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Here's what has happened and what's to come!

Dear Art Enthusiasts,

Cheers to a joyous and prosperous New Year! We deeply thank our esteemed clients, collaborators, families, and friends for your incredible support throughout 2024. Here's to even more inspiring partnerships in 2025!

At ArtRoute we offer exclusive walking tours of Cape Town's galleries, with exclusive access to artist studios.

The Cape Town International Art Fair is just around the corner, bringing together artists, curators, and collectors from across the globe.

As your trusted guide to Cape Town's vibrant art scene, we're excited to share highlights, insider tips, and exclusive offers to make your experience unforgettable.

From the ArtRoute Team.



RECAP: WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS PAST YEAR

We're excited to announce our rebrand for ArtRoute and our sister company, CME Art Advising. This fresh new look reflects our evolution, marking an exciting new chapter. Keep an eye out as we roll out our updated branding in the coming weeks! We look forward to sharing this refreshed vision with you.

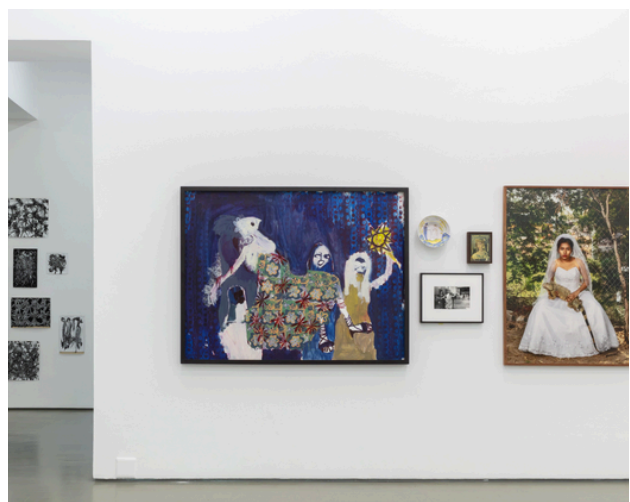
EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHT: DUST IN THE BALANCE

We had the privilege of joining Dan Halter and Matthew Blackman on Saturday 18 January 2025 for a fascinating walkabout through Halter's solo exhibition, 'Dust in the Balance'. A powerful exploration of Zimbabwean history and contemporary personal issues.



EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHT: WHEN WORKS MEET

Stevenson Gallery's group show *When Works Meet* runs from 7 December 2024 to 8 February 2025, featuring the works of 50 artists. The exhibition examines the dialogues between galleries, artists, collectors, and artworks, exploring how narratives evolve through connections and unexpected ways.





ON OUR RADAR: CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL ART FAIR 2025

The Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Africa's largest, brings together over 120 exhibitors, 30,000 visitors, and 10,000 VIPs, offering a premier platform for galleries, collectors, curators, and artists to connect at the forefront of contemporary art. Celebrating its 12th edition from 21-23 February 2025, the fair offers an immersive experience in one of the world's most unique art capitals. This year's event includes exclusive access to cultural programs, a complimentary talks programme with VIP access, guided art walks curated by Art School Africa, and prize ceremonies, with a VIP Preview on 20 February.



CTIAF THEME: PLAY

The 12th edition of the Investec Cape Town Art Fair centers around PLAY, celebrating art's power to provoke, disrupt, and connect. Rooted in curiosity and the inherent human desire to create, PLAY invites experimentation, action, and active participation, encouraging both artists and audiences to "play their role" in shaping meaning and cultural narratives. This dynamic theme breaks barriers, fosters innovation, and reimagines art as a collaborative and transformative experience.



BOOK AN INVESTEC ART FAIR WALKABOUT TOUR WITH ARTROUTE

Book an exclusive Art Fair Tour walkabout with ArtRoute! We also provide an exclusive art advisory service as a complimentary benefit for all our clients? You can enjoy discreet, personalized guidance for your collection while uncovering the finest art and culture the country has to offer. For more information contact bookings@artroute.co.za



TOMORROWS/TODAY: INVESTEC EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

The inaugural Investec Emerging Artist Award celebrates exceptional South African talent working independently across any medium, supporting emerging artists on the global stage. The jury includes Cumesh Moodliar, Itu Merafe, and James Cook. Tomorrows/Today, a curated section of the Investec Cape Town Art Fair, showcases cutting-edge emerging and underrepresented artists worldwide, offering a glimpse into the future of contemporary art. Last year's winner, Boemo Diale, captivated audiences with her vibrant, layered works exploring identity, generational trauma, spirituality, and desire. Drawing on her experiences as a mixed-race woman in Johannesburg, her dreamlike pieces blend dynamic figures with tropical and urban motifs, reclaiming power while questioning belonging and heritage. We are excited to see who will take the spotlight in Tomorrows/Today this year.

Dining Options Near the CTICC

While the CTIAF offers a variety of food stalls and options, there are several excellent restaurants near the CTICC for those looking to dine out. These include The Gin Bar for craft cocktails, Cause Effect for innovative drinks, Obi for authentic sushi and ramen, and Thirty7 for international cuisine with a local twist. For a more budget-friendly option, the nearby Food Lover's Market provides fresh and affordable meals.



WINE AND ART ADVENTURES: HIGHLIGHTS FROM BUITENVERWACHTING AND ATLAS SWIFT

Buitenverwachting, at the foot of Constantiaberg, blends rich history, stunning landscapes, and exceptional wines. Once part of the historic Constantia Estate, it thrives under the care of the Louw and Lategan families. Highlights include the Sauvignon Blanc, with crisp flavors of yellow apple and passionfruit, and the unique “Rough Diamond” Bordeaux blend. The Wine Tasting Centre, with its rustic charm and century-old walls, offers a cozy experience, complete with a crackling fireplace and a charming peacock named Gerald.

Atlas Swift, in Franschhoek, delivers a bespoke Chardonnay experience. The Smith family crafts wines that reflect diverse terroirs, from the ocean-cooled Cape South Coast to the high-altitude Cederberg. Each bottle features art by Ukrainian artist Ana Kuni, capturing the essence of the wines. The boutique setting, surrounded by breathtaking mountain views, offers an intimate tasting journey.

Raise a glass to these remarkable estates, where wine meets art and history! Visit our website for more tailored wine and art experiences with Artroute.



Our Tours

We specialize in creating custom made art tours showcasing the very best art galleries in and around Cape Town. Our tours are custom planned to every clients needs. We make use of reliable chauffeur services and each tour will be guided by a knowledgeable guide giving our clients the best experience the Cape Town art community has to offer. Cape Town Tours, Gauteng Tours, and Pretoria City Art Tour.

Galleries

A private art guide will accompany guests to various galleries around the city explaining the concepts and themes behind exhibited work.

Blank Projects
Bronze Age
Christopher Moller Gallery
Ebony
Gallery F
Gallery Momo
Goodman Gallery
Iziko Sa National Gallery
Kalk Bay Modern
Loop 99
Maitland art institute
Salon 91 Contemporary Art Collection
Smac Gallery
Everard Read Cape Town
Southern Guild
Stevenson Gallery
Wall Gallery
Whatiftheworld Gallery
Zeitz Mocaa Museum





Thank you for reading!

We can't wait to share more about the exciting art events happening this year. Stay tuned for our next edition!

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