

CHARMAINE MC MAHON

VISUAL ARTIST

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I am a Swiss artist living and working in Zurich, Switzerland, with a rich heritage rooted in Ireland and South Africa.

My artistic journey began with early recognition from the SA Wool Board, culminating in a Fine Art and Graphic Design degree. This foundation has allowed me to gain extensive experience in graphic design, printing, and advertising, broadening my artistic horizons.

I have navigated life's challenges throughout my career, temporarily stepping away from my art career to move abroad and raise a family. During this period, I continued to create art and engage in academic and creative projects, reconnecting with my roots and reigniting my passion for artistic expression.

In 2018, a transformative six-month sabbatical at Metàfora International Studio Arts in Barcelona, Spain, significantly shaped my core values and work direction. My artwork exhibited and published both locally and internationally, reflects my fascination with portraiture and the human experience. Through perception, identity, and narrative themes, I primarily work with acrylics and oils while creating intricate ink illustrations that explore culture, society, nature, and wildlife.

EXHIBITIONS

2024

- Solo Exhibition - "Harmony in Flux" Schaufenster Galerie, Stampfenbachstrasse, Zurich, Switzerland
- Group Exhibition - Werkschau 2024, "Neue Wege", Galerie Art & Business, Trittligasse, Zurich, Switzerland
- Group Exhibition - ARTEXPO Paris | ARTBOXY, Galerie Agnes Nordin, Paris, France
- Project Hyatt Regency, Zurich Airport "The Circle", Theme: International Tourism & Travel
- Private Exhibitions in Zurich and Cape Town
Gallo Studio, Urdorf; Petit Filou, Bergdietikon; K. Institute, Uitikon Waldegg Zurich, Switzerland; Art & Coffee, Cape Town, South Africa
- **2021** Group Exhibition - SWISSARTEXPO, SBB Event Arena, Zurich Main Station, Zurich, Switzerland

2020 Group Exhibition - SWISSARTEXPO, SBB Event Arena, Zurich Main Station, Zurich, Switzerland

2021 Group Exhibition - SWISSARTEXPO, SBB Event Arena, Zurich Main Station, Zurich, Switzerland

2019 Solo Exhibition - A1 M.O.V.E 8048 Zurich, Switzerland

2016 Group Exhibition - "Complete Nothingness", Untitled Gallery, BCN Barcelona, Spain

2010 Private Collections: UK, US, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Southern Africa

PUBLICATIONS

2020

- [NEWSFOX](#)
- [PRESSTEXT](#)
- [LIMMATTALER ZEITUNG](#)

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- **KVZ Kuenstlervereinigung Zurich, Switzerland**
 - Jury Member since 2024
 - Active Member since 2019
- **SWISSARTEXPO** | [ARTBOXY.com](https://www.artboxy.com)
- **ARTBASEL.com** | **UBS Global Lead Partner**
- **TATE Modern.UK** | **The National Gallery. UK** | [Artsy.com](https://www.artsy.com)

STUDIES

2024: The World of Gold Leafing with Dietmar E. Feldmann, Atelier boesner, Unterfelden, Switzerland

2020 – 2024: Aquarelle & Watercolour Painting, Monika Amrein

- Contemporary Figurative Art - untitled_africa, InSite, Salt River, Cape Town

2022: Ajaysart - Landscape and Culinary Retreat, Paternoster Art Retreat, Cape, South Africa

2016 – 2020: Anatomy and Figure Drawing, Atelier Peter Grenacher, Zurich, Switzerland

2014 – 2015: Self-Exploration Painting and Mixed Media Workshop, Natasja De Wet, Muizenberg, Cape Town

- Landscape Oil and Acrylic Workshop, Dale Elliot, Villiersdorf, Cape Province, South Africa

2010: Figure Drawing, Royal Art Academy, London, UK

EDUCATION

- **2016 - Métäfora Studio Arts Program**, Conceptual Arts International Program, Barcelona, Spain
- **Bachelor of Fine Art:** Durban University of Technology, Durban, Natal, South Africa
- **National Diploma in Fine Art & Design:** Durban University of Technology, Durban, Natal, South Africa
- **National Senior Certificate in Art:** Durban Commercial High, Durban, South Africa

EMPLOYMENT

Metal Box Company UK | **Nampak National Amalgamated Packaging**

- Position held: Graphic Designer & Illustrator in a team
- Specialising in the manufacturing and printing metal packaging, including cans and boxes. Based in Mobeni, I operated from 25 Richard Carte Road, Mobeni, Rossburgh, Durban, Natal, South Africa

Greatermans & Stuttaford's

- Position held: Production Artist & Illustrator. Head of division.
- Upmarket department retail chain located on Main Street in Durban, South Africa.

Independent Newspapers (Pty) Ltd

- Position held: Graphic Designer & Layout Artist
- This publishing firm produces well-known publications such as Natal Mercury, Mercury News, and Sunday Tribune. 18 Osborne Street, Durban Central, Durban.

Freelance Work

- Provided illustrating, layout, and design services
- Various lifestyle and sports magazines, including FairLady, SA Garden & Home, Cosmopolitan, Glamour, SA Sports, and Your Family

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