

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

- 2022 *The Playground of Geometry*, CICA Vancouver, CA
Art Brussels, Maruani Mercier, BE
- 2020 *Drawn Together (online)*, Unit London, UK
- 2020 *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
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

- 2015 *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
- 2014 *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 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)

- 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

Goss Michael Foundation, Dallas, USA

Fine Art Centre, Taipei, Taiwan

Emergentes Art Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon

Recharge Foundation, NY, USA

Weissman Family Collection, NY, USA

Azman Museum, KL, Malaysia

Dean Collection, LA, USA

Bunker Foundation (Rudin De Woody Collection), LA, USA

UTA Collection, LA, USA