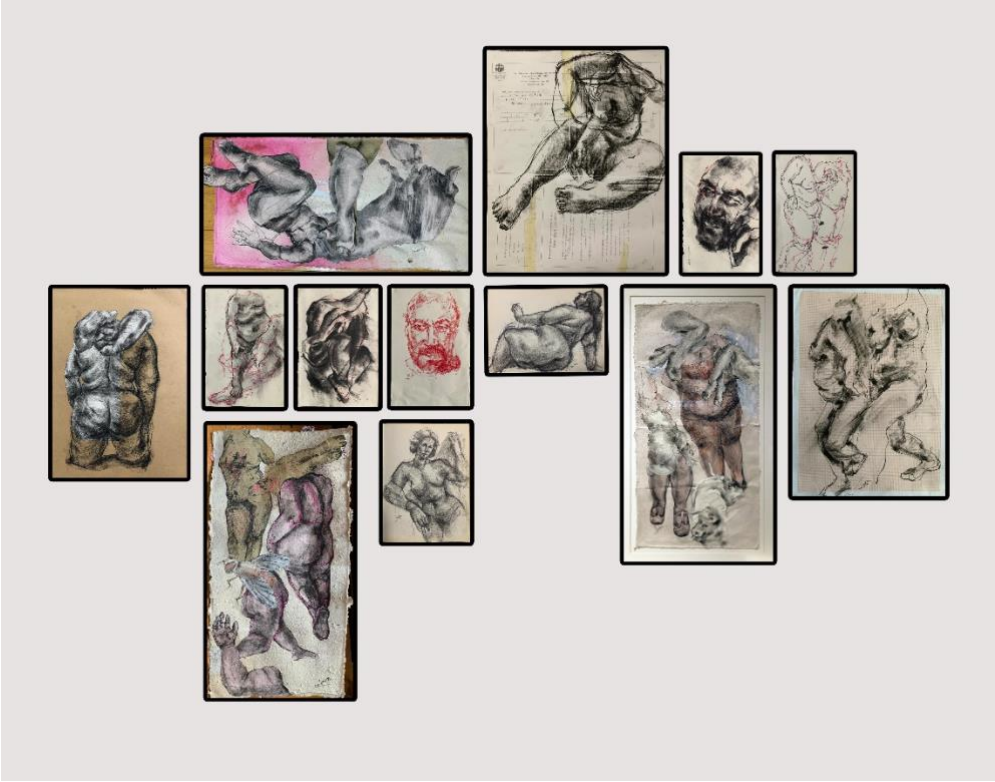
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THE NORVAL SOVEREIGN AFRICAN ART PRIZE AWARDS 2024 PUBLIC VOTE PRIZE



Weaam El Masry, *Fragments* – (b. 1976, Egypt). Drawing on toned paper

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Cape Town, South Africa – Norval Foundation and The Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF), announce Weaam El Masry (b. 1976, Egypt) as the winner of The Norval Sovereign African Art Prize (NSAAP) 2024 Public Vote and $2,000 for her work *'Fragments'.* The artwork, which received the largest proportion of votes received from the public, both online and inperson at the Norval Foundation, is centred around memories and fragments of her personal life; and the concealment of her inner femininity and vulnerable inner child persona - elements of her personality that have been constrained by social norms.

El Masry, was nominated for the third edition of this annual Prize by Moataz Nasreldin, who participated as a member of the board of independent nominators. On hearing of her win, El Masry said: "I am deeply grateful and honoured to be selected as the Public Vote Prize Winner for the Norval Sovereign African Art Prize 2024. This recognition is a testament to the power of art to transcend boundaries and touch the hearts of people from diverse backgrounds. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who voted for me and supported my artistic endeavours " .

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The Public Vote Winner announcement marks the conclusion of The NSAAP 2024; an annual award that celebrates the practises of leading contemporary artists from Africa and its diaspora. The 2024 edition saw 375 entries; from which 27 finalists, shortlisted by a judging panel of 5 global art specialists, were presented at an exhibition at Norval Foundation (14 February-12 May).

On 14 February 2024, Amnina Agueznay (b. 1963, Morocco) was announced the Grand Prize Winner, taking home $35,000 and a future solo exhibition at the Norval Foundation. The remaining works were entered into an online charity auction, hosted by Sotheby's, and raised $137,200. These proceeds have been split equally between the artists and The Norval Foundation Learning Centre where learners are educated, through art, to stimulate the development of the critical thinking and interpretation skills which empower them to problem solve and navigate through life.

Partnership opportunities are available for next year's prize. If interested in learning more, please contact: NSAAP@SovereignArtFoundation.com.

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The Norval Sovereign African Art Prize 2024
Presented by: Norval Foundation and The Sovereign Art Foundation.

Click here for a full list of participating artists.

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Press Kit
Click here to view and download a full press kit with high-resolution artwork images, bios, portraits, and fact sheet from the previous edition of the Prize. For all images please credit the artist, Norval Foundation, and The Sovereign Art Foundation.

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Artist Name	Artwork Title	Nominator Name	Nationality
Adji Dieye	*A VENDRE, L'Anonyme_Zero, Un, Deux, 2023*	Janine Gaëlle Dieudji	Senegal/Italy
Agnes Waruguru	*Table Piece III*	Thom Ogonga, Ayako Bertolli	Kenya
Amina Agueznay	*Portal #1*	Camille Lévy Sarfati, Margaux Huille, Emmanuel Berard	Morocco
Ange Arthur	*Blah wawô*	Emmanuel Berard	Ivory Coast
Anna Binta Diallo	*'Seed Girl' from the 'Voyageur/Almanac' series*	Eva Maria Ocherbauer	Senegal/Canada
Blessing Ngobeni	*Victims Of Existence II*	Andrea Lewis	South Africa
Clay Apenouvon	*Profil noir 06*	Janine Gaëlle Dieudji, Margaux Huille	Togo
Fadekemi Ogunsanya	*My Love My Sweet Tenderness*	Brett Scott	Nigeria
Francis Offman	*Untitled*	Kami Gahiga, Jenifer Golley, Brett Scott	Rwanda
Fransix Tenda	*My mother's notebook*	Patrick Mudekereza	Democratic Republic of Congo
Gerhard Marx	*Median*	Andrea Lewis	South Africa
Ghizlane Sahli	*The Flesh*	Syham Weigant	Morocco
Hassan	*Burning Algae*	Adwoa Amoah	Ghana
Jonathan Okoronkwo	*Lungulungu ways be someway*	Adwoa Amoah	Nigeria
Lebogang Mogul Mabusela	*Johannesburg Words, Vol 2*	Cathy Abraham	South Africa
Lina Ben Rejeb	*Peintures Domestiques III*	Camille Lévy Sarfati	Tunisia/France
Marie-Claire Messouma Manlanbien	*Map, hair, and razorblade*	Virginia Quadjovie	France
Mário Macilau	*The Humana Essence and The End of our Planet*	Paula Nascimento	Mozambique
Mark Rautenbach	*Uncertainly (Ad Hominem Series)*	Cathy Abraham	South Africa
Moffat Takadiwa	*Colonial Product 10*	Hasnaine Yavar, Andrea Lewis, Fatima Bintou Rassoul	Zimbabwe
Patrick Tagoe Turkson	*Abrewa (Name of a Person) 4*	Howard Bilton	Ghana
Safaa Erruas	*Constellation*	Olivier Rachet	Morocco
Selome Muleta	*Interior Dialogue I*	Jennifer Golley	Ethiopia
Sethimbile Msezane	*Notations on Divinity*	Neri Torcello, Thabang Monoa	South Africa
Souad Abdelrassoul	*Pink Cloud*	Robert Deveraux, Fatima Bintou Rassoul, Jenifer Golley	Egypt
Talia Ramkilawan	*State of Mind (Dear me)*	Andrea Lewis	South Africa
Teresa Kutala Firmino	*Empowered Femininity (Present)*	Bruno Leitao	South Africa
Tizta Berhanu	*Two In Harmony*	Lara Koseff, Jenifer Golley	Ethiopia
Weaam Elmasry	*Fragments*	Moataz Nasreldin	Egypt
Youssra Raouchi	*“Moi, c'est l'autre”*	Joseph Awuah-Darko	Morocco

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Editors Notes

Norval Foundation

Situated in the Tokai region of Cape Town, the Norval Foundation stands as a testament to the rich tapestry of modern and contemporary art from the African continent and its diaspora. With galleries and an ever-evolving exhibition programme, this distinguished art museum serves as a vibrant nexus for showcasing a dynamic array of artworks, encompassing painting, photography, sculpture, and media art, both historical and contemporary. The outdoor sculpture garden, nestled amongst the indigenous wetland's flora and fauna, provides an enchanting environment for visitors to interact with monumental outdoor sculptures in the permanent collection.

Since its inception in 2018, Norval Foundation has been committed to nurturing the understanding and appreciation of African art. It strives to position African artists within the global art historical canon, fostering awareness and elevating the discourse around their contributions. Moreover, the Foundation's commitment to cultural enrichment and education is evident through its robust public programming and dedicated Learning Centre, which aims to support the creative development of young minds in South Africa.

As stewards of the Homestead Collection, Revisions Collection, the Alexis Preller and the Edoardo Villa Archives as well as the Gerard Sekoto Foundation, the Norval Foundation serves as a custodian of artists' legacies, to be enjoyed for generations to come.

By providing opportunities for deep engagement with visual art and offering a beautiful space for contemplation, exploration, and learning, the Norval Foundation remains dedicated to enriching lives, inspiring creativity, and fostering appreciation for the multifaceted world of African art.

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The Sovereign Art Foundation

The Sovereign Art Foundation (SAF) is a charitable organisation that was founded in 2003 with a well-defined twin focus: to recognise, support, and promote contemporary art talent, and to bring the proven benefits of expressive arts to disadvantaged children.

In the same year, SAF launched The Sovereign Asian Art Prize, now recognised as the most established and prestigious annual art award in Asia-Pacific. In 2021, SAF co-founded a new prize in Africa and launched another In Portugal. The Prizes aim to increase the international exposure of regional artists, whilst raising funds by selling shortlisted artworks and sharing proceeds equally between the participating artists and the foundation. SAF uses these proceeds to fund programmes that support disadvantaged children using expressive arts. This model has so far raised over US$11 million for artists and charities worldwide.

In 2013, SAF launched Make It Better (MIB), an initiative that supports children from low-income backgrounds and with special educational needs in Hong Kong. MIB works in local schools and community centres to offer children a programme of expressive arts workshops designed to build self-esteem, confidence, self-awareness and interpersonal skills. SAF also supports teachers, social workers and caregivers of these children by introducing them to the therapeutic benefits of art.

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