

## **ANDRÉ SERFONTEIN**

(b. 1961, South Africa)

André Serfontein is a designer, illustrator, painter and sculptor living and working in Cape Town, South Africa. He graduated with a National Diploma in Graphic Design from Cape Technikon in 1983 and worked in various advertising agencies as a designer and illustrator before turning to his art full-time. Serfontein has been a Top 40 finalist for the South African Portrait award in 2017, 2019 and 2021 and the winner 2023. He has taken part in various national group shows as well as solo exhibitions in South Africa and France (*Galerie du Passage*).

*Drawing, painting and sculpting are all different ways for me to explore the human form.*

*My intention isn't to capture an ideal or present the pinnacle of beauty. I distort and exaggerate certain physical features to capture, amplify and accentuate the essence of my subjects.*

*I'm drawn to a bold, resilient beauty that's imperfect and asymmetrical... the rare magnetism of men and women who are truly comfortable in their skin. – André Serfontein*

### **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:**

- 2024 Solo exhibition, Everard Read, Franschhoek, South Africa
- 2023 Group exhibition, Knysna Fine Art, Knysna, South Africa  
Portrait Awards (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville, South Africa  
Group exhibition, Everard Read, Franschhoek, South Africa
- 2022 Solo exhibition, Le Stupéfais, Galerie Du Pasage, Paris, France
- 2021 Portrait Awards (Top 40 Finalist), Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- 2020 Group exhibition, Everard Read Franschhoek, South Africa  
Solo exhibition, FLUX, Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville
- 2019 Group exhibition, Knysna Fine Arts, Knysna, South Africa  
Group exhibition, Nel Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa  
Sanlam Portrait Awards (3<sup>rd</sup> place) – Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville, South Africa  
Group exhibition, Rust en Vrede Gallery, Durbanville South Africa  
Group exhibition, Ebony Curated, Cape Town, South Africa  
Solo exhibition, True to Nature, Glen Carlou gallery, South Africa
- 2017 Finalist in Sanlam Portrait competition, South Africa
- 2009 Group exhibition, Association of Visual Arts (AVA) Church Street, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2006 Group exhibition, Bronze Age Foundry, Simons Town, Cape Town
- 2004 Brett Kebble Art Awards Finalist, Cape Town Convention Centre
- 1995 Group exhibition (Michael Pettit students), Association of Visual Arts (AVA), Cape Town