



GUNS & RAIN

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Tuli Mekondjo (Namibia)

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About Tuli Mekondjo (Namibia)

Exploring history and identity politics through the lens of those who lived in exile during Namibia's independence war, Tuli Mekondjo (b. 1982) works with layered, textured mixed media (embroidery, collage, paint, resin and *mahangu* millet grain - a Namibian food staple). She extends this into performance, and vice versa.

Drawing on photographic archives and histories of change, loss and submission - particularly when it comes to women - she stitches between past and present. Sensitive botanical vines pay homage to her forebears, fertility and continuity, whilst veiled figures comment on gendered struggle, intergenerational trauma, and displacement, bearing a quiet grief and a quest for truth.

In 2018 Mekondjo was a participant in the *Future Africa Visions in Time* exhibition, a collaboration between the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, Iwalewahaus Bayreuth and the Goethe-Institut Namibia. She has been mentored by, and has exhibited with, the NJE Collective at the FNB Joburg Art Fair (2018) and Investec Cape Town Art Fair (2019), as well as in group exhibitions at Guns & Rain in Johannesburg.



Oudano wo ma kishi / Spirits at play I-III

2019

Mixed Media on Canvas

120 x 44 cm (47.2 x 17.3 inches)

£ 3,500.00



Oudaho wo ma kishi / Spirits at play I
(detail)



Omuiingona / The holy child

2019

Mixed Media on Canvas

90 x 61 cm (35.4 x 24.0 inches)

£ 1,500.00



Ame naa me, ohamba / I too, is of royalty
2019

Mixed Media on Canvas

90 x 61 cm (35.4 x 24.0 inches)

£ 1,500.00



*Elende lange lo malududi /
My headdress of feathers: ode to mother*
2019

Mixed Media on Canvas
90 x 61 cm (35.4 x 24.0 inches)
£ 1,500.00





*Onangula / Sacred cattle as human soul
(Kwanyama 2)*

2019

Mixed Media on Canvas

61 x 45 cm (24.0 x 17.7 inches)

£ 1,000.00



*Onangula / Sacred cattle as
human soul (Kwanyama 2)
(detail)*



Okambi ko mutima wange / A razor to my heart

2019

Mixed Media on Canvas

90 x 61 cm (35.4 x 24.0 inches)

£ 1,500.00



Onangula / Sacred cattle as human soul (Kwanyama 1)
2019

Mixed Media on Canvas

90 x 61 cm (35.4 x 24.0 inches)

£ 1,500.00



*Omushiti we pata /
Mother of clan*
2019
Mixed media
133 x 45 cm (52.4 x 17.7 inches)
£ 1,750.00



*Tate / Father: a kind hearted
warrior*
2019
Mixed Media on Canvas
130 x 45 cm
(51.2 x 17.7 inches)
£ 1,750.00





Omushiti we pata / Mother of clan
(detail)



Tate / Father: a kind hearted warrior
(detail)

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