

## MADONSELA ART HOUSE

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## **ARTIST STATEMENT**

Over the years, my work has been most recognizable for its iconic nude, faceless, often laughing figures. This has been a bold statement I have used to depict neutrality in human identity. Through these figures, one cannot tell what gender, economic status or age the people I represent are. This has allowed everyone who looks at my work to take it as personally as they see fit, seeing themselves through the experiences of the figures on the canvas. This year, I have not veered far from my iconic figures. This body of work will tell everyday stories of people in the City we reside in. With the use of various accessories, I wish to depict lives from serval walks of life, with the emphasis that we are all visitors in the urban spaces we have grown to call home, that none of us really belong here.

In continuation with the use of my represent the everyday figures to human, have introduced bold accessories to illuminate the stories and experiences they each have to share. Starting with the introduction of the high/bar stool, which is a graduation from the bench they usually sat on before. This is а slightly more comfortable seat yet still not necessarily a depiction of wealth or success. It does however elevate my figures to a point of sight amongst others. The elevation could represent either a better financial standing and comfort or a higher social status, elevated enough to speak for others. Another remarkable addition is the t-shirts some of them have on.



"Order might be far from restoration, but these hearts are full, they are persistent, firmly determined, resolute to stand, to survive and to love"

Thokozani Madonsela

## yellow hat



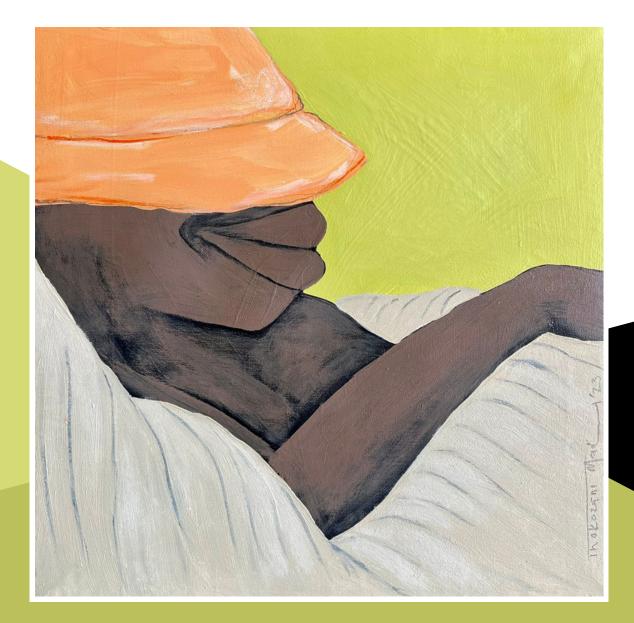
## the brighter side



#### the introverts



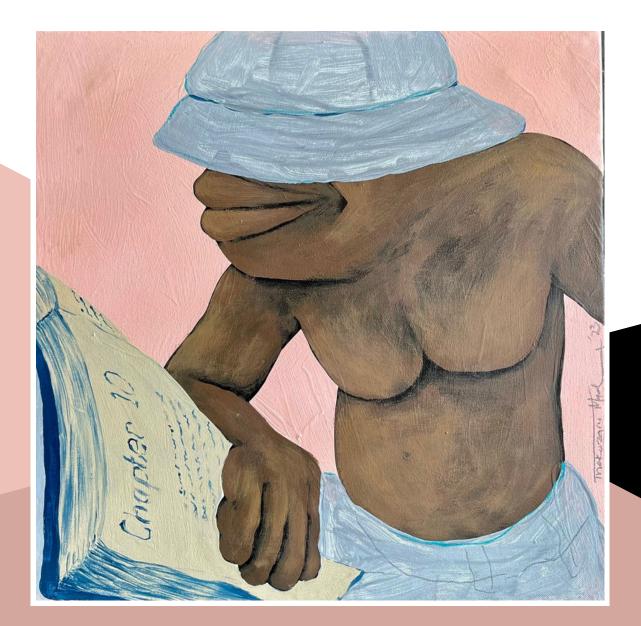
#### comfort



## isn't it funny



## knowledge is in the book



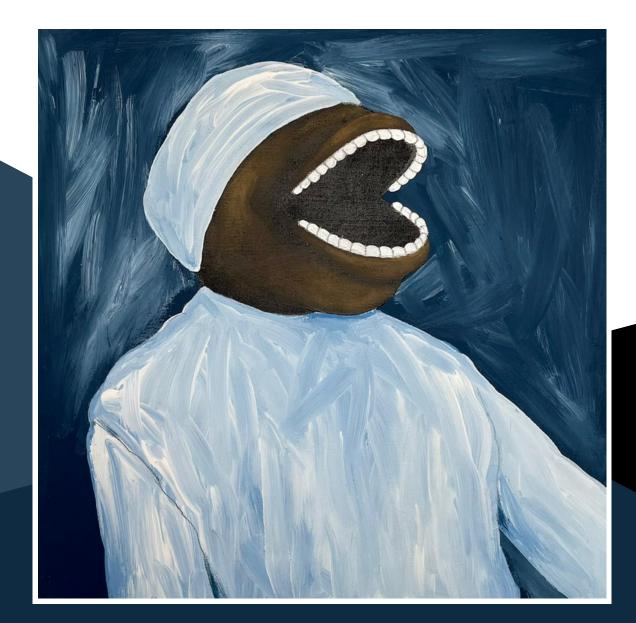
#### dream zone



#### social media



#### umhlabeleli



love n support

Dimensions: 50cm x 50cm

Acrylics on Canvas

## R7,500.00



## me and my thoughts



## an open hand

Dimensions: 63cm x 67cm

Acrylics on Canvas

## R7,500.00



## oga in a black suit



## belly laugh

Dimensions: 103cm x 98cm Acrylics and Pastels on Canvas **R9,000.00** 



#### bromance

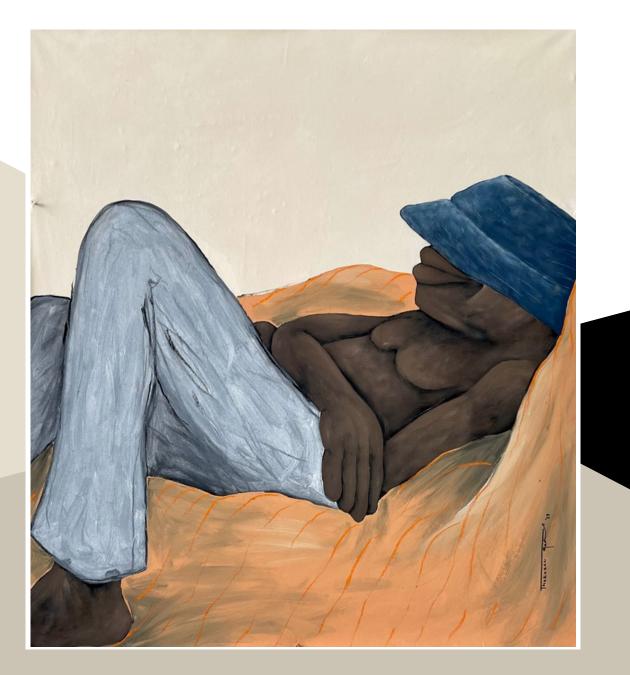


## outpouring love



## ukuphumula is self love

Dimensions: 95cm x 106cm Acrylics and Pastels on Canvas **R9,000.00** 



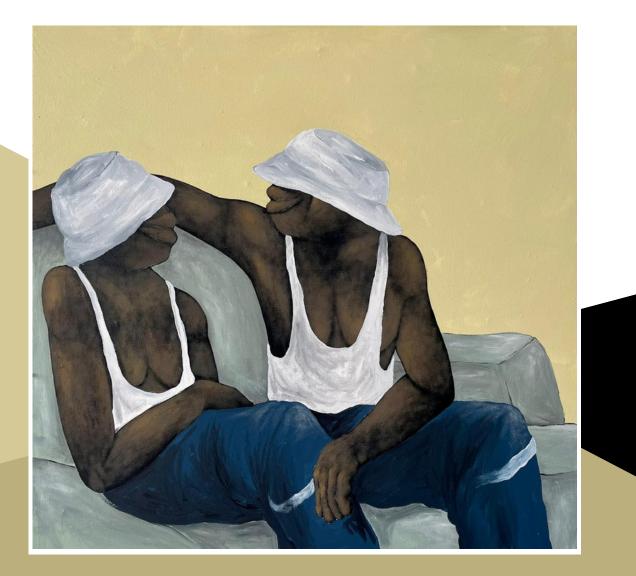
#### white hat

Dimensions: 98cm x 105cm Acrylics on Canvas **R19,500.00** 



#### brothers

Dimensions: 126cm x 122cm Acrylics on Canvas **R19,500.00** 



#### silent mode

Dimensions: 124cm x 126cm Acrylics on Canvas **R19,500.00** 



#### red roses



## we unplugged?

Dimensions: 154cm x 190cm Acrylic on Canvas **R70,000.00** 



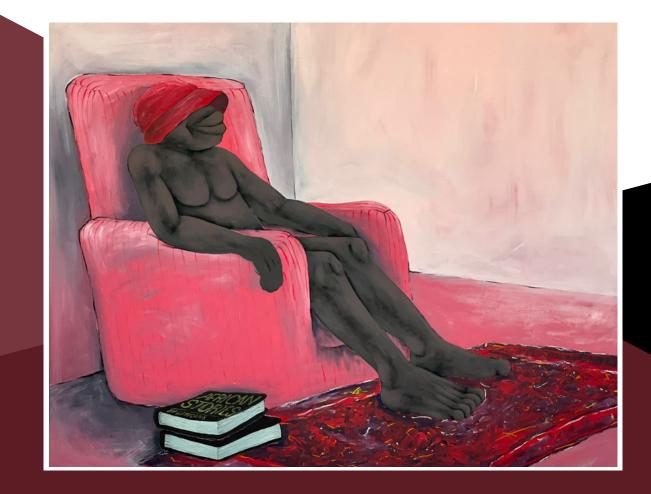
#### roses

Dimensions: 160cm x 170cm Mixed Medium on Canvas **R70,000.00** 



## in my thoughts

Dimensions: 188cm x 160cm Acrylics on Canvas **R70,000.00** 



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