# Curriculum Vitae

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# Celesté von Solms

**Date of Birth:** 1988/06/13

**Place of Birth:** Sasolburg, South Africa

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**Qualifications:**

2010 –**National Diploma in Fine Art**, Tshwane University of Technology – Having complied with the act and statute (ND40536), Pretoria, South Africa.

**Exhibitions:**

2017 -  **Miniature Exhibition**, Group Exhibition, Art Lovers 1932, Waterkloof, Pretoria, South Africa.

2017 – **A Better World**, Group Exhibition, Gallery Synergy, Silverton, Pretoria, South Africa

2017 – **Art at Arnold,** Group Exhibition, Arnold Classic Africa, Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2016 - **Miniature Exhibition**, Group Exhibition, Art Lovers 1932, Waterkloof, Pretoria, South Africa.

2016 – **Revisiting the Past**, Two man show, Gallery Synergy, Menlyn, Pretoria, South Africa.

2016 – **Exploration Cont.**, Two man show, Gallery Synergy, Menlyn, Pretoria, South Africa.

2016 – **Exploration**, Two man show, Gallery Synergy, Waterkloof, Pretoria, South Africa.

2014- **Miniature Exhibition**, Group Exhibition, Art Lovers 1932, Waterkloof, Pretoria, South Africa.

2012- **Expression**, Two man show, Upstairs @ Bamboo, Melville, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2012- **Alumni**, Group Exhibition, Curated by: Carl Jeppe, Tshwane University of Technology Gallery, Pretoria, South Africa.

2011- **Forests of Expression**, Two man show, Private Home, Observatory, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Online Press:**

2012- **Child Magazine**, Exhibition for Autism, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2012- **Artslink.co.za**, Exhibition for Autism, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Radio Interviews:**

2012- **101.9 Chai FM**, Exhibition for Autism, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Publications:**

2014- Collard, Bronwyn. 2014. *The Collector’s Guide to Art and Artists in South Africa*. Paw Publications. Pg. 299

**Current Representations:**

Gallery Synergy, Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa. www.facebook.com/gallerysynergy/

**Professional Biography:**

Celesté von Solms was born in Sasolburg – the petro-hub of South Africa – in June 1988. She went to school in Richards Bay where she matriculated in 2006.

Multi-talented Celesté completed a diploma in Fine Arts at the Tshwane University of Technology in 2010.

Since then Von Solms has created and sold art works for private commissions.Made trophies yearly, since 2009 - 2011, for the company Nativa (Pty) Ltd.Completed an art project, in 2010, for Nativa (Pty) Ltd, andtook part in several two-man and group exhibitions since 2011.

Von Solms was selected for the Miniature Group Exhibition at the Art Lovers 1932 in 2014 and was shown alongside artist, Gordon Froud, amongst others.

Celeste von Solms is currently an employee at Beetroot Fabrics Incorporated (Position: Fine and Applied Artist). She lives and works in Pretoria. South Africa.

Gallery Synergy has chosen to represent Celeste von Solms from 2015.

# Art Journey

**Written by Celeste von Solms**

Art is a journey that is taken by the heart and mind. This is true for people who are viewing art, as well as the creator, AKA the Artist.

My ‘Art Journey’ begins with the photo reference. Photos can inspire, motivate and bring both memories and emotions. I choose images that evoke a certain emotion and mystery.

On my path of discovery I create a resemblance of the photo I chose. Drawing is my passion and on this ‘Art Journey’ I use my trusty pencil on paper.

While I am traveling I love to explore and learn. Creating an art piece is not just depicting what is seen, but also what is felt. I try to create a unique map to the destination.

Arriving at my destination I discover a pencil drawing, sometimes overshadowed by a transparent paper image, created to delight and mystify.