

Ryan HEWETT

B.1979

Based in Grand Baie, Mauritius

UNIT LONDON

Introduction

South African born Hewett is renowned for his brooding and evocative paintings. His portraits are not about capturing an external likeness of a subject, but rather creating a portal to the inner journey of self-exploration. When creating his works, he relies principally on the intuitive processes of memory and imagination. In his twelve years of artistic practise, Hewett's techniques have evolved from tightly wrought pencil drawings to the looser and layered surfaces of his present work. With his quick, almost brutal splashes of the palette knife, and through blending, building, edging, detailing and scraping off painterly layers, Hewett's imagery is textured and richly hued, conveying both complexity and raw emotion, demanding intelligence and consideration from

Solo Exhibitions

2021

Solo Exhibition

UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles, USA

2019

Ryan Hewett: Nothing New Under The Sun

The Goss Michael Foundation, Dallas, Texas, USA

2018

The Garden

Unit London, UK

2017

Ryan Hewett: Once Were Leaders

Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2015

Ryan Hewett: Untitled

Unit London, UK

2014

Ryan Hewett Enlighten

Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Ryan Hewett: Seek My Fort

ThinkSpace Gallery, Culver City, California, USA

2013

Ryan Hewett: No Absolute State

Converge Gallery, New York, USA

Ryan Hewett: Genesis

Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Group Exhibitions

2020

Drawn Together (online)

Unit London, UK

Justin Bieber Charity Auction

UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles, USA

2019

New Paintings

Unit London, UK

MTV RE:DEFINE

organised by The Goss-Michael Foundation, Dallas, Texas

2018

Investec Cape Town Art Fair

2018
CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

2017
Barnard Collective
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Akaa Paris
Carreu du Temple, Paris, France
nano 1.1
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
VOLTA New York
Pier 90, New York, USA
Cape Town Art Fair
CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

2016
nano-
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
Art Central
Central Harbourfront, Hong Kong
Cape Town Art Fair
CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa
Future / Present
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2015
Cape Town Art Fair
Barnard Gallery Booth, The Avenue, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa
POW! POW!
The Honolulu Museum of Art, Hawaii, USA
Surface: Emerging Painters
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
LA Art Show
Los Angeles Convention Centre, LA, California, USA
La Familia: Thinkspace 10 Year Anniversary
Thinkspace Gallery, Culver City, California, USA

2014
Dinner Collection
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
SCOPE Miami
SCOPE Pavillion, Miami, Florida, USA
LAX / SFO
Hashimoto Contemporary, San Francisco, California, USA
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Unit London, UK
Joburg Art Fair
Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
Paint Matters
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
LAX / TXL
Urban Nation, Berlin, Germany
The Seven Deadly Sins
Unit London, UK
Cape Town Art Fair
The Pavillion, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa

2013
Dinner Collection
Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa
SCOPE Miami
SCOPE Pavilion, Miami, Florida, USA
Cape Town Art Fair
The Look Out, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa

2013

Joburg Art Fair

Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

Fountain Art Fair

Chicago, Illinois, USA

Looking for U

Unit London, UK

Changing Faces: Profiling Portraits in South African Art

Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

Uprising

Converge Gallery, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, USA

Press (selected)

May 2020

'Interview with Ryan Hewett,' Visual Atelier 8

December 2019

'Ryan Hewett's Nothing New Under the Sun is a first for the Goss-Michael Foundation,' Patron

November 2019

'At Goss-Michael Foundation, 'memory and fantasy' fuel abstract works by painter Ryan Hewett,'
The Dallas Morning News

'Goss-Michael Foundation Presents New Ryan Hewett Works,' Artlyst

'Nothing New Under the Sun, A Showcase of Eight New Works by Renowned South African Artist
Ryan Hewett,' FAD Magazine

June 2019

'Ryan Hewett's vibrant and abstract oil paintings force us to take a deeper look at ourselves,'
Creative Boom

'Ryan Hewett is breaking down barriers in art,' Gentleman's Journal

'Ryan Hewett's Provocative Figures Return at Unit London,' Hi Fructose Magazine

'New Paintings': Ryan Hewett Opens his Fourth Solo @ Unit London,' Juxtapoz Magazine

'Ryan Hewett's 'New Paintings' at Unit London,' Cool Hunting

'Ryan Hewett's First Solo Exhibition at Unit London,' Trendland

June 2018

'Towering Portraits by Ryan Hewett Mix Blocks of Bright Colours with Gestural Impasto,' Colossal

'Ryan Hewett on Information Overload and Keeping to Himself,' Elephant

'Top 7 Art Exhibitions to see in London this week,' FAD Magazine

September 2017

'Ryan Hewett Enigmatic Painted Portraits,' Trendland

August 2017

'Ryan Hewett,' Create! Magazine

February 2017

'Beautifully Abstract Portraits by Ryan Hewett,' MiS Magazine

October 2016

'Latest Collection of new work by South African painter Ryan Hewett on view at Unit London,' Art
Daily

'The Top 6 Art Exhibitions to see in London this week,' FAD Magazine

May 2016

'Exploring Canvases with Ryan Hewett,' Art Versed

April 2015

'Art Opening: Ryan Hewett @ The Unit London,' FAD Magazine

March 2015

'Ryan Hewett: Untitled,' Wall Street International Magazine

'Ryan Hewett's Untitled @ The Unit London,' Beautiful Bizarre

June 2014

'Exhibition: Untitled by Ryan Hewett,' Square Mile

March 2014

'Seek My Fort,' Widewalls

Collections

Di Donna Collection, USA

Goss Michael Foundation, USA

Fine Art Centre, Taiwan

Fryns Collection

Emergentes Art Foundation, Lebanon Dean Collection

Recharge Foundation