Andrzej Urbanski is an established Cape Town-based artist prized for his immaculate hard-edged abstract art. The clean, precise forms defining it belie its relationship to memory, sensory and spatial encounters, emotions and psychic states, which are channelled most often into overlapping colourful geometric shapes, implying resolution. The bold shards of colour characterising his art may recall objects, places, experiences from his youth, the colour of a building or a room, or encompass the state of mind he is in as he steps into his Woodstock studio. As such his painted art is described as 'high' or 'low frequency', referring to either a complex matrix of influences shaping intricate compositions, or in the latter instance, quieter, 'less busy' forms often united by a subdued colour palette.

His art appears to be the result of an automated process – the precision of its execution engenders this notion that it is generated by a detached, robotic or digital tool. His interest in generating this illusion is rooted in his fascination with digitally produced art, the digital tools he uses in plotting his intricate compositions, the relationship between lived experience and virtual reality and the valorisation of handmade products in the post-industrial era. It is also informed by his appreciation for the minimalist movement, though he is inspired by a range of high modernists from Rothko to Piet Mondrian.

He employs the unconventional spray paint medium in his abstract painting as it produces flat colour and removes any trace of the 'artist's hand'. This conforms not only to the minimalist ethos but his desire to replicate imagery that appears to be digitally generated.

He is a prolific painter and sculptor who has participated in countless group exhibitions around the world since graduating with a Masters in Fine Art from the University of Art and Design in Lausanne, Switzerland in 2012. He was born in Poznan, Poland in 1983 and settled in Berlin, Germany with his parents in 1989. Growing up in Berlin's 'grey zone' after the fall of the wall in the late eighties when barriers between east and west were eroded activated his participation in street culture. He first experimented with spray-paint as a grafitti artist before applying this medium in a fine art context. After exhibiting in shows in his then hometown of Berlin, Georgia USA and Switzerland, a Cape Town residency brought him to South African shores in 2012. He relocated to this country and enjoyed his first solo exhibition, *Mind Games*, here in 2015 at Salon 91 Gallery in Cape Town.

It was a sell-out show and he has gone from strength to strength as an artist, producing larger more ambitious works and compositions. His art is distinctive and of high quality earning him a solo booth at the 2016 FNB Joburg Art Fair. He is currently represented by the oldest and largest art gallery group in South Africa, Everard Read. A successful 2016 solo exhibition at their Circa Cape Town gallery will be closely followed by exhibitions in Circa Joburg and Everard Read London in 2018.

"Urbanski is a rare breed of artist – one who authentically manages to playfully negotiate perfect applications and concrete designs with a focused ability that denotes fresh and pertinent abstract experimentation," says Emma Van Der Merwe, Head Curator at Everard Read.

"Urbanski has settled on a vocabulary and aesthetic that chimes with these times though its lines extend back in time," wrote art commentator Mary Corrigall in Cape Times, August 23, 2017.

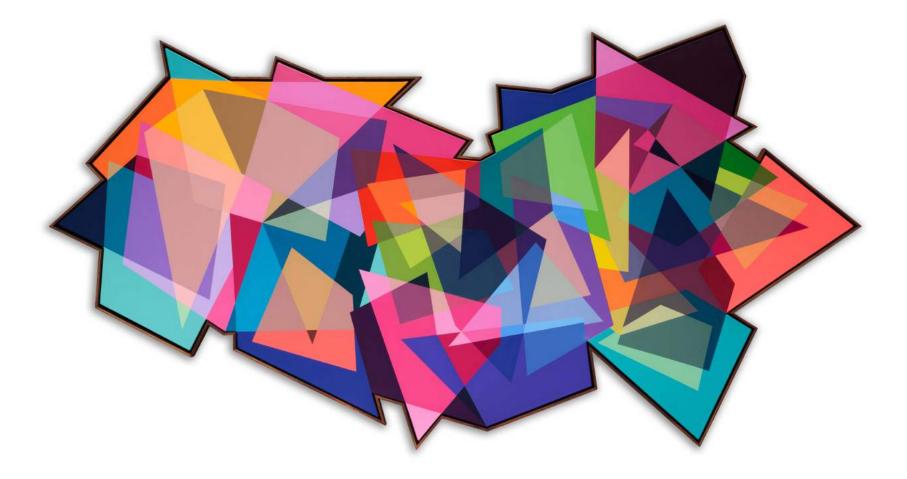






HIGH FREQUENCY

1017 165/122/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 1600x3000mm. 2011



1027 133/105/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 2000x2300mm. 2017



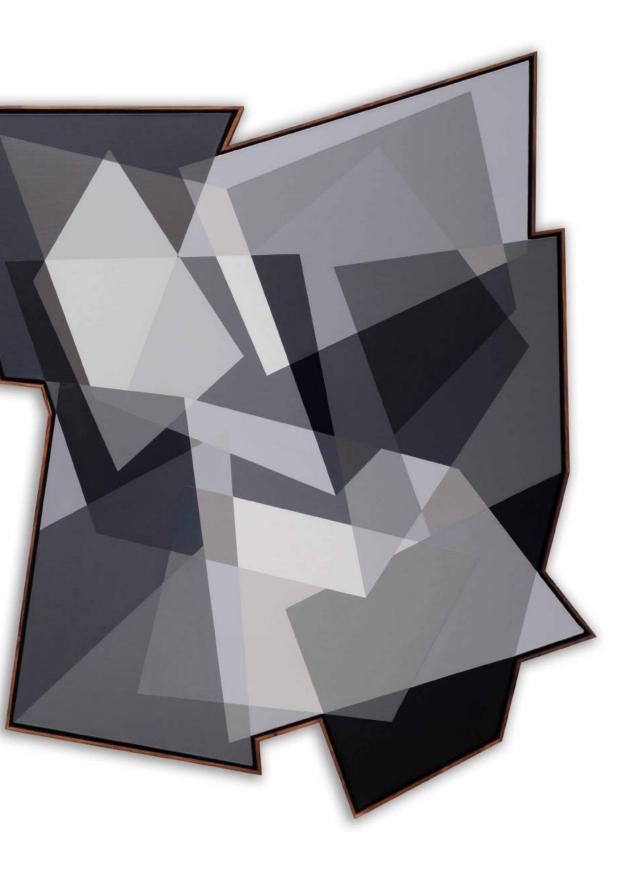
018 106/97/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 2150x2200mm. 2011



028 124/110/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 2000x2300mm. 2017

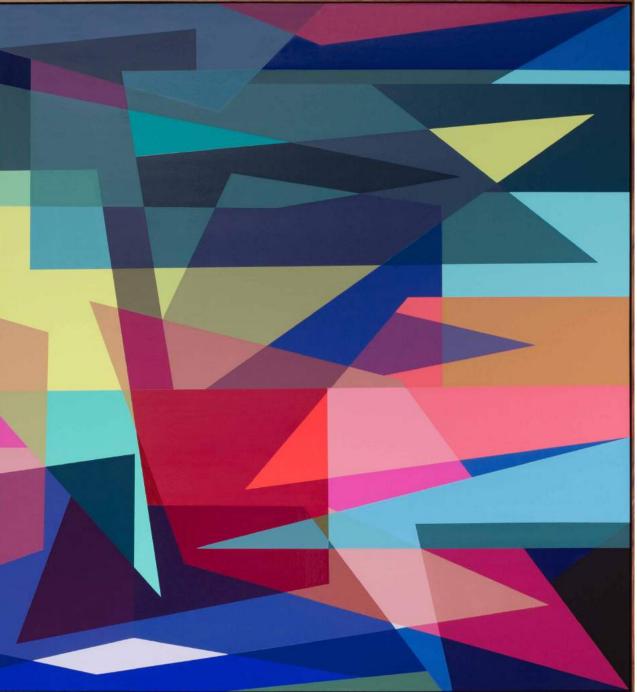


1019 64/38/1. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 1800x1600mm. 2017

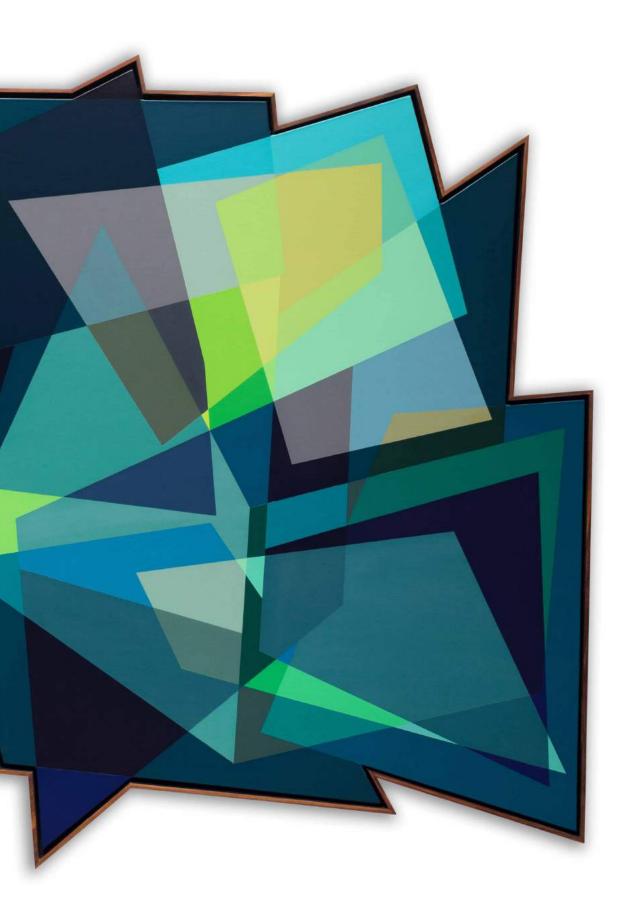


1029 104/75/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 2000x2300mm. 2017





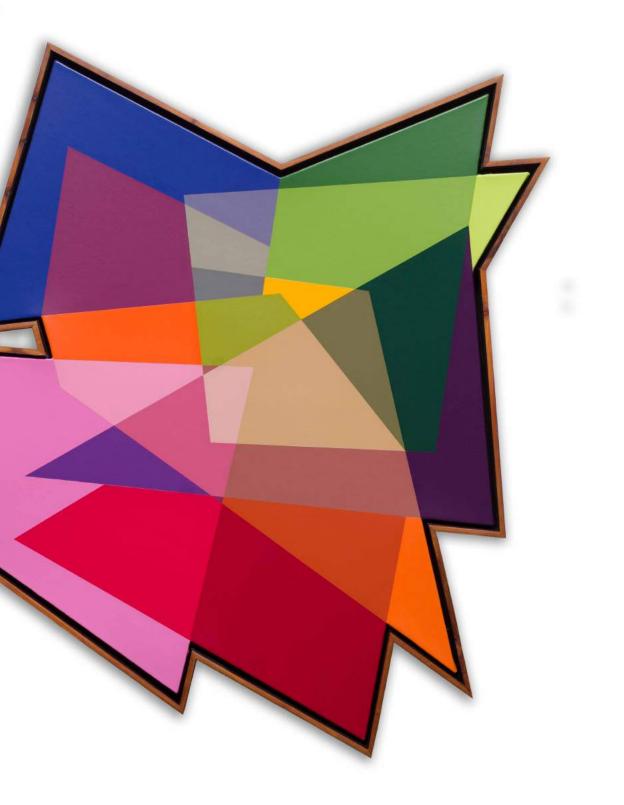
020 70/43/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 1800x1600mm. 201



4030 120/78/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 2000x2300mm. 2017



1021 27/27/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 1080x880mm. 201



1031 73/67/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1900x1700mm. 2017



1037 20/20/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 960x900mm. 2017



4040 45/45/17 . Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1600x1400mm. 2017



1032 66/53/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1900x1700mm. 2017



1049 112/105/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1200x1000mm. 2017

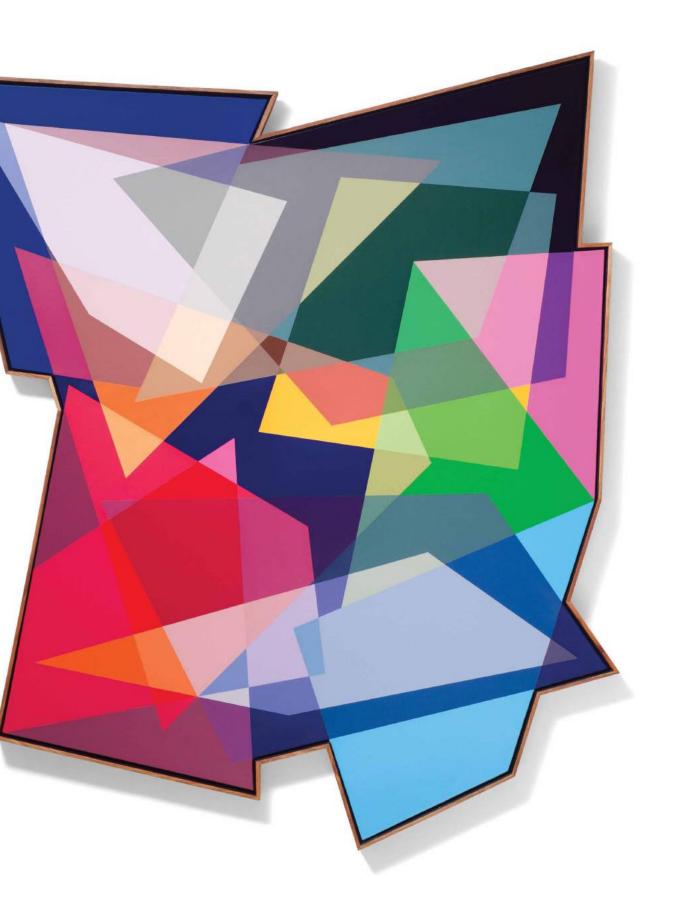


1062 152/143/15. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 2020x2330mm. 2015





4016/82/50/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1750x1900mm. 2017



03 132/95/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 2000x2300mm. 2017





108 81/34/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1600x1600mm. 2017



1025 437/283/16. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 2025x2025mm. 2016





4010 92/65/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1600x1800mm. 2017



109 118/19/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.2300x2000mm. 2016





104 64/62/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1400x1600mm. 2017



102 03/03/16. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.200x2300mm. 201



1037 47/47/16. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1700x1900mm. 2016









MEDIUM FREQUENCY

4022 46/43/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1650x150mm. 2017



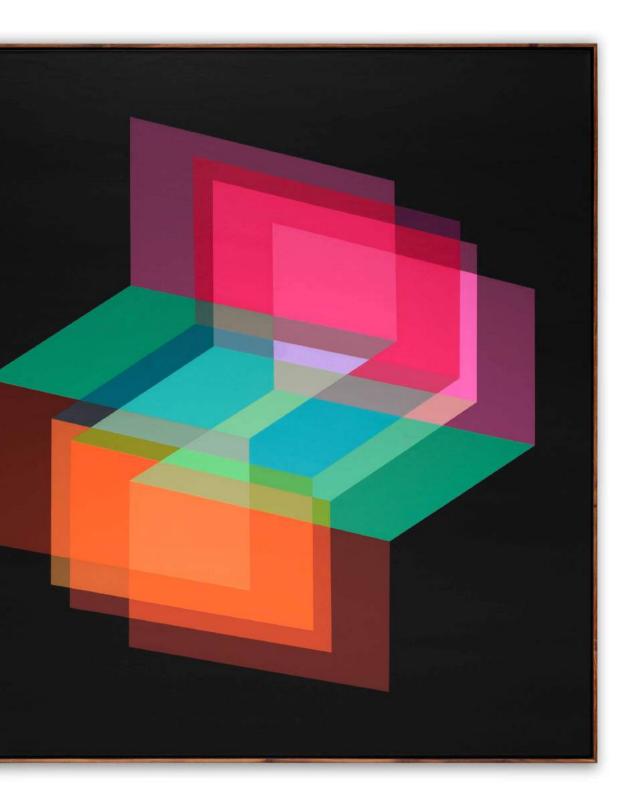
1034 8/8/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1850x1750mm. 201



035 9/9/17, . Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1850x1750mm. 2017



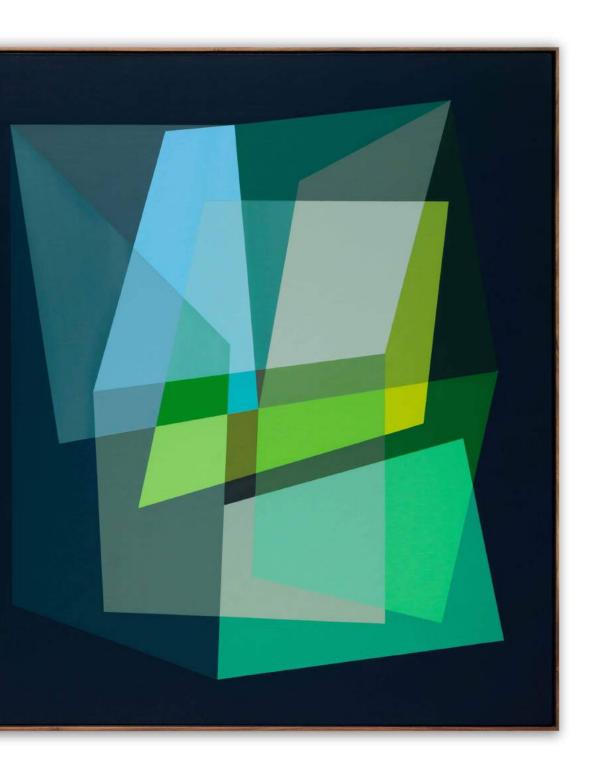
4036 45/38/17 . Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1650x1350mm. 2017



1038 21/16/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1650x1550mm. 2017



4039 27/27/17 . Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1600x1400mm. 2017



4041 8/8/17 . Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1400x1400mm. 2017



4046 12/19/17 . Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1150x1050mm. 2017



4047 10/10/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1150x1050mm. 2017





1050 9/10/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 900x800mm. 201



4051 9/10/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 900x800mm. 201



1033 20/20/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 1700x1900mm. 2017

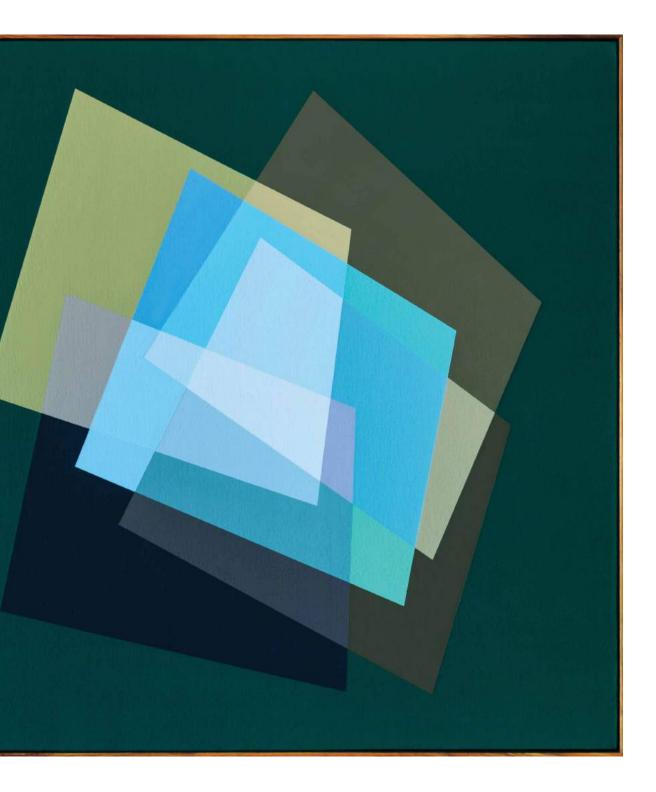




4011 14/10/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1200x1400mm. 2017



012 21/21/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1425 x 1420mm. 2016



1044 16/7/16. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1000x1240mm. 2016



1032 10/10/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1875 x 1780mm. 2016



106 10/10/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1400x1400mm. 2017

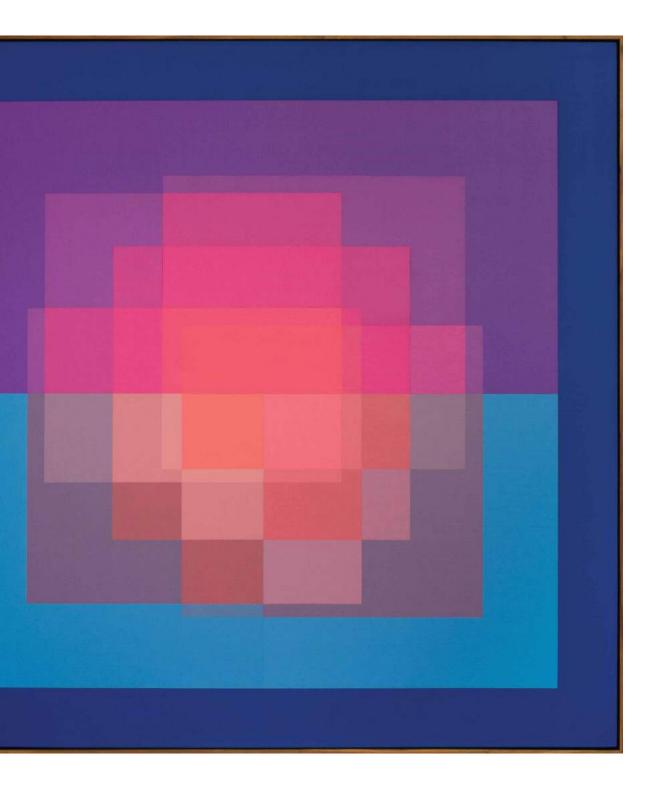


1042 13/13/16. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1750mx1850mm. 2016





1029/37/21/16. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1600x1600mm. 2016

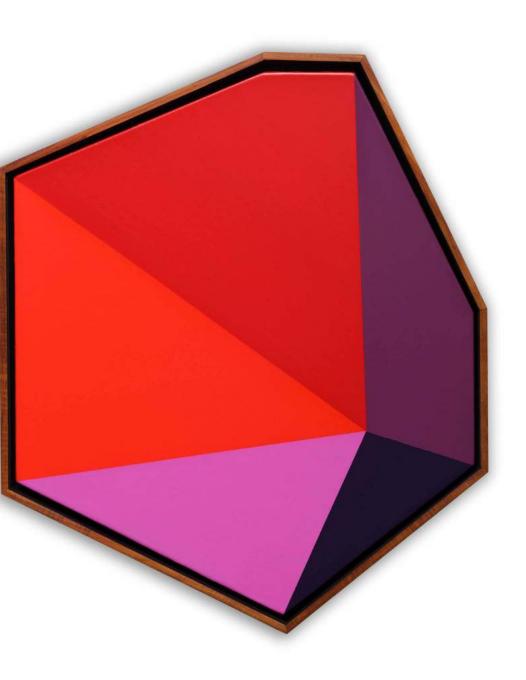






LOW FREQUENCY

026 5/5/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 670x650mm. 2017



054 4/4/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 400x300mm. 2017



1020 9/9/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1875 x 1780mm. 2016



07 9/9/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1900x1700mm. 2016



1023 3/3/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 960x900mm. 2017



053 4/4/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 400x300mm. 2017



1019 4/4/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1780x1890mm. 2016



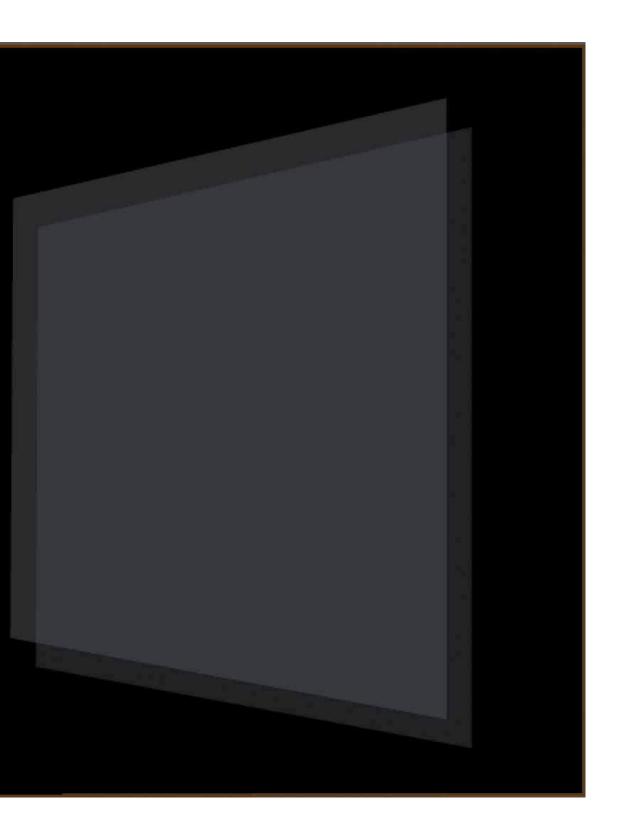
1024 4/4/17. Mixed medium, spray paint and acrylic on shaped canvas. 680x580mm. 2011



1052 4/4/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas. 700x600mm. 2017



1027 /3/4/16. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1700x1900mm. 2016



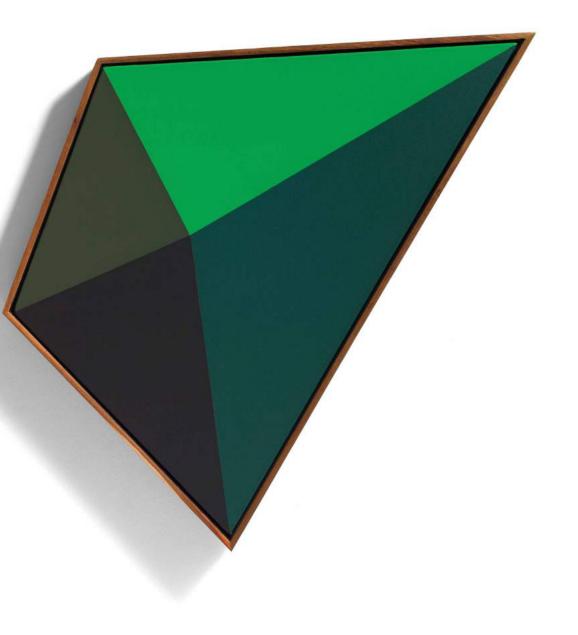
1022 2/3/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1220x1220mm. 2016



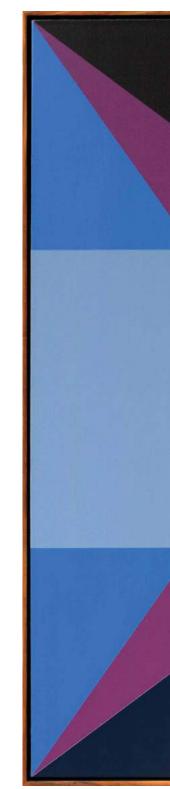
1023 2/3/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1225x1230mm. 2016



013 04/04/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.500x700mm. 2017



05 15/10/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1400x1400mm. 2017

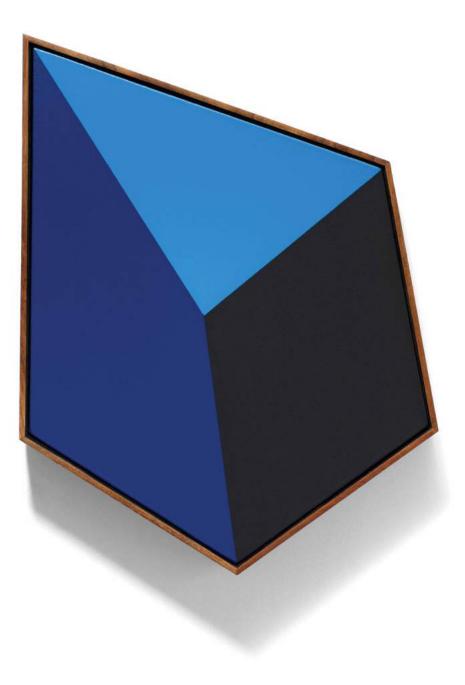




04 6/1/16. Aluminium, industrial enamel.1750x550mm. 2016



4012 03/03/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.500x700mm. 2017



05 4/5/2016. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.1600x1600mm. 2016





B05 5/1/16. Aluminium, industrial enamel. 700x450x350mm. 2016



807 5/1/15. Aluminium, industrial enamel. 1450x550x1100mm. 2015



4014 04/04/17. Spray paint & mixed media on canvas.500x700mm. 2017



08 4/1/15. Aluminium, industrial enamel. 2015







- AB02 833/387/18, Solo Show, Everard Read, London, 2017

 - 2017
 - 2017

0

- AKKA Art Fair, Everard Read/ CIRCA Booth, Paris, France
- Abstract Show, group show, Circa & Everard Read, Johannesburg, 2016
- Winter Collection, group show, Everard Read, Cape Town 2016
- Cape Town Art Fair with Salon91 2016
- 6

- Cape Town Art Fair, with Everard Read /CIRCA, 2017 Cape Town
 Cape Town
 Summer Exhibition II, Group Show, Everard Read,
 - London 2017
 - Winer Collection, group Exhibition, CIRCA, Cape Town 2017
 - Hardline, Group Exhibition, CIRCA, Cape Town 2017
 - Southern Abstraction, group exhibition, Everard Read, London, 2017
 - Spectrum, group exhibition, CIRCA, Johannesburg,
 - AB011200/550/17, Solo Show, CIRCA, Cape Town
 - HARDLINE, CIRCA Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, 2016
- Africa, 2016 FNB Joburg Art Fair solo booth with Salon91, Johannesburg. South Africa.

- · Paths, Two-man exhibition with Tahiti Pehrson at Salon91. 2016
- Bronze, Steal and Stone, group sculpture show, Circa & Everard Read, Johannesburg 2015
- This is the Place, a group exhibition at Salon91 2015

- Turbine Art Fair with Salon91 2015
- MINDGAME, a solo exhibition at Salon91 2015
- Cape Town Art Fair with Salon91. 2015
- Golden Haze, Salon91, 2015
- Turbine Art Fair with Salon91, Johannesburg 2014
- 201 • Paper is You II, group show at Salon91, Cape Town. 2014
 - Cape Town Art Fair with Salon91 2014
- A Vacant Passage, Works by Paul Senyol & Andrzej Urbanski with Salon91; 2013
 Abstract Stories, /A Word of Art, Cape Town. 2013
- Kalahari Catalyst Art Auction, Cape Town; 2012 201
 - One K Collection, Lovell Gallery, Cape Town; 2012
 - Chance Visitor, Solo exhibition /A Word of Art, Cape Town 2012
 - Neo-Maso, Geneva, Switzerland; 2012
 - Art Base, Art Festival, Berlin 2012
 - Retranchment-Manoir de Martigny, Switzerland; 2012
 - Living Walls, The City Speaks, Atlanta, Gerogia, USA; 2012
 - The Swarm exhibition, Vancouver, Canada. 2012
 - Process No. 14, works by Sabine Grizmek, Andrzej Urbanski and Carina Jo Sivager, Prozessgallerie, Berlin. 2011
 - Process No. 01, group exhibition Prozessgallerie, Berlin 2009

Self published by Andrzej Urbanski Cape Town, South Africa, 2018

All Rights Reserved.

©Images and Text: Andrzej Urbanski

Artwork: Andrzej Urbanski Introduction Text: Emma van der Merwe Photography: Bryan Vijoen & Stan Kaplan Printing: Trident Press Design: Candice Ježek @Dream Press Production & Editing: Rebecca Lipschitz