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Investec CT Art Fair announces first digital event in conjunction with Milan's art fair, miart

Investec Cape Town Art Fair, Artshell and Investec Cape Town Art Fair's Italian owner and producer *Fiera Milano* is partnering with Milan-based miart international modern and contemporary art fair for an all-digital event during Milan Art Week, taking place from 17-19 September 2021.

The collaboration will provide a unique opportunity whereby VIPs, galleries and visitors will have access to a much broader audience across two art fairs across and two continents; Africa and Italy.



Buhle Nkalashe - "Through the night" - Image: Supplied

Investec Cape Town Art Fair Digital Event will feature local and international galleries with the theme 'Connect Through Art from Africa and the World'.

<u>Artshell</u>, the web and app accessible platform, customised for Africa's largest Art Fair, allows for autonomous, independent gallery/exhibitor access directly via their Artshell account with immediacy, and in sync with the Investec Cape Town Art Fair office.



Arranda Mushate Kushava - "nepanguva yekuva nemchehcewako, 2021" - Image: Supplied

Throughout the pandemic, art and technology have fused as channels of communication and have dramatically shifted online with Zoom or Google Chat facilitating discourse. With physical events cancelled globally, the art world accelerated their online platforms with 'collaborative consumption' becoming the art world's new order as white cube galleries navigated their way off floor plans and online.

While viewing rooms became the new art fairs, even with the noise of live events muted, the industry's global acceleration online has seen a welcome shift in visibility and opportunity for galleries to control their own narrative and to access a whole new set of collectors.

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As the largest annual fair on the African continent, Investec Cape Town Art Fair has remained dedicated to supporting the industry and to presenting contemporary art from a diverse range of established and new artists globally.

Investec Cape Town Art Fair is an annual event that presents contemporary art from a diverse range of established and upcoming artists globally, championing the belief that art not only transcends cultural boundaries but is what defines us and makes us human.

Investec Cape Town Art Fair director Laura Vincenti comments:

There is a transformation happening in the art world. The first Investec Cape Town Art Fair Digital Event gives us an

opportunity to support and showcase South African artists whilst continuing to connect with international galleries, businesses, media and creatives. While we still firmly believe that a digital event cannot replace the transformative nature of an in-person art experience, the digital event has accelerated our commitment to providing the best service to our galleries, artists, VIPs and visitors.



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The Investec Cape Town Art Fair Digital Event is free of charge. To register and attend, all that is required is online sign-up with Artshell via web or app to access.

A hybrid fair that will comprise of an in-person and digital event, running from 18-20 February 2022, will return to the Cape Town International Convention Centre next year for the ninth edition.

For more information and updates on how to register go to <u>www.investeccapetownartfair.co.za</u>, follow Investec Cape Town Art Fair on Twitter <u>@ictartfair</u>, Instagram <u>@investeccapetownartfair</u> and Facebook <u>@ICTArtFair</u>. Use the hashtag #ICTAFDigitalEvent.

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