

About Karla Nixon

Karla Nixon (b.1990) is a Durban based artist who predominantly works with paper. She hand- cuts and sculpts intricate images and objects, drawn from her surrounding environments.

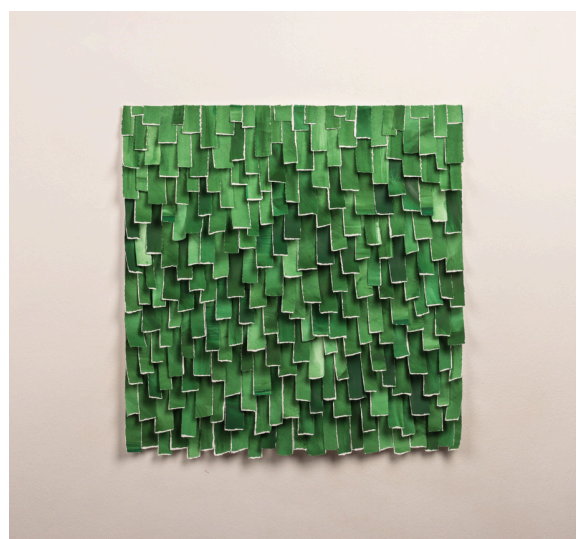
Nixon completed her Master's degree in Fine Art in 2017 at the Durban University of Technology, South Africa. Her degree focused on transience in the work of paper artists, which she completed with Cum Laude.

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.



Karla Nixon, Cerrtain Fields 7, 2021

CV

Solo Exhibitions

2022

Lizamore, Fairland Gallery, Johannesburg, Underfoot

2021

State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town, Crease

2019

KZNSA Gallery, Durban, Just Listed

2018

Bremischen Bürgerschaft, Bremen, Germany

2016

ArtSpace Durban, Durban, Once More

Group Exhibitions

2024

State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town, Paper Tale

A Pick Gallery, Torino, Italy, Paperland

Rupert Museum, Stellenbosch, Cape Town, In conversation with their show AbstRact: the hidden synchrony (Installation)

2023

Shanghai International Paper Art Biennale, Shanghai, China

Art Collaboration Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan, with A Pick Gallery

Estampa Contemporary Art Fair, Madrid, Spain, with A Pick Gallery

Lizamore Gallery, Woodfees, Stellenbosch, Cape Town, Borrel

RMB Latitude Art Fair, Johannesburg, 1+1, with Lizamore Gallery

(Un)expected Art Fair, Milan, Italy, with A Pick Gallery

Spier Wine Farm, Stellenbosch, Spier Light Art Exhibition

State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town, Time and Tides: Awaits no man

2022

A Pick Gallery, Torino, Italy, Landscapes of Hidden Words

Origin Art, Johannesburg, Loud Speak

KZNSA Gallery, Durban, Transience

State of the Art, Cape Town, Winter Salon

State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town, Abstract*d

THK Gallery, Manor House Boshendal, Norval and Boschendal Collaboration, Flights of Fancy

THK Gallery, Cape Town

State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town, Art week

2021

KZNSA Gallery, Durban, Commune, (Group Exhibition)

2020

Turbine Art Fair (online), KZNSA Gallery, Commune

Turbine Art Fair (online), Mstudio Community, The limitless Mind

2019

KZNSA Gallery, Durban, Know this place

KZNSA Gallery, Durban, Creative Block Project Exhibition

Phansi Museum, Durban, Be Inspired by Phansi

State of the Art Gallery, Cape Town, The Durban July we make
Mbombela Civic Centre, Mpumalanga, National Innibos Craft Award 2019, Finalist
RUST-EN-VREDE Gallery, Cape Town, Birds
KZNSA Gallery, Durban, Umhlaba | Land (members exhibition)

2018

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

2017

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

2016

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

2015

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

2014

Durban Art Gallery, Looking Forward: Our lives in 2034 (Group Exhibition)

2012

The Collective, Durban, Three Boys and a Girl
The Collective, Durban, Black and Blue
ArtSpace Durban, Science Art/ Art Science
ArtSpace Durban, d' Art Exchange and Artists
ArtSpace Durban, Absa L'atelier Art Competition

2011

Durban University of Technology Art Gallery, Durban, Reuse

2010

Durban University of Technology Art Gallery, Durban, Amazing Starts

Residencies

2017 -2018

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

Collections

Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa

National Art Bank, Bloemfontein, South Africa

Achievements

2013

ArtSpace Durban, Absa L'atelier Art Competition

ABSA Gallery, Johannesburg, Absa L'atelier Art Competition top 100

2012

Pretoria Art Museum, Pretoria, Sasol Signatures (Finalist)