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Cameron Platter

Cameron Platter (born 1978 Johannesburg) lives and works in KwaZulu Natal and Capetown, South Africa.

His work is a fantastical document of contemporary morality; using stories appropriated from the universal themes of sex, love, violence, beauty, advertising, food, war, pornography, writing, politics, redemption, religion, man's badness and goodness, dancing, history, lust, greed, things falling apart, television and spaceships.

Mixing traditional and new mediums, through drawing, video and sculpture, Platter creates a tapestry that is homage to historical themes, and an ironical take on what it means to be alive today in contemporary South Africa.

His work appears in the permanent collection of MOMA, New York; The FRAC des Pays de la Loire, France; and the Iziko South African National Gallery. His work has been highlighted in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Vice Magazine, NKA Journal of Contemporary African Art, Artforum, and Art South Africa, L'Officiel Art.

selected solo exhibitions

- 2014** *I Saw This*, Whatiftheworld/ Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.
Monster, Galerie Hussenot, Paris
- 2013** *Everyday Apocalypse*, Jack Bell Gallery, London.
- 2012** *YOU*, Galerie Hussenot, Paris, France
Empty Promises, Hilger Contemporary, Vienna, Austria.
- 2011** *Fucking Hell*, Whatiftheworld/ Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2010** *Hard Times*, *Great Expectations*, Whatiftheworld/ Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.
The Old Fashion, Volta NY, New York, USA.
I Am Lonlyness, Hilger Contemporary, Vienna, Austria.
- 2009** *Black Up That White Ass II*, YOUNGBLACKMAN, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2008** *Studio*, KNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa.
3 Stories, KZNSA Gallery, Durban, South Africa.

- Too Much of Anything is Very Dangerous*, Hilger Contemporary, Vienna, Austria.
- 2006** *Party Time*, Blank Projects, Cape Town, South Africa.
Beware the Curves, Labia Cinema, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2005** *Life Is Very Interesting*, Bell- Roberts Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2004** *Storm*, NSA Gallery, Durban, KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa.
The Love is Approaching, Joao Ferreira Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.

selected group exhibitions

- 2014** *Public Intimacy. Art and Other Ordinary Acts in South Africa*, SFMOMA, San Francisco.
- 2013** *Il Palazzo enciclopedico*, South African Pavillion, 55th Venice Biennale. Arsenale, Venezia.
De leur temps, HAB Galerie, Nantes, ADIAF collection.
- 2012** *Beyond Apartheid: Sex, Race, and Politics in Contemporary Africa*, Galeria Lunara, Porto Alegre, Brazil. Curated by Bernardo José de Souza.
A Perfect Day, Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam. Curated by Dave Eggers.
- 2011** *Absent Heroes*, Iziko South African National Gallery. Curated by Pam Warne.
Impressions from South Africa, 1965 to Now, Museum of Modern Art, MoMA New York. Curated by Judith Hecker.
Rencontres Internationales, Haus Der Kultur, Berlin. Curated by Nathalie Henon and Jean- Francois Rettig.
Coca- Colonized, Marte Museum, El Salvador. Curated by Claire Breukel.
Africa!, Galerie Hussenot, Paris. Curated by Andre Magnin.
New Positions, Art Cologne.
- 2010** *Rencontres Internationales*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris. Curated by Nathalie Henon and Jean- Francois Rettig.
Coca-Colonized, Brot Kunsthalle, Vienna, Austria. Curated by Claire Breukel.
Africa Assume Art Position, Primo Marella Gallery, Milan. Curated Yakouba Konate.
Contemporary Artists from South Africa, BEK, Norway. Curated by Maia Urstad.
Dak'Art 2010, Biennial of Contemporary African Art, Dakar, Senegal
Twenty, 20 Years of South African Sculpture, Nirox Foundation, Gauteng. Curated by Andrew Lamprecht.
1910 - 2010: From Pierneef to Gugulective, South African National Gallery. Curated by Riason Naidoo.
The Spirit is Not the Idea, Says the Penguin, CO-OP, Johannesburg. Curated by Katrin Lewinsky.
Spier Contemporary, Travelling, South Africa.
- 2009** *Clair/ Obscur Film Festival*, Basel, Switzerland. Curated by Patrick Buhler.
Manifesto, CO-OP, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Word Up!, AVA Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa. Curated by Ashleigh McLean and Kristy Cockerill.

- Sing Into My Mouth*, Whatiftheworld/ Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa.
Curated by Julia Clark.
- 2008** *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever*, Hilger Contemporary, Vienna, Austria
Art 39 Basel, Hilger Contemporary.
- 2007** *Love*, South Beach Emporium, Miami, USA. Curated by Luis Alonzo-Barkigia.
- 2006** *Tour, a slice of life*, Hilger Contemporary, Vienna, Austria. Curated by Claire Breukel.
Rotterdam International Film Festival, Rotterdam, Holland.
- 2005** *KO Video/ 1st Durban Video Festival*, Durban Art Gallery, Durban, South Africa. Curated by Greg Streak.
- 2004** *Negotiate; Conciliation* Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa
Contra Mundi, AVA gallery, Cape Town, South Africa. Curated by Andrew Lamprecht.
Exchange views on..., Espace Croix- Baragon, Toulouse, France. Curated by Sophie Solnychkine.
- 2003** *Picnic*, Bell- Roberts, Cape Town, South Africa. Curated by Andrew Lamprecht.
Art as Usual, Johannesburg Art Gallery, Johannesburg, South Africa. Curated by Christian Nerf.
Galerie Puta, 2a Dysart Road, Cape Town, South Africa. Curated by Galerie Puta.
- 2001** *YDETAG*, South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa. Curated by Andrew Putter and James Webb.
Stolen Painting, Art Night Out, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2000** *Returning the Gaze*, One City, Many Cultures, Cape Town, South Africa. Curated by Zayd Minty.
Emergency, Bell- Roberts Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa. Curated by Julia Clark.

permanent collections

MoMA (Museum of Modern Art) New York
Iziko South African National Gallery
FRAC Centre, France
Margulies Collection, Miami, USA
Fondation Sindika Dokolo, Angola

selected publications

Alex Sudheim, *It's About You*, July 2012
Irene Louw, *Brash and Unusual*, Wanted Magazine/ BusinessDay, March 2012
Linda Stupart, *Fucking Hell: An Interview with Cameron Platter*, Mahala, January 2012
Matthew Patridge, *Everyday But Far from the Obvious*, Mail & Guardian, December 2011

Leigh Anne Niehaus, *Fucking Hell*, artthrob.co.za, December 2011
 Miles Keylock, *Pick of the Week*, Mail & Guardian, December 2011
 Gabriela Mendoza, *Una Reflexion Sobre la Cultura de Masas*, El Dairo del Hoy, May 2011
 Alexander Fang, *Spotlight: Cameron Platter in Impressions from South Africa, 1965 to Now*, Inside/Out, April 2011
 Petra Mason, *Our History, From Afar*, Mail & Guardian, April 2011
 Richard Hart, *Lewd, Crude, Skewed*, Enjin Magazine, May 2011
 Steve Dubin, *Various Artists at MoMA*, artthrob.co.za, March 2011
 Leora Maltz- Leca, *Impressions from South Africa, 1965 to Now*, Artforum, Critics' Picks, March 2011
 Rui Tenreiro, *How The Zebra Got Its Stripes*, UTFLUKT, February 2011
 Ute Stadlbauer, *Coca-Colonization in a consumptive society*, ArtPulse Magazine, Winter 2010/2011
 Iolanda Pensa, *Dak'Art 2010: Perspective and Retrospective*, Domus Magazine, February 2011
 Chad Rossouw, *Cameron Platter*, Vice Magazine, December 2010
 Sarah Jayne Fell, *Transvestite Killer Zebras (And Other Stories)*, One Small Seed Magazine, Issue 20, November 2010
 Yuan Di, *Cameron Platter: The Interview*, Jia Za Zhi Magazine, September 2010
 Rike Sitas, *Cameron Platter Artbio*, artthrob.co.za, September 2010
 Sue Williamson, *Spier Contemporary*, artthrob.co.za, April 2010
 Emanuela Mirabelli, *(S)Platter Movies*, Marie Claire Italia, August 2010
 Delia De Villiers, *20Q: Cameron Platter*, Design Indaba Magazine, August 2010
 Geoff Cook, *Interview with Artist Cameron Platter*, BASE Magazine. June 2010
 Patrick Buhler, *Cameron Platter*, Splatterpunk Magazine, March 2010
 Chad Rossouw, *The Sound of a Zip on Red Latex Boots*, Hard Times/ Great Expectations (cat) March 2010
 David Kaufman, *Soho Style in Johannesburg*, New York Times, 14 March 2010
 Carolina Wheat, *Text as Fine Art Signage*, ChicagoNow, February 6, 2010
 Richard Hart, *Here and There*, Mail & Guardian, 24 February 2010
 Alex Sudheim, *Cameron Platter*, Art South Africa, Vol07 Issue 03, 2009
 Carol Brown, *Best of 2008*, www.artthrob.co.za, Feb 2009
 Peter Machen, *Cameron Platter's Studio at KZNSA Gallery*, www.artthrob.co.za, December 2008
 Robert Sloon, *In Conversation with Cameron Platter*, www.artheat.net, 20 November 2008
 Brenton Maart, *Have Fun Before it Ends*, Art South Africa, Vol7 Issue 02, 2009
 Peter Machen, *It's a Wooden World*, Mail & Guardian, 7 November 2008
 Peter Machen, *The Wooden World of Cameron Platter*, Weekend Witness, 25 October 2008
 Alex Sudheim, *Apocalyptically Prolific*, Mail&Guardian, October 17 2008
 Carol Brown, *Delinquent Outsider*, www.artthrob.co.za, May 2008
 Peter Machen, *Zebras from Space and Other Oddities*, Witness, February 2008
 Alex Sudheim, *Tarantino meets Dr Suess*, Mail&Guardian, April 2008
 Manisha Jothady, *Gott tragt Nikes und gar nichts wird gut*, Die Presse, February 2008
 Greg Baker, *Peepshow Surprise*, Miami New Times, December 2007

Desne Masie, *What Works for You*, Financial Times, December 2007

Stephen Hurst, *Love*, Miami Bourbaki Blogspot

Hazel Friedman, *Cameron Platter* Art South Africa, May 2007

Sean O'Toole, *Out of the Shadows* DAMN Magazine, March/ April 2007

Robert Sloon, *Party Time* artheat.blogspot.com, November 2006

Andrew Lamprecht, *Don't Talk to Me Talk to My Lawyer* Life is Very Interesting Catalogue, November 2006

Andrew Lamprecht, *Animals that One Loves* Life is Very Interesting Catalogue, November 2006

Jane Mayne, *Artists*, Business Day, February 2006

Jacki McInnes, *Beast Intentions* The Big Issue, February 2006

Lisa Witepski, *Enjoy investing in Art* The South Africa Magazine, February 2006

Carine Zaayman, *Cameron Platter* Art South Africa, December 2005

Caspar Greeff, *Breaking the Waves* Sunday Times, December 2005

Linda Stupart, *Cameron Platter at Bell-Roberts* www.artthrob.co.za November 2005

Melvyn Minnaar, *Eye-catching artworks are goofy with gall* Cape Times, October 5, 2005

Miles Keylock, *Big Themes: Pick of the Week* Mail&Guardian, October 2005

Kristina Melville, *Joburg Diary* Sawubona

Andrew Lamprecht, *Cameron Platter 10 Years 100 Artists*

Andrew Lamprecht, *Bling- bling wildlife* Timeout 2005

Alba Poretti, *Goodall and Platter* Art South Africa, December 2004

Virginia MacKenny, *Configuring culture- art is what you make of it* BKA catalogue 2004

James Cunningham, *Cameron Platter: Director, Animator* The Callsheet, Media Reporter, *Young SA lions roar in Cannes* Saturday Star, July 3 2004

Peter Machen, *Gallery of Whores Visits Durban* The Independent on Saturday, 22 May 2004

Rober Bodil, *Simply Assassinating* Daily News, 21 May 2004

Andrew Lamprecht, *Flash, Aha* Art South Africa, March 2004

Tracey Murinik, *Picnic* Art South Africa, March 2004

Melvyn Minnaar, *Smart, Sassy Solo Show Succeeds* Cape Times 19 January 2004

Paul Edmunds, *Cameron Platter at Joao Ferreira* www.artthrob.co.za January 2004

Zachary Yorke, *Dada and Development in Cape Tow* Thisday 20 November 2003

Michael Stevenson, *Playfully Subversive* Movements in Time and Space, June 2003

Tracey Murinik, *Meeting in the Water Closet* www.artthrob.co.za, June 2003

Tracey Murinik, *Bright Young Things* Art South Africa, March 2003

Sue Williamson, *Sue Williamson's Diary* www.artthrob.co.za, March 2003

Tracey Murinik, *Michaelis Exhibition 2001* www.artthrob.co.za December 2001

Mgcineni Sobopha, *Returning the Gaze* NKA Journal of Contemporary Art, 13/ 14

Judy Damon, *Artists Seek Stolen Painting* Cape Times 4 October 2000

Sue Williamson, *New on the Block* www.artthrob.co.za October 2000

Paul Edmunds, *Emergency at the Bell-Roberts* www.artthrob.co.za July 2000

filmography

Power of Thoughts 2012

The Old Fashion 2010

Black Up That White Ass II 2009

Dr Bombaka Presents... 2009

Color Blind (Vivid Raw) Vol 2 2008

The Stripper and the Zebras; Mr Muafangejo and the Lion; and the Crocodile and God (Also known as 3 Stories) 2008

How the Crocodile Got his Shoes and Other Collected Stories 2007

Beware the Curves 2006

My BM is Bigger Than Yours (Also known as When Days Are Dark Friends Are Few) 2005

Strangers in the Dark and Stormy Night 2004

Vexation Island 2004

Jealous is the Freedom of Fools 2004

The Love is Approaching 2004

The Attack of the Killer Zebras from Outer Space 2004