The South Africa – Austria Studio 2014: The subject HEROES

Final report

HEROES EXHIBITION

WALTER STACH SIPHO GWALA WOLF WERDIGIER STOMPIE SELIBE

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN SA AND AUSTRIAN ARTISTS
308 FOX STREET - 3RD FLOOR
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Between February 12th 2014 and February 25th 2014 two South African and two Austrian artists came together to work in a group on the subject "heroes."

The artists were Stompie Selibe, Sipho Gwala, Walter Stach and Wolf Werdigier.

The subject "heroes" should open the discussion on the socio-political background of South Africa in the widest possible sense. There are political heroes, but also political drawbacks and there are heroes of the everyday life, but also troubles and humiliation.

Stompie Selibe developed a series of collage paintings, Sipho Gwala applied stencil like wall painting as used in street art, Walter Stach developed a screen with symbols and names of heroes and Wolf Werdigier concentrated on the documents of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions.

Stompie Selibe

Wolf Werdigier

Walter Stach

Sipho Gwala

These different approaches have been presented in an exhibition in 208 Foxstreet, third floor, Maboneng, Johannesburg between Sunday, February 23rd and Tuesday, February 25th.

An overview of the exhibition can be seen in the videos. During the opening of the exhibition a group of musicians from Soweto and dancers were invited, to guide visitors from the arts on main place in Maboneng to the exhibition space.

A short vignette of the exhibition "HEROES" of Walter Stach, Wolf Werdigier, Stompie Selibe & Sipho Gwala *(watch the video here)*

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Among the visitors were prominent people like those interviewed in connection with the TRC but also representatives of internet platforms participating to communicate the event to the public. So for instance Don von Orr.

The exhibition has been sponsored by the Austrian embassy.

Further photo and video material is accessible here:

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