DENBY MEYER

(b. 1966 Johannesburg, South Africa)

"We don't always see the beauty in the landscapes or the everyday events around us, and I like to think that my paintings are observations of that. That I am recording that which we don't always have time to stop and look at or appreciate. A way of really looking at things. Sometimes it may be how the light catches the buildings in the city, or another time the clouds over the mountains in the distance, or even the comfort one feels when observing how friends meet at a street café. I want my paintings to be a visual appreciation of an experience, which may or may not resonate with the viewer, but at least leave them with a sense of satisfaction."

Denby Meyer is a fine artist living in Cape Town, South Africa. Her paintings are quiet and sensitive observations of peaceful and contented scenes from life, offering a moment of calm and respite amidst what seems like an increasingly noisy world.

The paintings often evoke fond memories and nostalgia. Perhaps you were on holiday and remember the feeling of deep relaxation while you sat on the beach, or chatted and laughed in a sidewalk cafe for hours without noticing the passing time – Denby's paintings gently remind us of the way it felt to be there.

As the daughter of renowned artist John Meyer, she grew up surrounded by art and was encouraged from a young age to paint and draw. After attaining a Liberal Arts Degree, she began painting professionally in 1990, and has been represented by the Everard Read in South Africa and London for over 20 years, where she has participated in several joint exhibitions, as well as a number of solo exhibitions.

With an enduring career spanning over 20 years, she has built up a substantial body of work, and her quiet, reflective style seems more relevant now than ever.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2026 Upcoming Exhibition, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
Winter Collection, Everard Read Franschhoek, SA
2025 10 Years | Summer 2025, Everard Read, London, UK
2024 Inner Sanctum, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
Little Life, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Winter Collection, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
Winter, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Arboreum, solo, Everard Read, London, UK
2023 What I Feel When I Think About The Cosmos, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
Winter Exhibition, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Summer Exhibition, Everard Read, London, UK
Summer Exhibition, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
2022 Vantage Point, solo, Everard Read, Franschhoek, SA
Things I'd like to remember, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Director's Selection, Everard Read, London, UK
2021 Summer, Everard Read, London, UK
Oasis, 25th anniversary exhibition, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2020 STILL [online], Everard Read, SA & UK
Summer 2020, Everard Read, London, UK
2019 SUMMER, Everard Read, London, UK
SUMMER, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA

2018 The Lightness of Summer, solo, Everard Read, London, UK
2017 Observations, solo, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2016 Winter collection, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Summer in the City, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2015 Summer in the City, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Homage, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Winter, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2014 Summer, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Winter, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2013 Centenary Exhibition, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Possessions, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Solo, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
2012 Small Pictures, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2010 Sex, Power, Money, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2009 Cityscapes, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2008 Solo, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2007 Southern Views, with Harold Voigt, Walter Meyer and Albert Redelinghuis, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
2005 Solo, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
Group exhibition with Hanneke Benade, Kerri Evans, Sasha Hartslief and Clare Menck, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
2003 Spring, solo, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
2002 An Exhibition of Watercolours, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
2001 Solo, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA
1999 Solo, Everard Read, Johannesburg, SA
1998 Recent Works, Everard Read, Cape Town, SA