

TROY MAKAZA

Untwisting The Fantasy

March 11th — April 15th, 2023





Jérôme Poggi is pleased to announce its new collaboration with the artist Troy Makaza (born in 1994) who lives and works in Harare (Zimbabwe). From March 11th to April 15th, the gallery is dedicating its first solo exhibition in France to this emerging but already known artist. Titled « Untwisting The Fantasy », the exhibition brings together a new body of work specially produced for the gallery.

The exhibition is organized in partnership with First Floor Gallery in Harare.

Troy Makaza

Born and living in Harare, Troy Makaza is one of the most unique Zimbabwean voices of the past decade. He graduated from the National Gallery School of Visual Art and Design (NGSVAD), where he studied painting and sculpture and was supported by renowned artists such as Wycliffe Mundopa, Moffat Takadiwa and Gresham Tapiwa Nyaude.

To merge his love of painting and sculpture, he invented his own medium, creating seductive, glossy, tactile and surrealist wall works made of silicone infused with pigment, a material that can be cast, painted, but also woven and tied. Resonating with traditional modes such as weaving and tapestry, Makaza's works explore what the African and specifically Zimbabwean contemporary can be today : a paradigm both internationally appealing and locally compelling.



Over the past eight years, Troy Makaza's work has gradually become a way for him to express himself, both viscerally and philosophically, on the challenges he faces as a young Zimbabwean concerned with the political life of his country and its impact on the daily lives of its citizens, but also as a millennial engaged in a globalized society.

Troy Makaza's work defies any formal categorization and thus conceptualizes and "maps" a reconciliation of divergent cultural, historical, and political ideologies in Zimbabwe and around the world. Makaza's work remains playful and light-hearted, subtly referring to popular visual culture, traditional Zimbabwean symbolism, local food and art history to create synthetic agglomerations where colors, shapes and textures play an aesthetic and symbolic role.

Now one of the leading figures on the emerging scene in South Africa and Zimbabwe, Troy Makaza's reputation on the international scene keeps growing. He won the **2019 Investec Cape Town Art Fair Tomorrows/Today Award** and his work has been exhibited in **London, Milan, Al Maaden Museum of Contemporary African Art in Marrakech, Vestfossen Kunstlaboratorium in Norway, Evergold Projects in San Francisco**, and in fair presentations at **Art Basel Miami Beach, Paris+ by Art Basel, Frieze no.9 Cork Street, Art Joburg** and **ARCOmadrid**.

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Featured Works



Troy Makaza
It began with an ice cream, 2023

Silicone infused with pigments
198 x 110 cm

Price on request



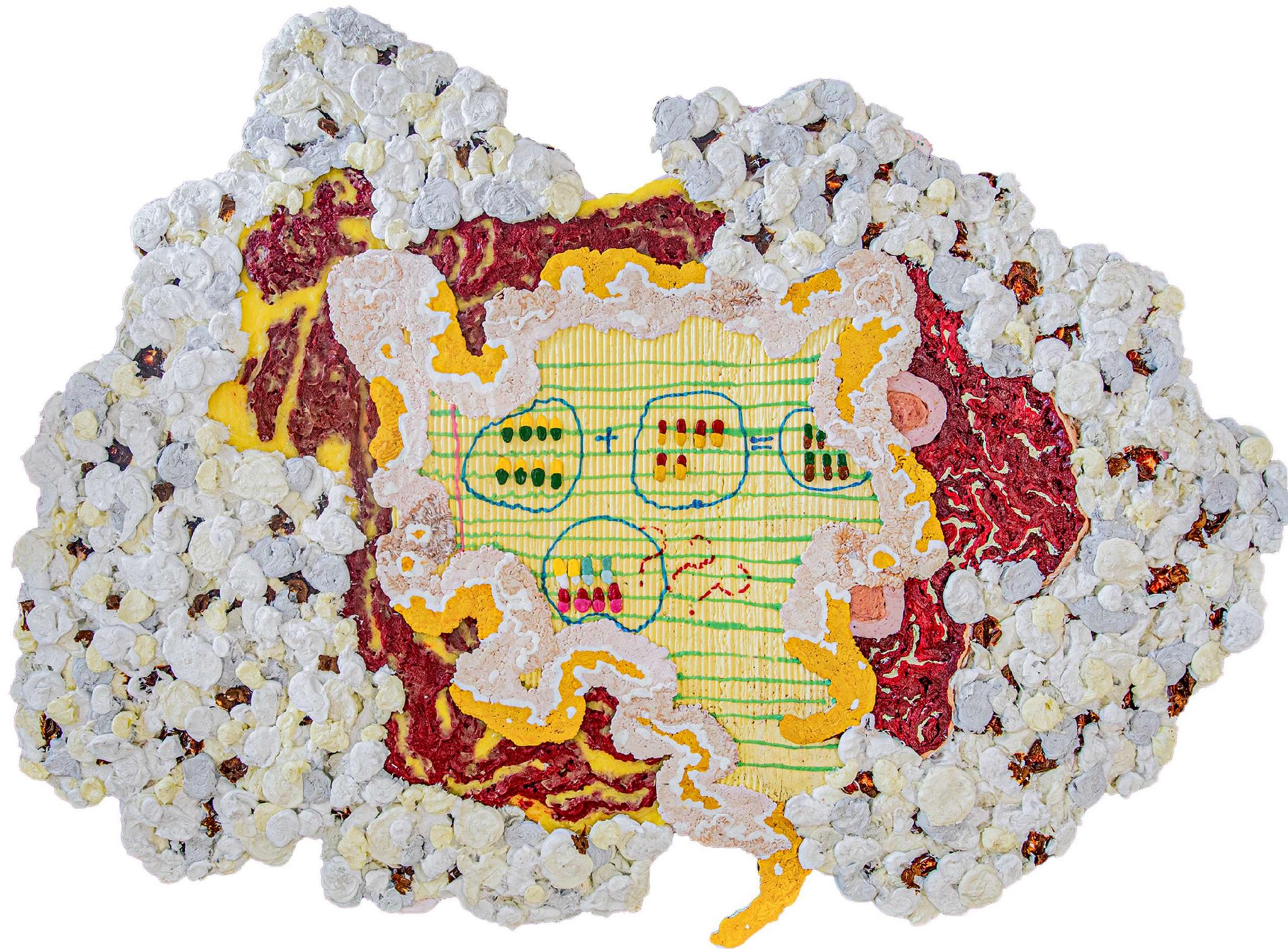
Troy Makaza

Dreams of a Soft Landing part 5, 2023

Silicone infused with pigments
160 x 116 x 4 cm

Price on request





Troy Makaza
Please see me !!!, 2023

Silicone infused with pigments
180 x 125 x 3 cm

Price on request



Troy Makaza

Incomplete Metamorphosis of a Pill, 2023

Silicone infused with pigments
170 x 95 x 8 cm

Price on request





Troy Makaza
Used by the user, 2023

Silicone infused with pigments
144 x 112 cm

Price on request



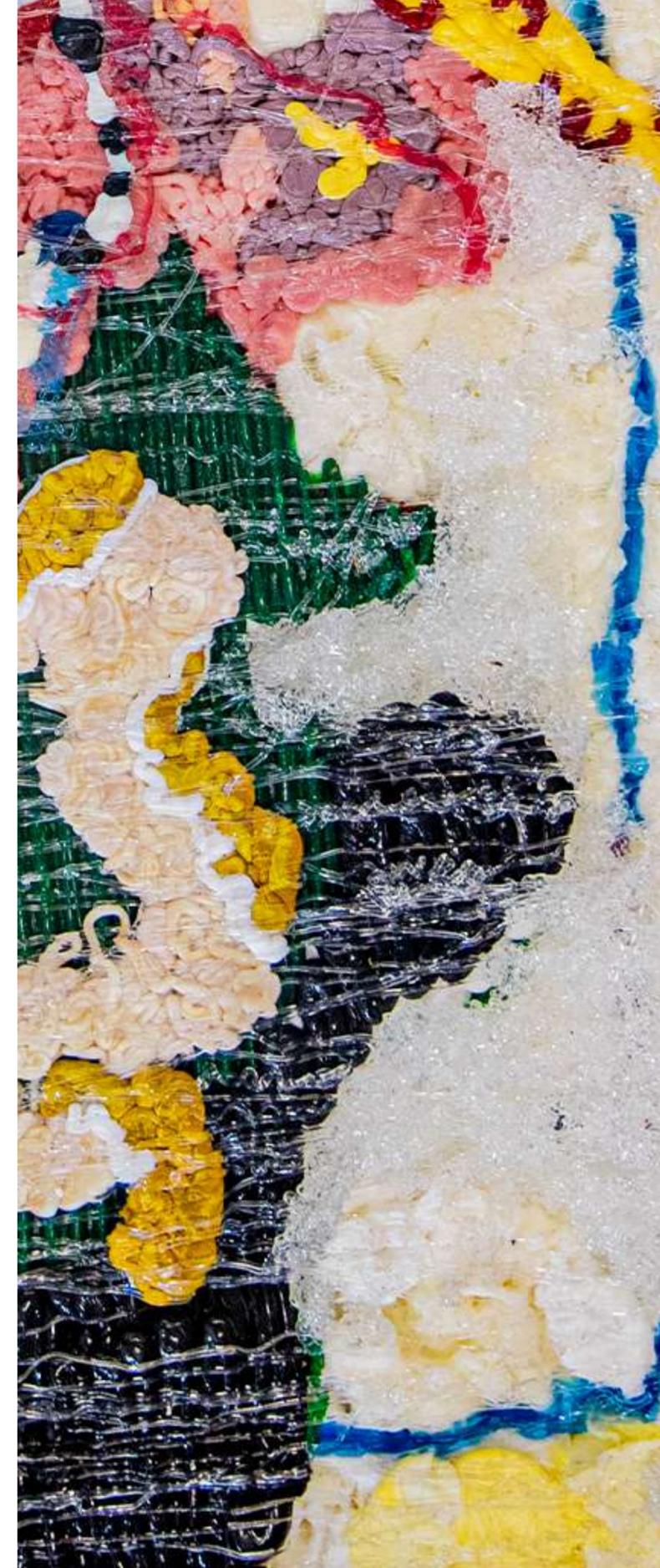


Troy Makaza

The Pleasure of the Precipice part 5, 2023

Silicone infused with pigments
120 x 80 cm

Price on request





Troy Makaza

The Pleasure of the Precipice part 6, 2023

Silicone infused with pigments
130 x 75 x 5 cm

Price on request



Troy Makaza

Country Player Played (Revisited In Colors),
2023

Silicone infusé avec des pigments
150 x 110 cm

Prices on request



Troy Makaza

What a Crazy Little Country, 2023

Silicone infusé avec des pigments
240 x 130 cm

Prices on request

PREVIEW

Friday, March 10th, 2023

From 5pm to 8 pm

Upon invitation only

TALK

Troy Makaza & Marie-Ann Yemsi

(conversation in English)

Saturday, March 11th, 2023

At 4 pm

PUBLIC OPENING

Saturday, March 11th, 2023

From 5 pm to 8 pm

VIEWING ROOM

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