

# THK GALLERY

## KARLA NIXON | BIO & CV

Artist, South Africa (b. 1990)

Karla Nixon is a Durban based artist who predominantly works with paper. She hand-cuts and sculpts intricate images and objects, drawn from her surrounding environments.

Nixon completed her Master's degree in Fine Art in 2017 at the Durban University of Technology, South Africa. Her degree focused on transience in the work of paper artists, which she completed with Cum Laude.

During her studies, she received a few awards, namely the Sam Newton Trophy and the Deans Merit award, and was awarded an NRF Scholarship. Nixon was awarded and completed a 3-month artist residency in Bremen, Germany, in 2017-18. She has been selected as a finalist in both the Sasol and ABSA art competitions numerous times.

Nixon has participated in a number of group shows in Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg, and has had a few small solo shows - the most recent being, *Just Crease*, in 2021 at the State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town.

Her work forms part of a both local and international private collections located in South Africa, Lebanon, Australia, Spain and Holland, as well as public collections including the Durban Art Gallery and The National Art Bank.

Nixon is currently a lecturer in the Arts Extended Program at The Durban University of Technology.

## EDUCATION

2017

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- Masters in Fine Art (cum laude), Durban University of Technology. Topic: An Exploration of Transience in the Work of Selected Paper Artists, in the Context of Process Philosophy

### EXHIBITIONS

#### Solo Shows

##### 2021

- *Crease*, State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town

##### 2019

- *Just Listed* KZNSA Gallery, Durban

##### 2018

- Bremischen Bürgerschaft, Bremen, Germany

##### 2016

- *Once More*, ArtSpace Durban, Durban

#### Group Shows

##### 2021

- *Commune*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban

##### 2020

- *Commune*, Turbine Art Fair (online), KZNSA Gallery
- *The limitless Mind*, Turbine Art Fair (online), Mstudio Community

##### 2019

- *Know this place*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban
- *Creative Block Project Exhibition*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban
- *Be Inspired by Phansi*, Phansi Museum, Durban
- *The Durban July we make*, State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town
- *National Innibos Craft Award 2019*, Finalist, Mbombela Civic Centre, Mpumalanga
- *Birds*, RUST-EN-VREDE Gallery, Cape Town
- *Umhlaba | Land (members exhibition)*, KZNSA Gallery, Durban

##### 2018

- *#Paper*, Art.b Gallery, Bellville, Cape Town
- *Absa l'atelier* exhibition top 100, SA Gallery, Johannesburg
- *Absa l'atelier* exhibition top 100, ABSA Gallery, Johannesburg
- *The marks we make*, State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town
- Daville Baillie Gallery, Johannesburg, (Showcase)
- KZNSA Park Gallery, Durban, (Showcase)

##### 2017

- *Together apart*, ArtSpace Durban, Durban

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- *Absa l'atelier* exhibition top 100, ABSA Gallery, Johannesburg
- *Sasol Signatures*, Finalist, Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria
- *Enchant. Celebrate. Create. Disrupt*, ICC, Durban, Essence Festival

### 2016

- *Artemisia*, DF Contemporary, Cape Town
- *Own a Space-July*, Loading Bay Gallery, Durban
- *Own a Space-August*, Loading Bay Gallery, Durban
- *Transition*, Breathing Space, Durban

### 2015

- *Tracksides*, Open Plan Studio, Durban
- *Curate. a. space*, curated by Carol Brown, Fringe Art Fair, Arts on Main, Johannesburg
- *Eye Candy*, curated by Carol Brown, Hilton Arts Festival, Hilton
- DUT Staff Exhibition, DUT Gallery
- *Anthropology III*, curated by Grace Kotze, Breathing Space

### 2014

- *Looking Forward: Our lives in 2034*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban

### 2013

- *Absa L'atelier Art Competition*, ArtSpace Durban
- *Absa L'atelier Art Competition* top 100, ABSA Gallery, Johannesburg

### 2012

- *Three Boys and a Girl*, The Collective, Durban
- *Black and Blue*, The Collective, Durban
- *Science Art/ Art Science*, ArtSpace Durban
- *d' Art Exchange and Artists*, ArtSpace Durban
- *Absa L'atelier Art Competition*, ArtSpace Durban
- *Sasol Signatures* (Finalist), Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria

### 2011

- *Reuse*, Durban University of Technology Art Gallery, Durban

### 2010

- *Amazing Starts*, Durban University of Technology Art Gallery, Durban

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2019-2021

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## KARLA NIXON | BIO & CV

- Lecturer in Two Dimensional Studies, Three Dimensional Studies, and Arts Appreciation, Durban University of Technology, Arts Extended Program

### 2018

- Lecturer in Communications III (Professional Art Practice), Drawing II, and Drawing III, Durban University of Technology, Fine Art and Jewellery Design

### 2014-2017

- Lecturers Assistant in Communications III (Professional Art Practice), Sculpture III, Theory III, and Drawing II, Durban University of Technology, Fine Art and Jewellery Design

### 2015-2017

- Lecturer in Dental Drawing, Durban University of Technology, Dental Technology

### 2013-2016

- Curators Assistant, Durban University of Technology, Art Gallery

### 2015-2016

- Curators Assistant, Curate a Space

## CURATORIAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS

### 2016

- Assistant Curator for exhibition Through Positive Eyes, Durban Art Gallery, Durban.
- Assistant Curator for exhibition 20 Years Later: A Fresh Look at the Bill of Rights, African Art Center, Durban.

### 2014

- Event Organizer/ Founder, #WhatifthisCity, (art event), DUT Art Gallery and Surroundings, Durban
- Assistant Event Organizer Interpret Durban 5 (art event and competition), Live the Venue, Durban

## RESIDENCIES

### 2017 -2018

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- Bremer Kunststipendium Residency, Germany (November 2017 - January 2018)

### COLLECTIONS

#### Public Collections

- Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa
- National Art Bank, Bloemfontein, South Africa

#### Private collections

- Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Lebanon, Spain, Holland, Australia, Germany

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Catalogues

##### 2017

- Absa L'atelier Art Competition
- Sasol New Signatures Art Competition

##### 2016

- Nixon, K, *Once More*

##### 2013

- Imagine the untapped talent of the subconscious, Absa L'atelier Art Competition

##### 2012

- Sasol New Signatures Art Competition

#### Books

##### 2014

- Benetton, L, Daehnke, N, van Rensburg, D. South Africa: 10 x 12 @ SA: Contemporary Artists from South Africa, Italy: Fabrica

#### Magazines

##### 2017

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- Botha, C. August 2017. Garden and Home (18)
- Spring 2017. Southern Vines (26)

2013

- Daly, W. October 2013. Get It (16-17)

### ONLINE MEDIA

2018

- Schwachhausen Online: <http://www.schwachhausen-online.de/nixon/>
- Bremer Heimstiftung: <http://www.bremer-heimstiftung.de/netzwerke/kunststipendium/>

2015

- Mahala: [www.mahala.co.za/?s=Karla+Nixon](http://www.mahala.co.za/?s=Karla+Nixon)
- Visi: [www.visi.co.za/lifestyle/freshly-cut/](http://www.visi.co.za/lifestyle/freshly-cut/)

2013

- Durban is Yours: [durbanisyours.co.za/2013/02/karla-nixon/](http://durbanisyours.co.za/2013/02/karla-nixon/)