

Anja Marais
BIOGRAPHY

ANJA MARAIS was born in a small town in the savanna of South Africa. Her childhood was spent nestled inside the cottoned, pseudo-utopia of a segregated society. Seeking to pierce the elusive truth of a land operating unethically she turned towards art to shed light on the shadows of humanity and herself.

She seeded the path to her search by apprenticing with a well-known regional landscape painter, and studied with him until she left for art school. After graduating with a B.F.A, Honours from the University of South Africa in Pretoria, she emigrated to the United States. Her work has since been included in solo and group exhibitions internationally.

Marais has held residencies in Japan, including a Mino Paper Art Residency where she studied ancient techniques from Master paper makers; the Seoul Art Space Geumcheon Residency in Korea; Kronstadt Art Residency in St. Petersburg, Russia and the Arteles Art Residency, Finland.

She has been selected and participated in various, esteemed programs such as the Creative Capital Professional Development Program and the Enrique Martinez Celaya Summer Workshop (in affiliation with the Anderson Ranch Art Center). She is also the recipient of the South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship 2014, Florida Division of Cultural Affairs Individual Artist Fellowship 2010, the Anne Mckee Grant 2011 & 2013 and won the People's Choice Award from Sculpture Key West curated by Shamim M Momin in 2009. She participated in collaborations that was awarded the MOCA Miami Optic Nerve 2012's best short and selected for the Cannes Film Festival. Her work is included in numerous private collections and Museum collections like MOCA (Miami), Kronstadt History Museum (Russia), Akari Museum (Japan). Statements and articles on her art practice appeared in numerous publications, including: Florida International Magazine, Art in America, SALT, Irreversible and ARTnews. She currently works and lives in South Florida and splits her time between her studio in Miami and Key West.

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