



from top left *Fortia 3*, photograph by Lola Keyezua; *Aisha*, 2015, Lambda print by Maimouna Guerresi; *Baby I Live For Danger*, 2016, ceramic by Lucinda Mudge; *Embolden*, 2017, embroidered panel by Kimathi Mafafo; *Breaking Bread With The Self-Righteous I*, 2017, Giclée print on Hanhnmühle by Lhola Amira

5 TO WATCH AT THE CAPE TOWN ART FAIR

Local and international contemporary artists and galleries converge in the Mother City for the Cape Town Art Fair, from 16 to 18 February, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. Now in its sixth year, the fair has a new addition, SOLO, a section highlighting the work of female artists whose chosen pieces are 'all about upsetting the norm and the image of women,' says guest curator Nontobeko Ntombela. Here are DECO's top five picks from SOLO

Kimathi Mafafo (Ebony/Curated) was born in Kimberley and draws on lush landscapes as a backdrop for celebrating the black female form and to signify a desire to reconnect with nature. Mafafo uses embroidery, oil paint and installation in her multidisciplinary practice.

Lucinda Mudge (Everard Read CIRCA Gallery) lived between Cape Town, where she studied fine art, and the UK, before settling in Plettenberg Bay. Her intricate and colourful ceramic works belie darker themes, such as violence, that simmer below the surface.

Lola Keyezua (MOV'ART) was born in Luanda and is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Arts in The Hague. Her narrative-driven work explores the African Renaissance through photography, film and mixed media.

Maimouna Guerresi (Officine dell'Immagine) lives and works between Dakar and Milan and has exhibited widely, using the mediums of photography, sculpture, video and installation. Her work is suffused with mysticism and spirituality, drawing on the cultures in which she is immersed.

Lhola Amira (SMAC Gallery) was born in Gugulethu and has had residencies in Sweden and Spain. Her performative craft deals with socio-economic and political conditions of race, gender, sexuality and geographical location.

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