

Y I U L L D A M A S O

Born in Zimbabwe on 22nd September 1968

Moved to South Africa 1982

Wits Tech Diploma in Architecture - 1991

Exhibitions:

- 2000 Solo Exhibition @ Pa Kua Designs, Cape Town
- 2000 Solo Exhibition @ Buzz 9, San Francisco
- 2001 Solo Exhibition @ own studio, Johannesburg
- 2002 Solo Exhibition @ Cape Tourism Board, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront Cape Town
- 2003 Mixed Exhibition @ Stewart Gallery, Johannesburg
- 2003 Mixed Exhibition for V Day @ Merely Mortal, Johannesburg
- 2003 Mixed Exhibition @ Johannesburg Country Club, Johannesburg
- 2004 Mixed Exhibition @ Black Management Forum, Gallager Estate, Johannesburg
- 2004 Curated Mixed Exhibition @ Oudtshoorn Arts Festival, South Africa
- 2005 Mixed Exhibition @ Bell Gables, Johannesburg
- 2006-2010 Private commissions
- 2010 Solo Exhibition @ Orpheo Studio, Hyde Park, Johannesburg
- 2010 Solo Exhibition @ Constitution Hill Johannesburg
- 2011 Solo Exhibition @ own studio, Johannesburg
- 2011 Night Watch featured in an installation by Gordon Froud for "Tension / Torsion" @ Ituhaba Art Gallery Braamfontein, Johannesburg
- 2011 3 Month studio residency @ Light from Africa, Art in the Forest, Cape Town
- 2012 Curated Group Exhibition @ The Fridge, Braamfontein
- 2012 Night Watch featured in an installation by Gordon Froud for "Twenty - Art in the time of Democracy" curated by Froud @ Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, USA
- 2012 Night Watch featured in an installation by Gordon Froud for "Twenty - Art in the time of Democracy" curated by Froud @ Pretoria Art Museum
- 2012 Night Watch featured in an installation by Gordon Froud for Twenty- Art in the time of Democracy" @ The University of Johannesburg Art Gallery
- 2013 Private commissions
- 2013 Curated/Exhibited/Hosted Group Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist's Studio
Exhibiting Artists: Lekau Matsena, Max Gorilla Movement, Yiull Damaso
- 2013 Curated /Hosted Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist's Studio,
Exhibiting Artist: Loyiso Mkize
- 2013 Curated/Exhibited/Hosted Group Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist's Studio
Exhibiting Artists: John Vlismas, P.A.C.Revolution, Yiull Damaso
- 2014 The Madiba Project – Commissioned art work for Elliot Mobility head office
Mixed rust medium on canvas, 2,5m x 4m
- 2014 Curated /Hosted Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist's Studio,
Exhibiting Artist: Anne Rimbault – All Fired up for Rhinos
- 2014 Flags Project – Mixed rust medium on canvas – varying sizes
- 2015 Project Vespa – one off custom Vespa – presently under construction
- 2015 Installation at Axis House – Hanging Garden
- 2015 Curated/Exhibited/Hosted Group Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist's Studio
Exhibiting Artists: Gordon Froud, Rhett Martyn, George Holloway, Yiull Damaso
- 2016 Solo Exhibition @ SOMA – The Quick and The Dead
- 2016 Curated/Exhibited/Hosted Group Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist's Studio
Exhibiting Artists: Dov Fedler, Oscar Gutierrez, Rick Treweek, Yiull Damaso
- 2016 I Objekt – group exhibition @ Art It is, Johannesburg
- 2016 Mixed Exhibition @ Flyer Art Gallery, Roma, Italy

2016 Erotica – group exhibition @ Trent Art, Pretoria
2017 Curated /Hosted Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist’s Studio,
Exhibiting Artist: Zapiro, Dov Fedler, Derek Bauer, Chip Snaddon
2018 Mixed Exhibition @ Luni Art Gallery, Cape Town
2018 Mixed Exhibition @ Art Africa, Cape Town
2018 Curated/Exhibited/Hosted Group Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist’s Studio
Exhibiting Artists: Sanusi Olatunji, Conrad Bo, Lekau Matsena, Eric Eatwell

PRESS:

Damaso has been profiled by the LA Times, The New York Times, Corriere della Sera, France 24, BBC World News, CNN, German Radio, various South African TV and Radio channels, as well as London based magazine Eye. He has also been featured in 5 documentaries for German TV, Wits Film, BBC News, MNET and University of Tshwane Artis Film

1996:

July / August - Southern African Success - “Odds and Ends Yiull Damaso”
Sep/ October - Habitat Magazine - “Gallery Round Up”

1999:

October - Cape Times - “Combating Cancer”
October - Cape Argus - “Barnard picture for cancer auction”
November - Rosebank Killarney Gazette - “Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness”

2000:

Exposed – “Mad about Madiba”
April – Sunday Independent “Sunday Culture - Kiss the Dragon: Barbarella meets Botticelli”

2001:

June - Sawubona - “South Africa’s Italian Connection”

2002:

March - House and Leisure - “Madiba Art”
March - SA Millionaire - “Art Form”
June - Labour Bulletin - “Madiba in disguise”
September - Mail and Guardian “What’s in a Name? Evidently everything”
September -Sunday Time - “Mandela artist gets brush off”

2003:

October – Elle “Spot light”
London’s EYE “Mandela’s God like statues to render him invisible once more”

2004:

November - De Beel - “Yskaste vir koel Generasie”

2005:

March -SA Fusion - “Portrait of the Artist”
May - Sunday Times Life Style -“Branding”
June – Culture - “The Artist Yiull Damaso”

2006:

Absolut Cape Town - “Vespa Chronicles”

<https://mg.co.za/article/2006-11-01-whats-in-a-name-evidently-everything>

2007:

Absolut JHB - "Below the Radar"

South African Home Owner - "Conceiving a vision"

2009:

Sandton Magazine - "Art & Yiuill Damaso"

2008:

Get it - Northcliff Randburg - "Traffic?..... What traffic"

2010:

May -The Citizen -"Part cool Part serious"

July - City Press - "Taboo or not Taboo - That is the question"

November- The star - "Yiuill Damaso's Paintings beg the question what if Madiba was Raster"

<http://www.diad.co.za/publications/docs/2010%20-%20TOP%20BILLING%20-%20UPPER%20EAST%20SIDE%20HOTEL.pdf>

The Night Watch

<https://mg.co.za/article/2010-07-09-mandela-autopsy-just-not-on>

<https://mg.co.za/article/2010-07-09-anc-outraged-over-mandela-painting>

<https://mg.co.za/article/2010-07-09-fury-over-nelson-mandela-autopsy-painting>

<https://mg.co.za/article/2010-11-30-art-controversies>

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/sunday-times/lifestyle/2010-07-11-artist-to-explain-his-madiba-corpse/>

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2010-07-09-anc-slams-mandela-corpse-painting/>

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2010-07-09-mandela-corpse-painting-causes-uproar/>

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/african-national-congress-condemns-yiull-damaso-painting-dead-nelson-mandela-undergoing-autopsy-article-1.464380>

<http://www.corriere.it/sport/speciali/2010/mondiali-calcio-sudafrica/notizie/11-luglio->

[farina autopsia mandela d5c6328a-8cc5-11df-bfcf-00144f02aabe.shtml](http://www.corriere.it/sport/speciali/2010/mondiali-calcio-sudafrica/notizie/11-luglio-farina-autopsia-mandela-d5c6328a-8cc5-11df-bfcf-00144f02aabe.shtml)

<http://www.france24.com/fr/20100711-afrique-sud-nelson-mandela-tableau-mort-autopsie-yuill-damaso-auteur-artiste-anc-president>

<http://bbccnnews.blogspot.co.za/2010/07/nelson-mandela-autopsy-painting-sparks.html>

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/culturemonster/2010/07/monster-painting-that-depicts-south-african-leader-nelson-mandela-undergoing-an-autopsy-stirs-controversy.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2010/jul/09/nelson-mandela-painting-south-africa>

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2010-07-14-all-rights-are-equal-or-should-be/#.WWNcM4SGPIU>

<http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Anger-over-Mandela-corpse-painting-20100709>

[http://www.artribune.com/tribnews/2013/12/e-morto-nelson-mandela-piccolo-grande-uomo-del-ventesimo-](http://www.artribune.com/tribnews/2013/12/e-morto-nelson-mandela-piccolo-grande-uomo-del-ventesimo-secolo-unicono-anche-per-una-generazione-di-creativi-lo-ricordiamo-con-una-galleria-)

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<http://www.jhblive.com/Stories-in-Johannesburg/article/yiull-damaso,-after-the-death-threats/5997>

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/art-and-design/dead-mandela-art-sparks-row-20100710-104vf.html>

https://www.wikiwand.com/fr/2010_en_Afrique_du_Sud

http://www.archivalplatform.org/news/entry/the_dead_mandela/

<http://www.politicsweb.co.za/news-and-analysis/dead-mandela-painting-anc-appalled?sn=Marketingweb+detail>

<http://www.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/277461/dead-mandela-painting-sparks-outcry-in-south-africa>

<http://www.iol.co.za/entertainment/celebrity-news/mandela-corpse-painting-is-insulting---anc-984211>

<https://www.mediaupdate.co.za/media/31274/take-the-opportunity-to-view-yiull-damasos-the-night-watch>

<http://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/news-photo/july-2010-artist-yiull-damaso-talks-about-his-painting-news->

[photo/102825859#july-2010-artist-yiull-damaso-talks-about-his-painting-depicting-as-picture-id102825859](http://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/news-photo/july-2010-artist-yiull-damaso-talks-about-his-painting-depicting-as-picture-id102825859)

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/entertainment/artist-s-mandela-autopsy-painting-draws-ire-1.889440>

10 July - Saturday Star "Dead Mandela Shocks Shopper"

11 July - Sunday Sun "Madiba painting fury"

11 July - Rapport "ANC Skree blou Moord Oor Skildery"

11 July - City Press "Dead Madiba painter says he means no harm"

17 July - Saturday Star "The grandfather we all share"

Articles:

<http://www.brettmurray.co.za/essays-and-texts/kira-kemper-student-research-document/>

<http://docslide.net/documents/wound-surface-skin.html>

<http://postcolonialnetworks.com/post-mandela-art/>

<https://books.google.co.za/books?id=sxqTAgAAQBAJ&pg=PA279&lpg=PA279&dq=Yiull+Damaso+freedom+of+speech&source=bl&ots=CjdVyz19ko&sig=vrPXFgVeuDJ94U7mUQItXyAS7E&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjgieHgyv7UAhXBA sAKHV5wBPg4ChDoAQgfMAA#v=onepage&q=Yiull%20Damaso%20freedom%20of%20speech&f=false>

http://reconciliationbarometer.org/?page_id=2878

http://www.wikiwand.com/en/The_Anatomy_Lesson_of_Dr._Nicolaes_Tulp

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2013/12/11/mandela-and-the-politics-of-immortality/>

ANC official response:

<http://www.anc.org.za/content/anc-appalled-depiction-dead-madiba>

Video interviews:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6Bb_-PmDBM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QM62od59P8>

The opening discussion of "The Night Watch" that was given by Professor Pitika Ntuli at the exhibition at Constitutional Hill:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vLyZq2yI60>

2011:

Sandton Magazine - "They'll never take our freedom"

<http://www.neofundi.com/profiles/blogs/yiull-damaso>

<http://www.artintheforest.com/our-supporters/>

2012:

<https://mg.co.za/article/2012-11-02-00-retro-ride-is-roaring-into-the-modern-era>

<http://www.iol.co.za/the-star/controversy-spreads-the-word-but-doesnt-sell-work-1301566>

<http://showme.co.za/lifestyle/pimp-your-scooter/>

Habitat Magazine - "Gallery Yiull Damaso"

Off-road and Adventure SA "You want adventure? How about this? 6 scooters to Mozambique"

Do It Now - "Mozambique on a scooter"

May- City Press - "Art on the front line"

2013:

<http://www.news24.com/Archives/City-Press/Heil-Juju-Malema-not-fussed-about-being-portrayed-as-Hitler-20150429>

<http://citizen.co.za/your-life/your-life-home-life/47868/yiull-never-walk-alone/>

<http://www.jhblive.com/Stories-in-Johannesburg/article/yiull-damaso,-after-the-death-threats/5997>

<https://demisting.wordpress.com/tag/yiull-damaso/>

<http://joburgstyle.co.za/community/communitysite/le-carnivale/>

<http://southernafricanlife.blogspot.co.za/2013/10/art-exhibit-featuring-yiull-damaso-john.html>

<http://citizen.co.za/your-life/your-life-entertainment-your-life/entertainment-celebrities/66074/controversial-sa-artists-throw-spanner-works/>

<http://citizen.co.za/opinion/opinion-columns/69357/making-reality-one-liner/>

Mail and Guardian - "This week's top 10"

Sunday Independent - "Mandela, a fashionable cultural icon"

Saturday Stare - "48 hours"

2014:

<http://rosebankkillarneygazette.co.za/135091/artists-political-commentary-on-canvas/>

<http://citybuzz.co.za/tag/damaso/>

<https://books.google.co.za/books?id=sxqTAgAAQBAJ&pg=PA279&lpg=PA279&dq=yiull+damaso&source=bl&ots=CjdVzyYajn&sig=sgAEGaT1LjyHNLjCeCGXDkYY9Is&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiilproh4HVAhXDBBoKHQ4LBGM4HhDoAQ hGMAC#v=onepage&q=yiull%20damaso&f=false>

<http://micainternships.blogspot.co.za/2014/03/yiull-damaso-artist.html>

<http://citizen.co.za/news/news-national/171652/voters-down-from-90-to-50/>

Saturday Citizen –“Other side of the City”

The Times -“The legend lives on in works of art”

2015:

<http://www.elliottmobility.com/about-us/news/nelson-mandela-portrait/>

<http://urbanartsafari.com/art-safari/yiull-damasio/>

2016:

<http://rosebankkillarneygazette.co.za/204113/get-your-fill-of-the-strange-and-wonderful/>

https://www.inyourpocket.com/johannesburg/yiull-damaso-artists-studio_146305v

http://www.artlink.co.za/news_article.htm?contentID=40490

2017:

<http://cliffcentral.com/gareths-guests/yiull-damaso-john-curtis/>

<http://www.thesaartist.co.za/back-issues.html>

<https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/sunday-times/20170409/282823601036130>

<http://arttimes.co.za/zuma-doom-gloom-makes-good-political-satire/>

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/art-and-design/dead-mandela-art-sparks-row-20100710-104vf.html>

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Sunday times “Ink-andescent”

2018:

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<https://www.timeslive.co.za/sunday-times/lifestyle/2018-10-26-that-r450k-mandela-corpse-painting--other-controversial-madiba-art/>

TV interviews:

2016 - <http://www.enca.com/life/watch-is-protest-art-making-a-comeback>

2017 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5T4Ma1ozJs>

Vimeo:

2014 - Anne Rimbault – All Fired up for Rhinos <https://vimeo.com/79651435>

2014 – Elliot Mobility Madiba Project <https://vimeo.com/127452926>

2015 – Jellyfish Chandelier <https://vimeo.com/220644879>

YouTube:

2012 The Night Watch @ Constitution Hill

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vLyZq2yI60&list=PLnQjplSjpk5p_eRKsi04kQR9vw99B0vS-

2014 Curated /Hosted Exhibition @ Yiull Damaso Artist’s Studio,

Exhibiting Artist: Anne Rimbault – All Fired up for Rhinos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2rbNsUtKb0>

2014 Yiull’s Pollock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMTGttaBjuE>

2016 The Shroud of Qunu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jdoz7SbfB0U>

2017 Dots in Blue

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfiBCUBYxaM>

5 Copper Squares

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3qZ9M_QNK4

Merging Flags

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uOfijPmgEA>

2018 Cherry Blossom Installation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMzXTkOR_gY

Cherry Blossom – Jordan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdPqkEJBBHU>

2018 Madiba’s 100th Birthday toast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8ZytAMykeo>

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