

Art Gallery Reatile Maolusi e-catalogue







Molelo Wa Badimo?

Solo exhibition by Reatile Moalusi

Molelo Wa Badimo, a three-part character portrait series (Complexion, Pigment and Hue), documents and shares the perspectives of people living with vitiligo, a skin condition that causes depigmentation on sections of the skin. Reatile explores and debunks the myths around the condition, and documents individuals' life experiences using collaborative character portrait photography.

A collaborative project between Reatile and the individuals featured focuses on co-creating and sharing intimate accounts of individual experiences of vitiligo. Reatile creates a greater awareness about the skin condition; clarifying its misconception by focusing on beauty, identity, self-acceptance and dispelling societal myths about vitiligo. Reatile seeks to inspire a renewed dialogue on beauty.

The project delves into the perceptions implied on those living with vitiligo, commenting on its social positioning in culture, spirituality and photography.

Complexion is the first part of *Molelo Wa Badimo*. It was photographed in 2012, using large format photography. These portraits were captured with the idea to showcase the individuals and tell their story. Images from Complexion were documented using artificial light in studio as opposed to Pigment, which was photographed on location using only ambient natural light. Pigment illustrates individuals living with vitiligo against the backdrop of wildlife, an element or symbol of the condition having a spiritual and cultural meaning – a connection with the ancestors and being gifted. Hue is the third and final part of the project, documenting and showcasing the lives of people living with vitiligo in colour as a means to look beyond the skin and its condition, focusing on the individuals' life and their relationships while growing up with vitiligo.



Complexion Sechaba Mamabolo Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Kent's Chin Photography 84 x 119 2/7 **2012 R6 000**



Complexion Infant Thuso Photography 84 x 119 2/7 **2012 R6 000**



Complexion Sechaba Mamabolo Bear Cheast Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Untitled Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Angela Morris's Abdominal Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Sechaba Mamabolo's Profile Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Sechaba Mamabolo- Asymmetry Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Angela Morris- Warm Embrace Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Angela Morris- Since Child Birth Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Setchaba Mamabolo's The Neck Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Setchaba Mamabolo's Sole Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Complexion Angela's Back Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2012 R6 000



Pigment Tevin Finn- Flat Fly Photography 127 x 96 3/7 **2017 R6 500**



Pigment Tevin Finn- Holstein Patterns Photography 68 x 47 2/7 2017 R5 500



Pigment Busi Khayile- Taking Direction From Her Mom Photography 127 x 96 2/7 2017 R6 500



Pigment Portrait Of Moostapha Saidi Photography 68 x 47 2/7 2017 R5 500



Pigment Tevin Fynn's Arm Photography 68 x 47 2/7 **2017 R5 500**



Pigment Boitumelo Rametsi- Crown Photography 68 x 47 2/7 2017 R5 500



Pigment Mostapha's- Shades Of Grey Photography 68 x 47 2/7 2017 R5 500



Pigment Busi Khayile In Robes Photography 68 x 47 2/7 2017 R5 500



Pigment Portrait Of Busi Khanyile Photography 48 x 67 2/7 2017 R5 500



Pigment Moostapha's Torso Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2017 R6 000



Pigment Moostapha Holstein Patterns Photography 68 x 47 2/7 2017 R5 500



Pigment Moostapha- The Model Photography 84 x 119 2/7 2017 R6 000



Pigment Moostapha's Hidden Face Photography 127 x 96 2/7 2017 R7 000



Hue Dolly Cossa- Home During Renovations Photography 130 x 158 2/7 2019 R7 500



Hue Dolly Cossa- On Her Past Photography 130 x 159 2/7 2019 **R 7 500**



Hue Lovemore Mthetwa's Hands Photography 130 x 159 2/7 2019 **R7 000**



Hue Lovemore Mthetwa's Family Portrait Photography 160 x 130 2/7 2019 R7 000



Hue Nobuntu Morake- At Home Photography 143 x 122 2/7 2019 R7 000



Hue Chrisopher Mongezi Ndlovu And His Brother Photography 143 x 117 2/7 2019 R7 500



Hue Ophola Zinto- Portrait of Posh Photography 157 x 130 2/7 2019 R7 000



Hue Moostapha Saidi Pre Engagement Photography 129 x 86 2/7 2019 R7 500



























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