



# MEMOIRS OF LIGHT

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*The Argyle, 1 Argyle Street, Woodstock, Cape Town.*

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ILLUMINATED BY  
MOMENTS OF  
TRANSCENDENCE THAT  
EVOKE A TIMELESS,  
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NOSTALGIC MEMORIES  
WITH TREASURED  
RECOLLECTIONS OF  
YESTERDAY.



## DEMURE

*by Ramzi Mansour*

*Ramzi Mansour's goal was to produce an exclusive series of timeless nostalgic artworks with this exhibition. With his art, Mansour strives to capture the raw vulnerability of the human experience, seen through a modern, feminine lens, and tell a story of hope through the use of light. In an effort to push the boundaries of his artistic style, he has ventured beyond his comfort zone by incorporating mixed media into his work, deviating from his usual contemporary black-and-white portrait photography. This collection has been a personal journey of growth and transformation for Mansour as an artist and a human being. As part of his commitment to giving back to the community, the artist will be donating proceeds from his demure collection. Additionally, he wishes to express gratitude to Jade Handi for her invaluable creative input throughout the collection's development.*

## PRÉCIS

*by Samantha Lee Osner*

*Samantha Lee Osner's collection, "Précis," combines minimalist photography with mixed media overlays to explore the relationship between humanity and nature. Several pieces portray people as tiny figures in expansive landscapes, capturing the ethereal charm of the natural world and underscoring the unimportance of personal struggles in the broader scope. The collection encourages viewers to reflect on the allure of the environment and appreciate the simplicity and serenity of nature.*

## YESTERDAY

*by Martin Osner*

*"Yesterday" is a collection of timeless memoirs, etched deep in the subconscious and coated in nostalgia for positive recollection. These recollections help individuals cope with the challenges of the present and offer hope for the future. The exhibition features snapshots of special moments that evoke a personal, emotive response imbued with nostalgia. From a first summer holiday at the seaside to experiencing the warm light filtering through the canopy of a quiet forest on a perfect afternoon or a memory of a special person who spoke a moment of truth that influenced their life, the artworks are reminiscent of that perfect memory of one's life. The exhibition showcases acrylic and oil paintings on photographic metal substrates, serving as a reminder that viewers can draw strength from their life-lived experiences and not remain trapped in the realities of life.*



*Giclée print on fine art paper | 155x110cm | Edition [5]*

## NOSTALGIA

*With masterful execution, this trompe l'oeil photograph captures the delicate vulnerability of a fallen angel stripped of her wings. The nostalgic and empowering portrayal skillfully employs a mysterious illusion to reveal the invisible, reminding us of women's beauty and inner strength.*





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## STATURE OF GRACE

*The Venus de Milo is a striking symbol of timeless beauty that transcends physical appearance. She transports us to a realm of ethereal beauty where femininity triumphs over physical imperfections. The delicate balance of strength and grace stirs memories of ancient times, arousing a sense of nostalgia and reverence for the past.*



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## BEHIND THE VEIL

*Beneath the veil lies a mystery untold, a world of secrets nobody knows. A place where raindrops fall like poetry and where memories dwell in the depths of the soul.*



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## IMMERSE

*An ethereal artwork that captures the duality of the human experience, showcasing both the fragility and limitless feminine beauty, agility, and empowerment. It invites reflective contemplation, offering a deeper understanding of the complexity and richness of our existence.*





## METAMORPHOSIS

*The ethereal transformation of dreams and aspirations is both fragile and powerful, representing the beauty that can emerge from vulnerability and change.*

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## RECHERCHÉ

*An ethereal portrait where, mosaics and arabesque patterns blend harmoniously, creating a bewitching effect. Amidst its poetic and spiritual aura, the struggles of accepting femininity are highlighted. Grace, elegance, and sensuality are intertwined, evoking nostalgia in its timeless aesthetic. This is a mesmerizing masterpiece that captures the essence of beauty and femininity.*



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## *Landscape Précis*

*by Craig O'Flaherty 2023*

*Landscape is that instant  
where reality becomes  
an irretrievable story.  
A peace, that allows me to*

*step back into who I am.*

*Burnt beige, whispered blue -  
delicate specks of myself  
outlined in appreciation  
of Nature's healing, in a*

*world that's lost itself.*

*Sunlight sashays with shadow,  
in a rhythm of its own.  
If only I could take this back  
with me, I might not be*

*so absent from myself.*

*I try unceasingly to satiate  
that emptiness with effort.  
Echoes and outlines disappear,  
I lose my way.*

*Moments in amber light  
are where I might come home  
to my true self again.*



## INNOCENCE

*A nostalgic reflection of childhood memoirs, capturing youth's peaceful and playful essence. The children are portrayed as immersed in an imaginative world that highlights their natural curiosity and creativity, promoting mindfulness and emphasizing the importance of cherishing life's simple pleasures and special moments in time.*



*Ink, oil and acrylic on canvas | 155 x120cm | Edition [3]*



## PASSAGE

*The grandeur of the surrounding landscape puts mankind into perspective, reminding us of our insignificance in the grand scheme of things.*

*Ink, oil and acrylic on canvas | 155 x120cm | Edition [3]*



## SUMMER TIDE

*A solitary, painterly umbrella on an empty beach exudes texture and whimsy. This portrayal of a serene moment highlights the significance of discovering happiness and beauty in solitary instances. The piece's fluidity lends a playful and whimsical touch, with the use of colour eliciting feelings of warmth and joy.*



*Ink, oil and acrylic on canvas | 155 x120cm | Edition [3]*



## WANDER

*In a painterly style, this artwork of a man walking his dog in a vast and tranquil landscape, invoking nostalgia and memories of past adventures. The piece promotes serenity and highlights the significance of companionship in life's journey, evoking a sense of wanderlust and freedom.*

*Ink, oil and acrylic on canvas | 155 x120cm | Edition [3]*



## FORTITUDE

*The majesty and ethereal quality of this magnificent tree serves as a symbol of personal strength and endurance, inspiring us to draw inspiration from nature and find strength within ourselves. The tree's ability to weather the elements is a reminder that we too can overcome the challenges we face in life with resilience and fortitude.*



*Ink, oil and acrylic on canvas | 155 x120cm | Edition [3]*



## DIVINE HARMONY

*This artwork's simplistic composition creates balance and harmony, evoking peace and serenity while recalling memories of tranquil landscapes. The soft use of color and serene light adds to the overall mood, highlighting the natural beauty, wonder, and awe of the world. Its purpose is to inspire viewers to appreciate and connect with the environment, promoting environmental conservation and stewardship for future generations to create their own memories.*

*Ink, oil and acrylic on canvas | 155 x120cm | Edition [3]*



## ANCIENT WOODLAND

*In the heart of the forest, a special place, Where the light pierces the canopy with grace. The colours, vibrant, surreal and divine, An ethereal moment, frozen in time.*

*The rustling of leaves, a gentle breeze, A moment of tranquillity, a moment to seize. The forest holds secrets, so ancient and old, A tale of the past, forever to be told.*



1/1 | Acrylic and ink on metal | 120x150cm





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## ELIZA

*I entered your life, a stranger you had never met. You took me in with open arms, rife with a warmth I will never forget.*

*Together, we stood and faced the world, creating memories along the way. Now, as nostalgia's sails are unfurled, I thank you for every single day.*

*For you were a constant guide in times of joy and of distress. With you, I've never had to hide; my heart, my soul, my very best.*

## RECOLLECTIONS OF SUMMER

*Memories of summer down by  
the sea, Nostalgic moments,  
forever with me. The ocean so  
vast, and so blue, turquoise  
waves, washing away the  
hue.*



1/1 | Acrylic and ink on metal | 120x150cm





## TEARS OF EDEN

*In that tear, a prayer was heard, a plea for forgiveness, every word. Nostalgia filled Eve's heart and mind as memories of grace she hoped to re-find.*

1/1 | Acrylic and ink on metal | 120x150cm





*1/1 | Acrylic and ink on metal | 120x150cm*

## HOMESTEAD REVERIE

*With closed eyes, nostalgia floods my mind; the old farm house on the a  
top of the hill I find, Its creaky floors and wooden walls, A place where  
memories forever recall.*



*1/1 | Acrylic and ink on metal | 120x150cm*

## STATURE

*An aged tree stands tall and grand, with years of wisdom at hand; in its roots, countless memories abide, a place where past memories reside.*



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