



LEESETTE TURNER | SOUTH AFRICA

Calligraphy coach, teacher, and lettering artist, Leesette’s interest in calligraphy started with her first year in school where a teacher wrote in beautiful italic. After her mother bought her a Speedball book, she spent years copying the scripts! Today, Leesette is still endlessly fascinated by all things script – Asian, Arabic, African, Asemic, Roman – the traditions and history, how letters become images and our relationship with text. Her philosophy is to have fun with letters as an abstract self-expression, not requiring perfection.

A member of the Cape Friends of Calligraphy, Leesette’s works have been exhibited locally and internationally, and her work appears in several international collections.

Highlights

- 2019 Calligraphies in Conversation 6th International Exhibition, San Francisco Center for the Book
- 2020 Home is Where the Art is, Cape Town
- 2022 Arabic penmanship in South Africa
- 2023 Fluister exhibition. Co.op gallery, Bloemfontein
- 2023 Spore in die Stof, Garden Town, Stellenbosch

Publications

Wor[L]ds catalogue. Kristin Van Eeghem, Maud Bekaert. Brugge, 2008
Letter Arts Review Volume 34:4, Spring 2022, The Annual Juried Issue
The Letter Arts Review 35:1, Winter 2021, The Annual Juried Issue
Anton Coetzer. Spore in die Stof. Mier Studio (Pty) Ltd. 2023

Collections

City of Bruges, Belgium; Museum of Contemporary Calligraphy, Moscow, Russia; Calligraphies in Conversation, San Francisco, USA

TITLES

BLACK THE QUEEN OF

COLOUR

DREAMS & STARS

ESSENCE

ZOOM EXCLUSIVE

BID ON INSTAGRAM



ARTIST | LEESETTE TURNER

TITLE | BLACK THE QUEEN OF COLOUR

SIZE | 547 X 122 (MM)

MEDIA | SUMI, ON FABRIANO

OPENING BID | 50 USD

CODE: LT_BLACKQUEEN

BID ON INSTAGRAM

“I’ve been 40 years discovering that the queen of all colors was black,” said Pierre-Auguste Renoir. This piece explores this comment by Renoir and the hidden talents of black, its nuances and versatility, through its shades, fine detail, and focal point. Black is elegant, fashionable, sad, bold, and the absorption of visible light.

ARTIST | LEESETTE TURNER
TITLE | DREAMS & STARS
SIZE | 175 X 569 MM)
MEDIA | GOUACHE ON PAPER
OPENING BID | 50 USD
CODE: LT_DREAMS&STARS

● ZOOM EXCLUSIVE

Stars are associated with achievement, ambition, peace, loyalty, wisdom, and serenity. A positive omen for peace, happiness and success.



ARTIST | LEESETTE TURNER
TITLE | ESSENCE
SIZE | 347 X 770 (MM)
MATERIAL | MIXED MEDIA, SUMI, ACRYLIC, PIGMENTS, GOUACHE, FABRI-ANO WATER COLOUR PAPER
OPENING BID | USD 175 (unframed)
CODE: LT_ESSENCE
■ BID ON INSTAGRAM

The piece is inspired by poem by Anton Coetzer: "Once the deep satisfying overpowering essence of love envelopes a soul, no other worthless and temporal insignificance can comfort in any manner". This poem is about finding the heart's desire, holding on to it and not trading what makes you happy for anything else. Leesette wanted to capture the emotion, light, movement and colour of love. A love as wide and as deep as the sky.



The image is published in a poetry anthology - Spore in die Stof.