



Gavin Rain was born and grew up in Cape Town.

About the artist:

He has painted since childhood and started with pointillism in 2003. Influences include Seurat, the Russian Avant garde art of the 1900's and many architects. He originally intended to study architecture in the hope of combining his two interests - art and mathematics - but ended up obtaining a degree in Neuropsychology at the University of Cape Town before studying art the Ruth Prowse School of Art.

In 2011 Rain participated in the 54th Venice Biennale at the Republic of Costa Rica pavilion with a portrait of Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi and again in 2013 at the Republic of Bangladesh pavilion with a work entitled 'Lena'.

Rain's objective is to allow the viewer to perceive the convergence of two opposing pictorial styles: the abstractness of the colourful concentric circles that thicken into dense dots in relief, and the figurative aspect of the image that is defined by the sum of these same dots as the viewer takes a few steps back. It is in this backing-off that the artist's intended message lies: in order to acquire awareness of something that is concealed yet right in front of your eyes, or hidden in plain sight, you must distance yourself by moving backwards. We should view the big picture, the whole, without being too concerned about isolated events or individual points of view. As Gestalt psychology sustains, the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

Solo exhibitions:

Icons, Laura Rathe Fine Art, Houston, March 2016
Nascosto in prospettiva, Cerruti Arte, Genova, October 2015
From A Distance, Leslie Smith Gallery, Amsterdam, July, 2014
Gavin Rain Supernatural. Part 1, Bugno Art Gallery, Venice, June 2013
Cityscapes, Worldart gallery, Cape Town, 2009
Russian brides, Worldart gallery, Johannesburg, 2007

Selected group exhibitions:

Contini Art UK, London, November - December 2014
Unix Gallery, New York, November 2014
Worldart, Cape Town, September 2014
Galerie Alfredo Ginocchio, Mexico City, September 2014
Automne Art Gallery, Brussels, May 2013
Supernaturalism, Bangladesh Pavilion for the Venice Biennale, Venice, June 2013
Galerie Bartoux, Antibes, July 2013
Leslie Smith Gallery, Amsterdam August 2013



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Metamorfosi, Palazzo Firenze, Rome, December 2013
Costa Rica Pavilion for the Venice Biennale, Venice, 2011
Per Capita, Tuscany, 2011
African Wave exhibition, Treviso, 2008

Recent Art Fairs:

Art New York with Smith Davidson Gallery, New York, May 2016
Armory Show with Leslie Smith Gallery, New York, March 2015
Art Miami with Leslie Smith Gallery and Galeria Alfredo Ginocchio, Miami, December 2014
Art Silicon Valley with Leslie Smith Gallery, San Francisco, October 2014
TEFAF with Leslie Smith Gallery, Maastricht, March 2014
Art Los Angeles with Leslie Smith Gallery, L.A., January 2014
Cape Town Art Fair with Worldart, Cape Town, October 2013
Miami Art Fair with Leslie Smith Gallery, Miami, December 2013