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Born 1975, Roodepoort, SA
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Education

1996 BA Fine Arts, Pretoria University, South Africa

Work in Corporate Collections:

University of Johannesburg (UJ), J A Meyer Attorneys, Standard Chartered Bank London, Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA), Ukwazi Mining Group, University of South Africa (UNISA), Blend Property Group, Northcliff Eye Centre, North-West University, Oliewenhuis Art Museum, William Humphreys Gallery, War Museum of the Boer Republics, The National Museum of China, Pretoria Art Museum, Absa Bank.

Work in Private Collections:

South Africa, Germany, Singapore, Australia, Great Britain, United States of America (USA), the Netherlands, Canada, Italy, France.

Acknowledgements and Awards:

Finalist for	BP Portrait Awards, London Absa L'Atelier Competition Eukuruleni Fine Arts Award Brett Kebble Award Sasol New Signatures Competition National Portrait Awards Momentum Lifestyle Awards (art)
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2007	Top ten. Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa.
2008	Obtained Project Funding from the National Arts Council for partially funding the exhibition SA@work
2011	Selected as Festival Artist, Absa Klein Karoo National Arts Festival
2012	Winner of the Bettie Cilliers-Barnard Award for painting
2015	Top five. Sanlam Portrait Award

Residencies:

2013	Cité International des Arts, Paris
2016	Sachaca Centro de Arte, San Roque de Cumbaza, Peru
2018	SAFFCA (The South African Foundation for Contemporary Art), Entabeni farm, Knysna
2024	Admirals Residence, Muizenberg, Western Cape

List of Solo Exhibitions:

2024	<i>Emerged/Revealed</i> , Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
2022	<i>Morph</i> , Gallery @ Glen Carlou, Stellenbosch
2020	<i>Legacy</i> , William Humphreys Art Gallery, Kimberley
2019	<i>Legacy</i> , Association of Arts, Pretoria
2015-2016	<i>Grass People</i> , Absa Gallery, Johannesburg
2015	<i>Grass People</i> , Alliance Française, Johannesburg
2013	<i>Surface</i> , North-West University Gallery, Potchefstroom
2013	<i>Surface</i> , Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein
2011	<i>Portret</i> , Absa Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn
2010	<i>SA@Work</i> , University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
2009	<i>Worker</i> , Tina Skukan Gallery, Pretoria
2008	<i>KZN@Work</i> , KZNSA Gallery, Durban
2001	<i>Emplastron</i> , Victoria Memorial Hall, Klein Karoo National Arts Festival, Oudtshoorn
1997	<i>Helena Hugo</i> , Terre Verté, Pretoria

List of Selected Group Exhibitions:

2025	<i>Working Life in South Africa: Gerard Sekoto & Lena Hugo</i> , Strauss & Co, Johannesburg
	<i>Latitudes Art Fair</i> , booth Strauss & Co, Shepstone Gardens, Johannesburg
	<i>Portrait Award 2025 top 40</i> , Rust-en-Vrede-Gallery, Durbanville
	<i>Klein Wêreld</i> , Wêreld at Rosemary Hill Farm, Pretoria
2024	<i>Alexa make some Art</i> , The Viewing Room Art Gallery, Pretoria
	<i>Tiny People</i> , Trent Gallery, Pretoria
	<i>The Art of Propaganda</i> , Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
	<i>Immerse/Emerge</i> , Admirals Residence, Muizenberg
	<i>Seed III</i> , curated by SAFFCA, Villa Arcadia, Johannesburg
	<i>Innersight</i> , Knysna Fine Arts, Knysna
2023	<i>Give her a Crown</i> , The Melrose Gallery, Johannesburg
	<i>Portrait Award 2023 top 40</i> , Rust-en-Vrede-Gallery, Durbanville and Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
	<i>Lena Hugo & Jaco Benade</i> , Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
	<i>A Season of Feathered Friends</i> , Association of Arts, Pretoria
	<i>Bloom</i> , The Gallery at Steyn City, Johannesburg
2022	<i>Material Divine</i> , Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
	<i>The Illusion of Reality</i> , Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
	<i>Figure Me</i> , Art & Collect, Midrand
	<i>Phenomenal Women</i> , Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
	<i>Seed II</i> , curated by SAFFCA, Villa Arcadia, Johannesburg
2021	<i>Persistence of Vision</i> , Knysna Fine Art, Knysna
	<i>Freedom Equals no Fear</i> , Eclectica Contemporary, Cape Town
	<i>Life</i> , Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, Pretoria
	<i>Portrait Award top 40</i> , Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
	<i>Portrait Award top 100</i> , Rupert Museum, Stellenbosch
	<i>The Threads that Bind us</i> , The Viewing Room Art Gallery, Pretoria
2020	<i>Ichabod</i> , Johann van Heerden's Art Gallery, online

- Absa Art Hotspot Auction*, Absa Gallery in partnership with Aspire Art Auctions, online
- Boys don't cry*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- Summer Salon*, Gallery @ Glen Carlou, Stellenbosch
- Pearl*, Artbox, Pretoria
- 2019 *KKNK 25 - 'n Terugblik Uitstalling*, Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees, Oudtshoorn
- Palate, Plate, Palette*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- 21 Years of Curating the Cube*, UJ Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- Winter Collection*, Everard Read, Franschhoek
- 2018 *Unfolding Fibre*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
- African Contemporary Art*, PIASA, Paris
- Drawing conclusions II*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
- See Art, Contemporary Drawing*, Gallery 2, Johannesburg
- Prides an Plights*, University of Pretoria, Pretoria
- SAFFCA Residency Exhibition*, Entabeni Farm, Knysna
- A Blushfull Hippocrene*, Knysna Fine Arts, Knysna
- 2017 *Important South African and International Art*, Strauss & Co, Johannesburg
- Genre*, Moór Gallery, Franschhoek
- See Art*, Gallery 2, Johannesburg and Association of Arts, Pretoria
- Sanlam Portrait Award top 100*, Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town and Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- Ars Gratia Artis*, Gallery at Grande Provence, Franschhoek
- Kakotopia*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2016 *Origins & Trajectories, Contemporary Art from Africa & the African Diaspora*, PIASA, Paris
- Art Exchange Mexico*, Querétaro, Mexico and Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- Performing Wo/Man*, North West University Gallery, Potchefstroom and Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein
- Sanlam Portrait Award*, Knysna Fine Art, Knysna and KZNSA, Durban
- 100 Geographies*, University of Stellenbosch Art Museum, Stellenbosch
- Element: Air*, Sachaqa Centro De Arte, Peru
- Crossing Borders*, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
- I Object*, Art It Is, Johannesburg
- 2015 *Twenty: Art in the Time of Democracy*, 6th Beijing Biennale, Beijing, China and Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria and University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- Not a Portrait Exhibition*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- Sanlam Portrait Award*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville and Sanlam Gallery, Johannesburg
- Homo Sapiens*, Object, design, Art/ ANPA, Franschhoek
- 2014 *Twenty: Art in the Time of Democracy*, Appalachian State University, Turchin Centre, North Carolina, USA
- SPI National Portrait Awards*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban and Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein
- Easter Symbols*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
- The Grand Exhibition*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- Earthborn*, joint exhibition with Retha Buitendach, Trent Gallery, Pretoria
- 2013 *Jeunes Artistes d'Afrique du Sud*, Vivienne Art Galerie, Paris
- Tom Waits for No Man*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- Re-envisioning the Anglo-Boer War*, Johannes Stegmann Gallery, Bloemfontein
- Big Enough to be Small*, William Humphreys Gallery, Kimberley

- SPI National Portrait Awards*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville and University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg and Stephan Welz & Co at the Alphen Estate in Constantia, Cape Town
- Interrupted*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- Summer exhibition 45*, Strydom Gallery, George
- 2012 *Re-sample*, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg
- Rendezvous Focus Painting*, UCT Michaelis School of Fine Art and Oliewenhuis Art Museum, Bloemfontein and University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- Circles, Cycles and Seasons*, Strydom Gallery, George
- Engage - World Art Day Exhibition*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
- Altered Pieces*, Strydom Gallery, George
- This Place/Displace*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2011 *Skilder met Woorde II*, Klein Karoo National Arts festival, Oudtshoorn
- Recent Acquisitions Art Exhibition*, University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria
- Altered Pieces*, Thompson Gallery, Johannesburg and Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
- Rendezvous Focus Painting*, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
- Self Portrait 2011*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- Transvaalse Verhalen*, Zuid-Afrikahuis, Amsterdam
- 43rd Summer Exhibition*, Strydom Gallery, George
- 2010 *Skilder met Woorde I*, Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom
- Woman at Work*, The Gallery at Duncan Yard, Pretoria
- Source*, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
- 42nd Summer Exhibition*, Strydom Gallery, George
- Oppitafel 20(10)*, Artspace, Johannesburg
- 2009 *St Sebastian*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
- Justified Jotting*, Magpie, Pretoria
- Absa L'Atelier Competition*, Absa Towers, Johannesburg
- Enigma*, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
- 41st Summer Exhibition*, Strydom Gallery, George
- 2008 *Metaphor*, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
- A Thin Line*, Platform on 18th, Pretoria
- Reflect Refuel*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
- Centenary Exhibition*, University of Pretoria, Pretoria
- 2007 *Opening Exhibition*, The Secret Gallery, Pretoria
- Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award*, Kempton Park/Tembisa
- Evidence*, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
- Woman's Exhibition*, The Secret Gallery, Pretoria
- 2006 *Opening Exhibition*, Platform on 18th, Pretoria
- Woman*, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
- Positive*, Sun City
- Sasol New Signatures*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
- Absa L'Atelier Competition*, Absa Towers, Johannesburg
- 2005 *Sasol New Signatures*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
- BP Portrait Award 2005*, National Portrait Gallery, London and Sunderland Museum, Winter Gardens, Sunderland and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh
- Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award*, Kempton Park/Tembisa
- Artists from Pretoria*, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
- Far and Wide*, Absa Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2004 *For the Record/Off the Record*, Gordart @ Thompson Gallery, Johannesburg and Aardklop National Arts Festival, Potchefstroom

- Woman's day Exhibition*, Rust-en-Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
Recent Works, Carol Lee Fine Art, Johannesburg
 2003 *Repositioning*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Cetshwayo KaMpande National Portrait Competition, Tatham Art Gallery, Pietermaritzburg
Femina 2003, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Encaged, joint exhibition with Nicky Leigh, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
 2002 *Drawing Exhibition*, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Twenty/Two, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Arcadia, Carfax, Johannesburg
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa
Erica Jacubcínová and Helena Hugo, Tina Skukan Art Gallery, Pretoria
 2001 *3/3*, Open Window Art Gallery, Pretoria
Unframed works, Tina Skukan Art Gallery, Pretoria
 2000 *Olaf Bishoff, Helena Hugo and Rentia van der Merwe*, Grahamstown National Arts Festival, Grahamstown
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/Tembisa
 1999 *Easter Exhibition*, University of Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg
Easter Exhibition, Association of Arts, Pretoria
Our World in the Year 2000, Winsor & Newton Fine Arts Competition, Sandton Civic Gallery, Johannesburg
Opening Exhibition, Gallery Voss, Pretoria
 1996 *Final Year Exhibition*, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Eukurhuleni Fine Arts Award, Kempton Park/ Tembisa
Sasol New Signatures, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Get Framed, Café Palette, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
 1995 *PPC Cement exhibition and auction*, Newtown Galleries, Johannesburg
Sasol New Signatures, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
Drawing Exhibition with students of Diane Victor, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria