbosch, SA
Nano 1.2, Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, SA
Contemporary Abstract at Gallery 2, Johannesburg, SA

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- 2017 The Paddock III at Blue Door Print Studio Gallery, Johannesburg, SA
- 2017 Fluid at Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, SA
- 2017 Turbine Art Fair with Dawid Ras, Johannesburg, SA
- 2015 Drawing, Gallery University Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, SA
- 2013 7 Deadly Virtues, Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn, SA
- 2013 YPO, Silo Gallery, Cape Town, SA
- 2012 Taal van Teken, Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn, SA
- 2012 If you let yourself love a wild thing, Salon 91, Cape Town, SA
- 2011 Open Books, Brundyn +, Cape Town, SA
- 2010 And what now?, two-person show with Louis Olivier, Grande Provence, Franschhoek, SA
- 2010 The mechanics and mysteries of perception, Brundyn +, Cape Town, SA
- 2010 Coppertone 77, Salon 91, Cape Town, SA
- 2009 Walking the Line, ArtSpace, Johannesburg, SA
- 2008 Absa L'Atelier Awards exhibition, Johannesburg, SA
- 2007 Flesh!, Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn, SA
- 2007 Thought Traffic, Premises Gallery, Johannesburg, SA
- 2007 Die Mees Opwindenste Tekentoonstelling, Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn, SA
- 2005 Through the Looking Glass, drawing performance, Dirt Art Space, Cape Town, SA
- 2003 Sasol New Signatures, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, SA
- 2003 PPC Sculpture Awards, Arts Association, Pretoria, SA
- 2002 Absa L'Atelier Award exhibition, Johannesburg, SA