



# LIRA VAN STADEN

## ABOUT

I am a multidisciplinary visual artist, educator, and entrepreneur with expertise in public art, participatory design, and cultural development. I have a proven track record of community-engaged projects, with a Master's degree (Cum Laude) in Visual Arts. I am passionate about leveraging art for social dialogue and transformation



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## EDUCATION

- 2003                      Matriculated at Potchefstroom Gymnasium
- 2004 - 2006            BA Honours degree in Fine Arts from the University of Pretoria
- 2008                      Post Graduate degree in Education from the North -West University specializing in Visual Arts
- 2023 -2024 - Masters degree in Visual Arts from the University of Johannesburg (Cum Laude)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008 -Present - Artist  
Produced and exhibited a range of visual art projects with a focus on public art and community participation.  
Facilitated multiple art workshops and community art interventions.
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- 2023 - 2024 - Master's degree in Visual Arts - Cum laude  
Thesis - Developing an Interactive public art work for Tshwane
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- 2018 - 2024 - Educator at Pretoria Technical High School  
Developed and taught the Visual Arts curriculum.  
Initiated and led community projects like the LOVE PTHS project  
Mentored learners in creative expression and public art practices.
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- 2017 - 2018 - Owner of Twin Oaks Organic Farm and Venue  
Managed and developed an organic farm and events venue.  
Integrated artistic and environmental education through workshops.
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- 2009- 2016 - Managing Director of Friends Accommodation Services  
Oversaw operational management, marketing, and client services.  
Applied entrepreneurial skills to manage a hospitality business.
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- 2008 -                      Assistant Visual Arts Teacher at Potchefstroom Gymnasium

# PROJECTS AND EXHIBITIONS

# AWARDS

# REFERENCES

Prof. Alison Kearney  
alisonk@uj.ac.za

Prof. Brenda Schmahmann  
brendas@uj.ac.za

2007 – I SPY – Group Exhibition @ University of Pretoria  
2009 – Speel – Speel @ Magpie Gallery Centurion  
2011 – Poor man's Chandelier Recycle project  
2012 – Life's a Journey exhibition @ Aardklop Snowflake Gallery  
2013 – 168 Hours @ Aardklop Snowflake Gallery  
2014 – Sasol New Signatures @ Pretoria Art Museum  
2016 – Traces @ The View Gallery Johannesburg  
2017/18 – Mega Phone me – Public art project funded by the DAC  
2019 - PTHS Women's Day March  
2022 - LOVE PTHS Community project  
2023 - MOOT lock bridge project  
2024 - Group exhibition - Monumental Developments Conference  
2025 - Master's Degree Solo exhibition - Please Hold . . .

2008  
The overall winner of the North-West University's annual talent competition in the category of Art and Design

2014  
Sasol New Signatures nominee

2018  
Mzansi Golden Economy - MEGA PHONE ME  
Public Sculptures funded by the Department of Arts and Culture

# SKILLS

- Public Art & Sculptural Installations
- Community Engagement
- Participatory Design
- Art Education & Curriculum Development
- Project Management & workshop facilitation
- Research & Creative Writing

# INFLUENCERS



Leslie Nope



Theodore Roosevelt



Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



Olafur Eliasson