

**COMMUNE.1 GALLERY**

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**CV | AYANDA MABULU**

Ayanda Mabulu makes it his responsibility to paint the undocumented lives of the anonymous masses of under-represented South Africans. His uncompromising mixed-media paintings narrate the extremes of our society which is rife with disparities.

Mabulu, a self-taught poet and painter, tells stories laced with symbolism of racism, poverty and the corruption of power in the hope of effecting radical societal change. The overt expressionism that frames Mabulu's work further clarifies his intention and dedication to telling his raw and no holds barred truth. The inhabitants of the paintings play out violent and ghastly scenes alongside the appended phonetic textual elements that tend to sharpen the lashing dialect of the work.

**Biography**

1981 Born King William's Town, Eastern Cape, South Africa

Lives and works in Cape Town, South Africa

**Solo Exhibitions**

2013 *Imvo Zabantsundu/ The Native Opinion*, Commune.1, Cape Town

2012 Diepkloof, Soweto, Johannesburg

2011 *Beautiful Imperfection*, Chenshia Museum, China

2010 *Un-mute my tongue*, Worldart, Cape Town

**Group Exhibitions**

2013 *Make me an Offer: ArtReach Fundraiser Exhibition*, AVA Gallery, Cape Town  
*Perceptual Vigilance*, AVA Gallery, Cape Town

2012 *Our Fathers*, AVA Gallery, Cape Town  
*Greatmore Studio Showcase*, Greatmore Art Studio, Cape Town  
*Thupelo International Artists Workshop*, Bag Factory, Johannesburg

2010 *Catch 2010*, curated by Jaime Vasquez, 38 Special Gallery, Cape Town  
Mandela Rhodes Gallery, Cape Town

2009	Isibane Creative Arts, Cape Town
2008	Roussour Gallery, Cape Town
2006	<i>Umsi / Amos Letsoalo</i> , AVA Gallery, Cape Town

### **Residencies**

2012	Residency in Soweto, Johannesburg Bag Factory at Thupelo workshop, Johannesburg
2011	Chenshia Museum, China Greatmore Art Studios, Cape Town
2010	Good Hope Art Studios Worldart Residency

### **Selected Collections**

The New Church Museum  
Galerie Baudoin Lebon