

**Ryan Hewett**

**B.1979**

**Based in Grand Baie, Mauritius**

## 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 the viewer.

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Asia Art Centre*, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2021 *H+*, 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

- 2023 *Tales for a Stranger*, The Warehouse by Maruani Mercier, Zaventem, Belgium  
*Art Tokyo*, Unit London, Tokyo, Japan
- 2022 *Nassima Landau*, Tel Aviv, Israel  
*The Armory Show*, Art Fair, Maruani Mercier, New York, USA  
*The Playground of Geometry*, CICA Vancouver, CA  
*Art Brussels*, Maruani Mercier, Brussels, Belgium
- 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 *CTICC*, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2017 *Barnard Collective*, Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*AKAA Paris*, Carreau 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

- 2016 *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  
*U*, 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  
*Cape Town Art Fair*, The Look Out, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Changing Faces: Profiling Portraits in South African Art*, Barnard Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Uprising* Converge Gallery, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, USA  
*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)

- 2021 December  
 'Ryan Hewett: H+', FAD Magazine
- 2020 May  
 'Interview with Ryan Hewett', Visual Atelier 8
- 2019 December  
 'Ryan Hewett's Nothing New Under the Sun is a first for the Goss-Michael Foundation', Patron
- November  
 '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  
 '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
- 2018 June  
 '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

- 2017 September  
'Ryan Hewett Enigmatic Painted Portraits', Trendland
- August  
'Ryan Hewett', Create! Magazine
- February  
'Beautifully Abstract Portraits by Ryan Hewett', MiS Magazine
- 2016 October  
'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  
'Exploring Canvases with Ryan Hewett', Art Versed
- 2015 April  
'Art Opening: Ryan Hewett @ The Unit London', FAD Magazine
- March  
'Ryan Hewett: Untitled', Wall Street International Magazine  
'Ryan Hewett's Untitled @ The Unit London', Beautiful Bizarre
- 2014 June  
'Exhibition: Untitled by Ryan Hewett', Square Mile 2014
- March  
'Seek My Fort', Widewalls

## Collections

Nassima Landau Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel

Amoli Foundation, Hong Kong

X Museum, Beijing, China

Goss Michael Foundation, Dallas, USA

Fine Art Centre, Taipei, Taiwan

Emergentes Art Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon

Recharge Foundation, NY, USA

Weissman Family Collection, NY, USA

Dean Collection, Los Angeles, USA

Bunker Foundation (Rudin De Woody Collection), Los Angeles, USA

UTA Collection, Los Angeles, USA