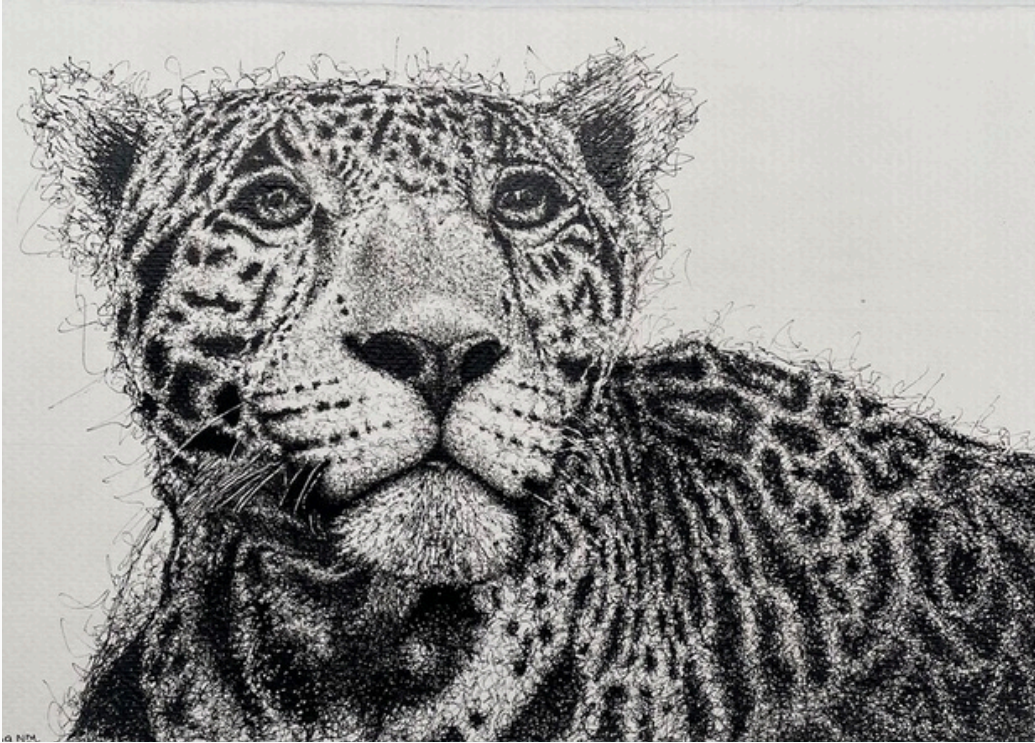
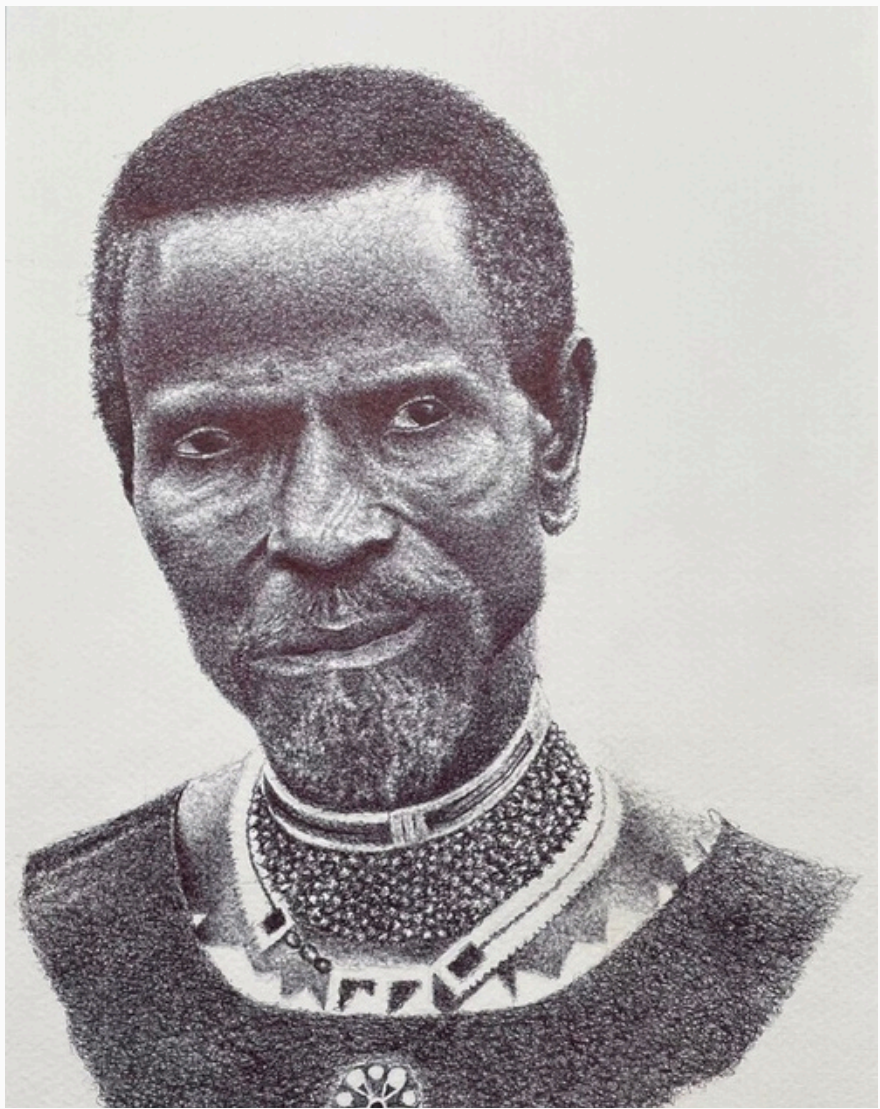


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Nhlakanipho Mthokozisi Goba is from KwaNyuswa, Durban. He holds a Diploma in Fine Arts from the Durban University of Technology, where he majored in printmaking, drawing, and ceramics. As an artist, he initially focused on portrait drawings using ballpoint ink and graphite pencils, and he also has a strong interest in wildlife and animals.

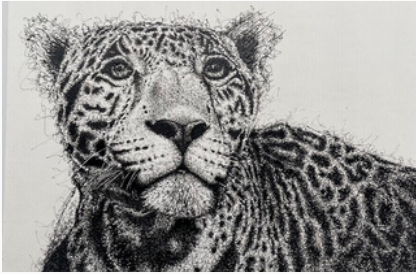
Nhlakanipho has been working with the humble ballpoint pen since 2017, drawn to it for its accessibility and affordability. Ballpoint pens are usually associated with school and office work—often a hotly contested item, as there never seem to be enough—but in Nhlakanipho's hands, the pen becomes a tool for creating powerful artworks.

Ballpoint pen is an unforgiving medium: there is no room for mistakes, and the pens themselves can misfire, creating blobs that leave the artist with very little control. Artists who work in this medium must be fearless. It is also extremely time-consuming, as layer upon layer is required to build tone, demanding a rare kind of patience. Each artwork can take days to complete, while many of his large-scale pieces require up to three weeks of painstaking work.

Because we have all used a ballpoint pen, we can immediately relate to Nhlakanipho's work. This familiarity makes his art feel accessible, while we look on in awe at how he transforms an everyday object into highly detailed and expressive artworks.

His work investigates his childhood and fond memories of growing up in a rural environment. He reflects on a time when children had the freedom to play outdoors, noting that many children today spend more time indoors and on video games. He says, "As an introverted person, I spend a lot of time observing other people. In my work, I wish to show the fun side of rural childhood."

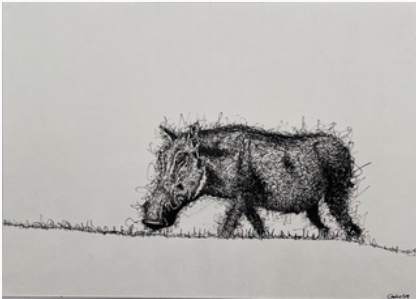
Animals



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Ballpoint Pen
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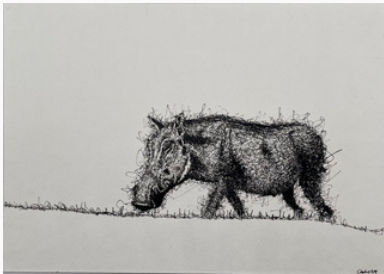
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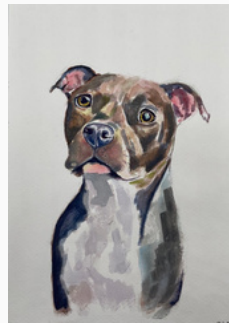
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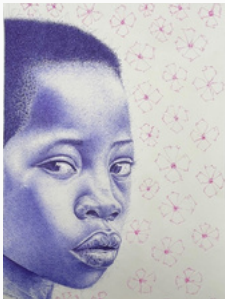
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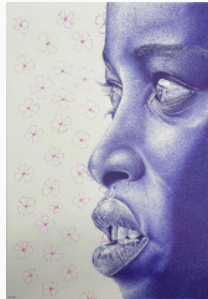
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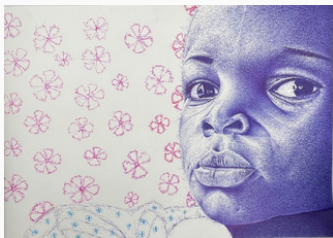
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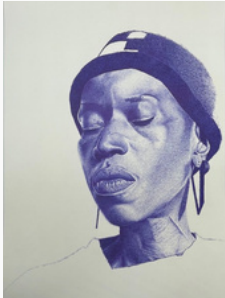
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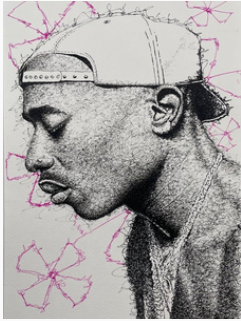
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Fineliner and India Ink
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Ballpoint Pen
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Other



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Gouache Paint
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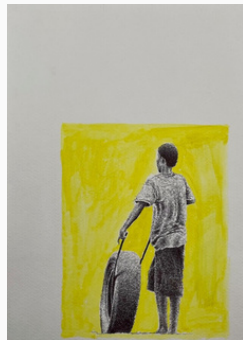
Gouache Paint
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