

What About Us?



An exhibition of paintings, graphics, ceramics and 3 dimensional objects

Opened by Her Excellency, Mrs. Ruth Huber, Ambassador of Switzerland

Tuesday, 26th April, 2016 at 5.30 pm

Sponsored by the Embassy of Switzerland

Gallery Delta

Portia Zvavahera
***We are covered*, 2016**
Mixed Media
253cm x 210cm



Marjorie Wallace
The Tea Set, 2016
Ceramic

Foreword

The exhibition *What About Us?* gives a voice to women artists of Zimbabwe, allowing them to reflect on their situations, at personal level, in their immediate environment and in society. And it gives them the opportunity to express their experiences and perspectives, their dreams and wishes in different artistic forms.

Considering the many roles and tasks that women perform in society, many women still have to overcome outstanding challenges to establish themselves in the market and to gain recognition as artists. This exhibition creates a platform, bringing together younger and more mature women artists, challenging them to produce works around the given topic.

Switzerland attaches high importance to the promotion of culture, especially the promotion of diverse cultural expressions. Cultural diversity creates a world which is richer and more varied, a world which offers a wider range of views and possibilities and which contributes to mutual understanding and respect for differences. We are convinced that culture plays an important role in development processes, as artists are key drivers for social transformation. As part of its development programme for Southern Africa, Switzerland therefore supports a regional culture programme. In addition, the Swiss Embassy supports cultural initiatives in Zimbabwe.

I'm delighted that the Swiss Embassy can support this specific exhibition, providing a platform and opportunity for women artists in Zimbabwe. I wish all of them self-fulfillment, reward and success in their artistic careers.

Ruth Huber
Ambassador of Switzerland
April 2016



Naomi Chaota
The Roamer, 2016
Wood Cut
44cm x 33cm

Introduction

We are pleased to present an exhibition of paintings, graphics, ceramics, photographs and 3 dimensional objects by women artists. The opportunity for such presented itself with the involvement of new young woman artists in the *Artists in the Stream* - the Annual Young Artists' exhibition of February, 2016, sponsored by the European Union/Culture Fund Partnership.

While women are often marginalized and under privileged the exhibition is not meant to be a feminist statement. There is the valid argument that if a woman is good in what she practices she will find a way to excel. I have always maintained that a woman rises by her own determination, motivation, stamina and initiative. Gallery Delta, in all artistic aspects, has been the foundation to encourage and establish artists in an ethical and professional manner. Virginia Chihota and Portia Zvavahera, who today have gained international recognition, are examples of this endeavour. Rather, the exhibition provides the opportunity for young women artists to be challenged to produce works, to come together with mature artists and to be encouraged in their chosen careers.

This exhibition provides a platform where each and every artist portrays her individual means of expression. The door is open to opportunity and hopefully to higher and fulfilling results.

On behalf of the Chairman and Trustees of the Gallery Delta Foundation, I wish to acknowledge and thank Her Excellency, Mrs. Ruth Huber, Ambassador, for her interest and support, and so too, the offices of the Embassy of Switzerland for sponsorship which makes this exhibition possible.

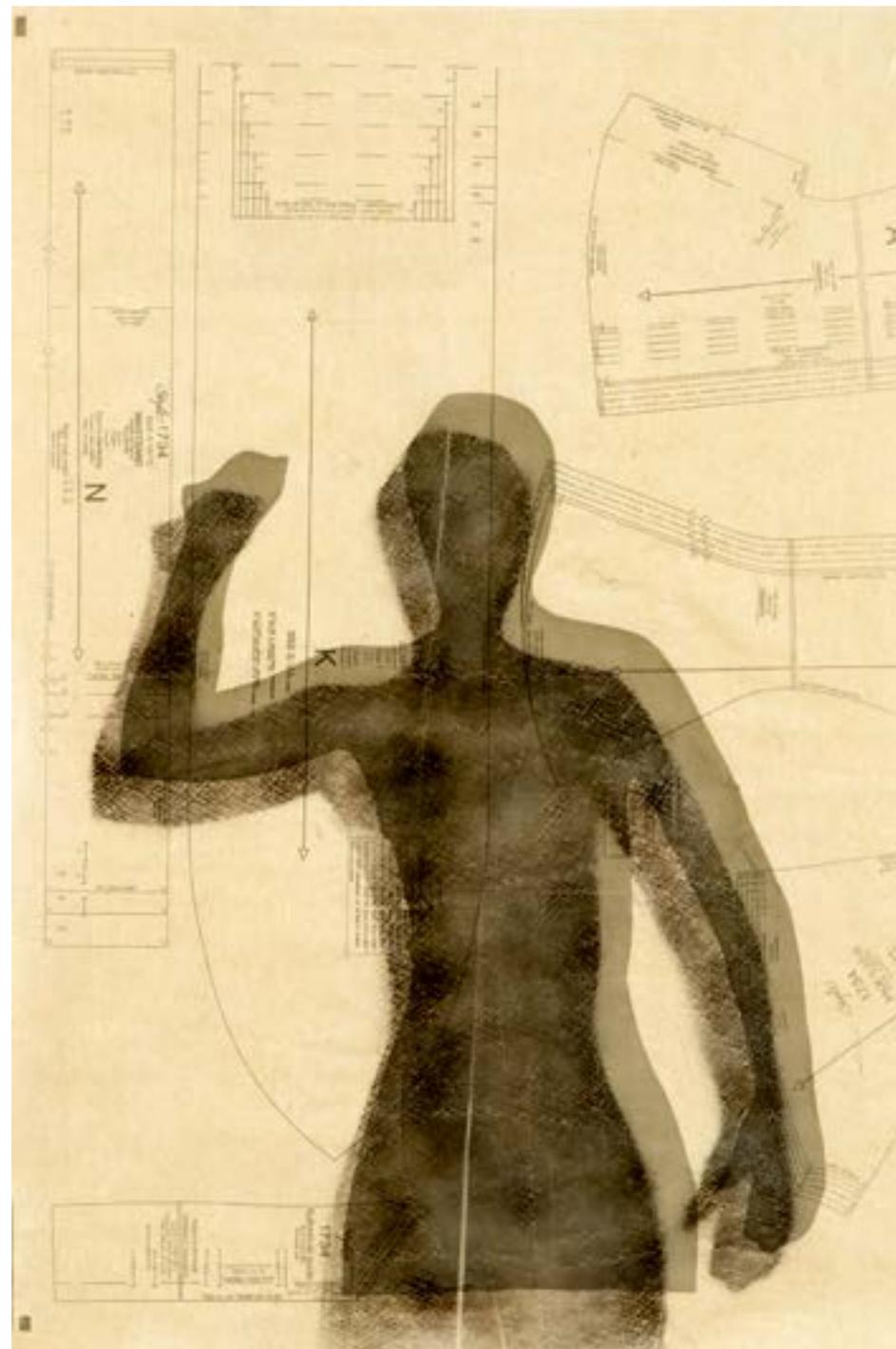
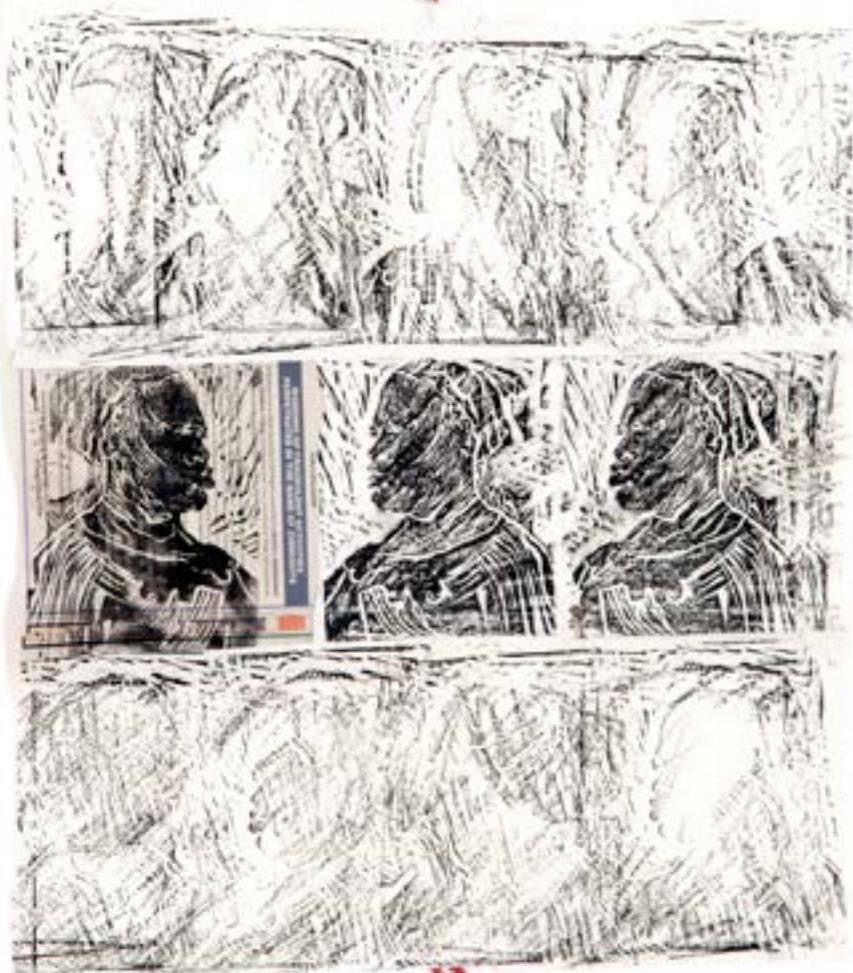
Helen Lieros
Co-Founder and Artist
Gallery Delta
Foundation for Art and the Humanities
April 2016

Lillian Magodi
Untitled, 2016
Monotype
65cm x 46cm



Helen Lieros
The Red String (diptych), 2016
Lino Print & Collage
100cm x 69cm

Helen Lieros
The Red String (diptych), 2016
Lino Print & Collage
81cm x 11cm



Tracey Hunt
Knock, Knock I, 2016
Mixed Media
117cm x 82cm

Kresiah Mukwazhi
Fishnet Installation I, 2016
Mixed Media Textiles



Artist Participants

Berry Bickle

Nyasha Chigama

Virginia Chihota

Tracey Hunt

Helen Lieros

Charity Mafukidze

Lillian Magodi

Georgina Maxim

Kresiah Mukwazhi

Semina Mpofu

Janet Siringwani

Marjorie Wallace

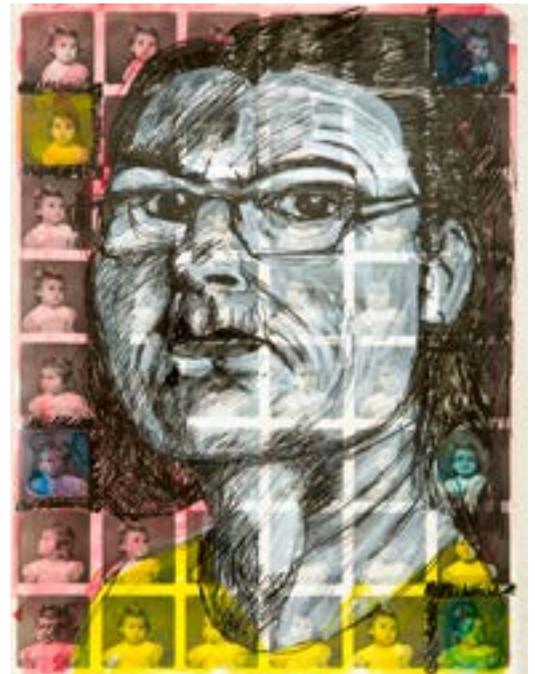
Portia Zvavahera



Virginia Chihota
Kwandinoda Ndokuziva, 2012
Serigraph
100cm x 70cm



Kate Raath
Mug shots I, II, & III, 2016
Mixed Media
29cm x 32cm





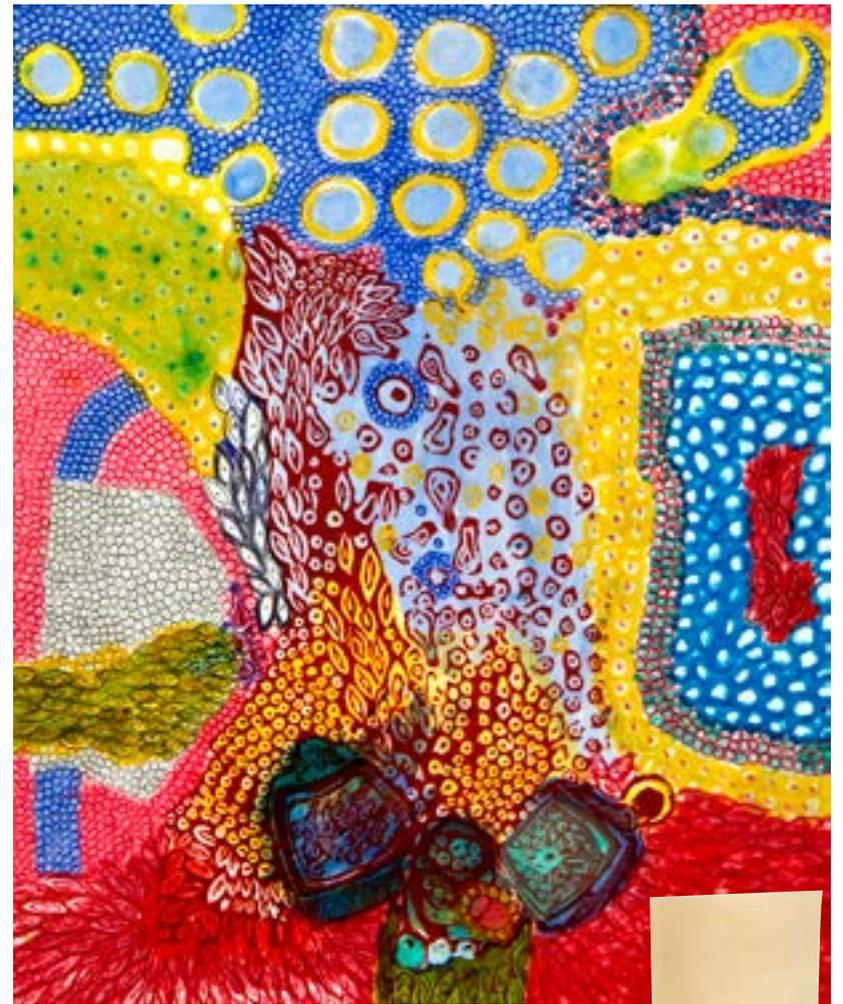
Berry Bickle
The Cassandra Files I & II, 2016
Photographic Print
46cm x 69cm



Georgina Maxim
Label It, 2016
Found Objects
152cm x 80cm



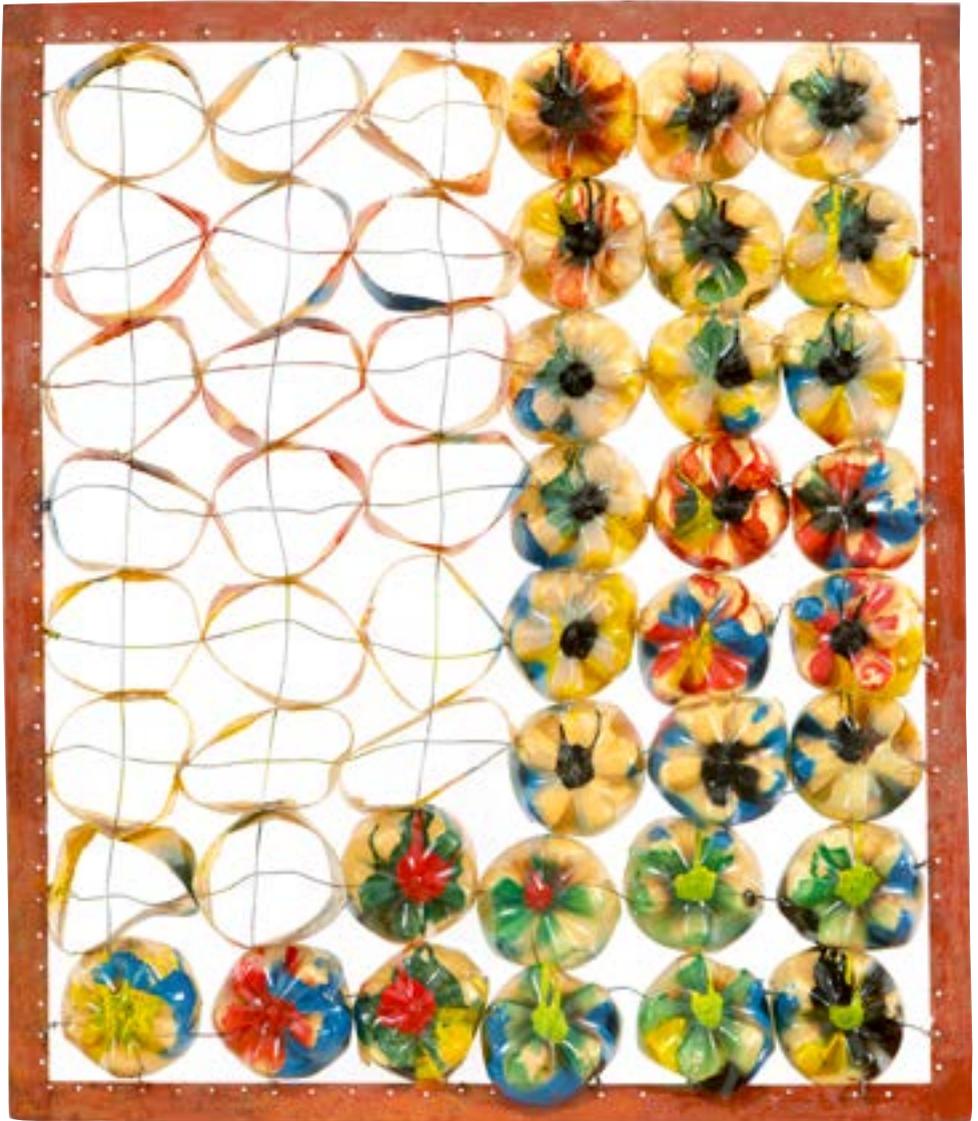
Janet Siringwani
Warrior that needs to be awakened, 2016
Mixed Media on canvas
81cm x 57cm



Nyasha Chigama
Untitled I, 2016
Mixed Media
61cm x 48cm



Nyasha Chigama
Untitled II, 2016
Ceramic
33cm x 26cm x 11cm



Charity Mafukidze
Name of the Game I, 2016
Mixed Media
70cm x 60cm

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