

the doors of culture shall be opened, 2021, Installation view at Michaelis Galleries, Cape Town
On Gaborone, 1985, 2021, Sound installation, 3mins38secs



'the doors of culture shall be opened' is an audio-visual exhibition and self-reflexive research project by Kim Karabo Makin that unpacks transnational identity, historical entanglements, and the living archive, through Medu Art Ensemble as the case in point.

The project expands on the relationship between Medu and Makin, as a method of engaging fragments of the archive, the construction of history, and identity formation across Botswana and South Africa. The title of the exhibition references a Medu poster once housed in the University of Cape Town's Special Collections Library. In this way, Makin aims to unpack and sound a space that centres dislocation, by providing some symbolic analysis of the post-traumas of Botswana in the anti-Apartheid struggle, with an emphasis on lived experiences, as well as oral traditions of storytelling and radio.

Molenza (Urine Trail of the Bull), 2020, Archival lightjet print & Diasec, 50.8 x 33.8cm

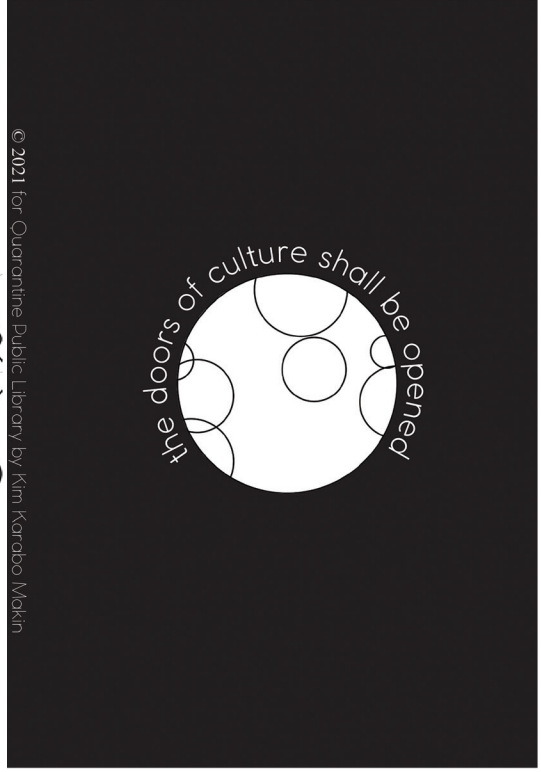


With a look at history as circular and cyclical, the project uses a narrative tone in order to engage in an open dialogue with fragments of the archive. In so doing, the exhibition maps interconnected timelines of individual and collective memory.

With a focus on Medu, Makin engages an extended conversation of Botswana's national history as entangled with aspects of South Africa's. By tracing a coming-of-age story of identity formation across neighbouring nation-states, the project simultaneously unpacks transnational identity through an exploration of the archive as living.

With a look at sound as spatialised and socialised, Makin aims to reengage the interlocutors of history, as in circular motion with her individual present and collective future.

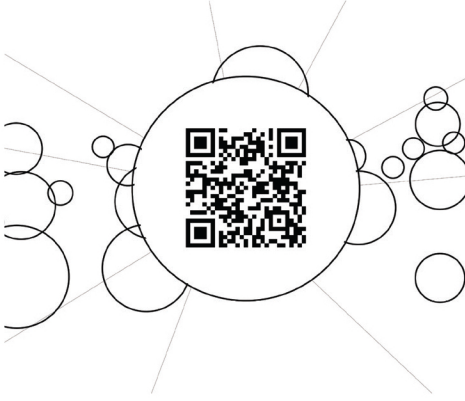
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Molenza (Shield), 2020, Archival inkjet print, 46 x 32 cm



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