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## Current Happenings. **“Invest in Art ... ,”** *its' appreciation has no ceiling* - Raj Maree

Hello

Fellow artists, creative enthusiasts, and discerning investors in the art world. It gives me great pleasure to share with you a brief insight into my art pieces.

In my recent body of work, I wanted to draw attention to South Africa's Big 5 Wild Game Animals. It would be phenomenal if the viewer and collector could be ambassadors for these and other of our worlds magnificent endangered animals. In this Limited Special Edition, only 300 will be printed and it will be signed and numbered.

This is part of a series of Modern Abstract Expressionistic pieces showcasing the African Lion, Elephant, Rhino, Leopard and Cape Buffalo. Each animal is a trilogy set, hence in the total series, we have 15 pieces. The titles are statements about their characters, like their memory, non forgiveness, brute strength and also a show of their rage with mankind for ruthlessly hunting them. Here's an example, most people are aware of, that of an Elephants remarkable memory, but few know about the Cape Buffalo, also known as Black Death, this animal can be extremely dangerous, and is said to have killed more big game hunters than any other animal in Africa. An impressive creature, these adults can weigh in about 600kg and have few predators, they are capable of defending themselves against (and killing) lions. So here I capture nature via the use of mixed media and then layering them to produce a flattened digital art piece (Maree-ism) It's a narrative of our complex and diverse world, hence we should respect and appreciate our wildlife and find balance with nature.

I have sold a full set to a private collector in South Africa and have an interested enquiry from a Canadian client. Other sold pieces include a set of six 850mm x 1200mm size portraiture of some of our inspirational world leaders, the likes of Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Neils Bohr, Mahatma Gandhi and Albert Einstein. These were commissioned artworks from a science faculty of the South African Government. These can be viewed on Facebook at Maree Art Gallery or SouthAfricanArtists.com Do note prices here are much higher.

- I have also executed four 1000mm x 1000mm portrait pieces for private clients across South Africa.
- The "Legendary Artists of our Lifetime" which is a compilation of 12 pieces has sold as individual pieces in Belgium, England, USA and locally in South Africa.
- My current "Princess Diana Composite - MoArt Series", inspired by the king of pop-art, Andy Warhol, is being well received both in Great Britain and Australia. I have received enquiries and interest, so I am optimistic about these. A total of 9 individual pieces and a composite of all, as a tenth piece is available, for this series, I will be printing a limited edition of 1000.
- Another "WOW" piece in my portfolio, inspired by the Renaissance period, is the "Creation of Adam/ Man", measuring more than 3.3m x 1.2m. An apt quote of Michelangelo, "The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection".

Thank You  
Mr Raj Maree