

**TURIYA MAGADLELA**

**GRAHAM**  
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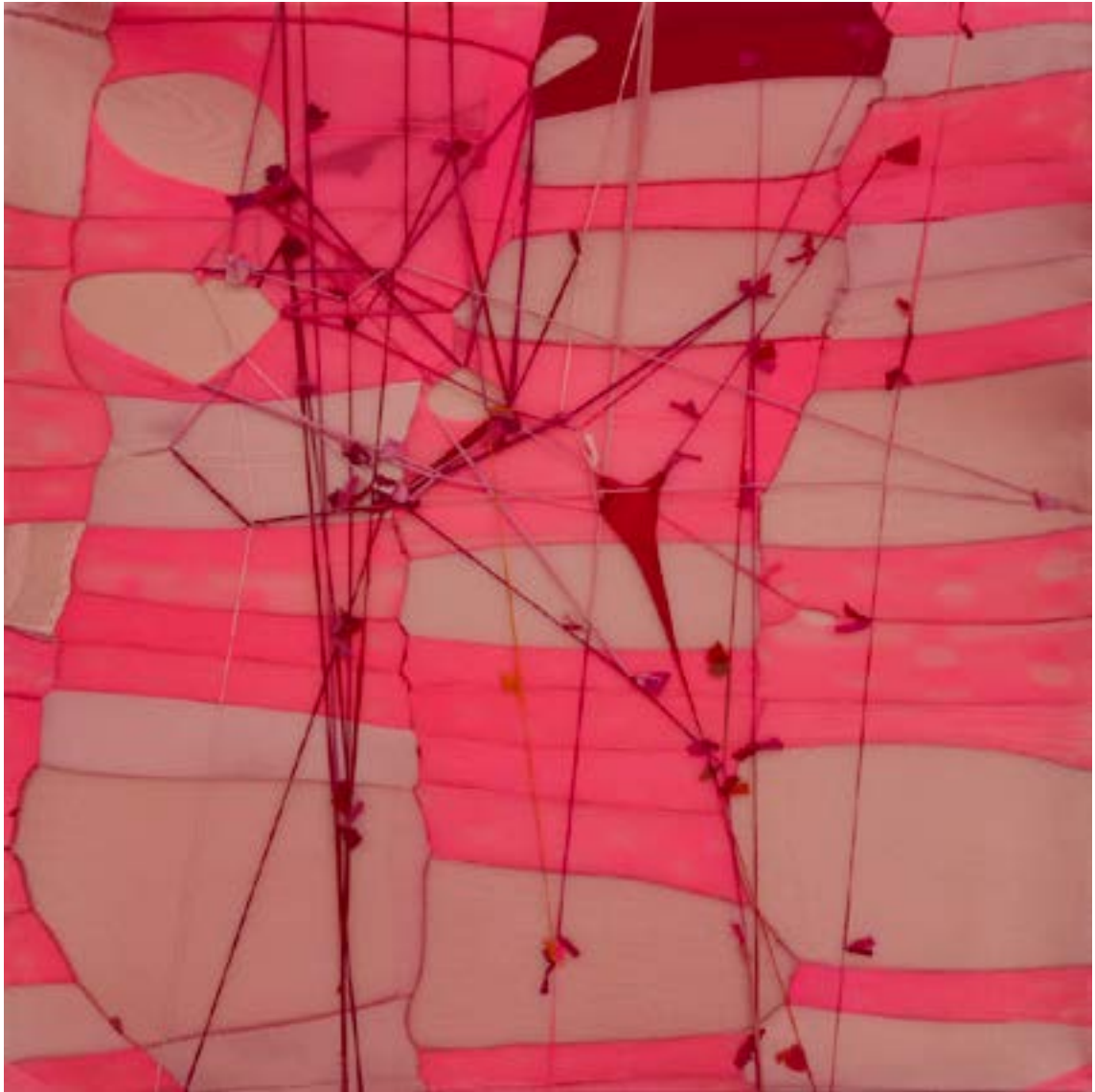
## STATEMENT

**Turiya Magadlela** is a South African contemporary artist whose work engages with personal, political, and material histories using domestic fabrics and those found in public spaces and institutions.

Born in Johannesburg in 1978, Magadlela draws from her lived experience as a Black woman and mother in post-apartheid South Africa, working with pantyhose, correctional service uniforms, and other everyday fabrics to construct abstract compositions through techniques such as cutting, stitching, folding, and stretching. These gestures are informed by traditional female labor and resistance practices, transforming the materials into potent symbols of resilience, incarceration, sensuality, and care.

Her practice has become synonymous with a quiet, formal intensity that traverses the lines between minimalism, Black consciousness, and feminist discourse. Magadlela interrogates systems of power, commodification, and the objectification of Black bodies, creating works that are both deeply intimate and universally resonant.

She was awarded the prestigious FNB Joburg Art Prize in 2015, and in 2018, was shortlisted for the Jean-François Prat Prize in Paris. That same year, she was named one of the Top 10 African Artists to Invest In by *TimesLive*. In 2025, she was featured in *ArtForum* and *Brooklyn Rail*, continuing her trajectory as one of the leading voices in contemporary African art.

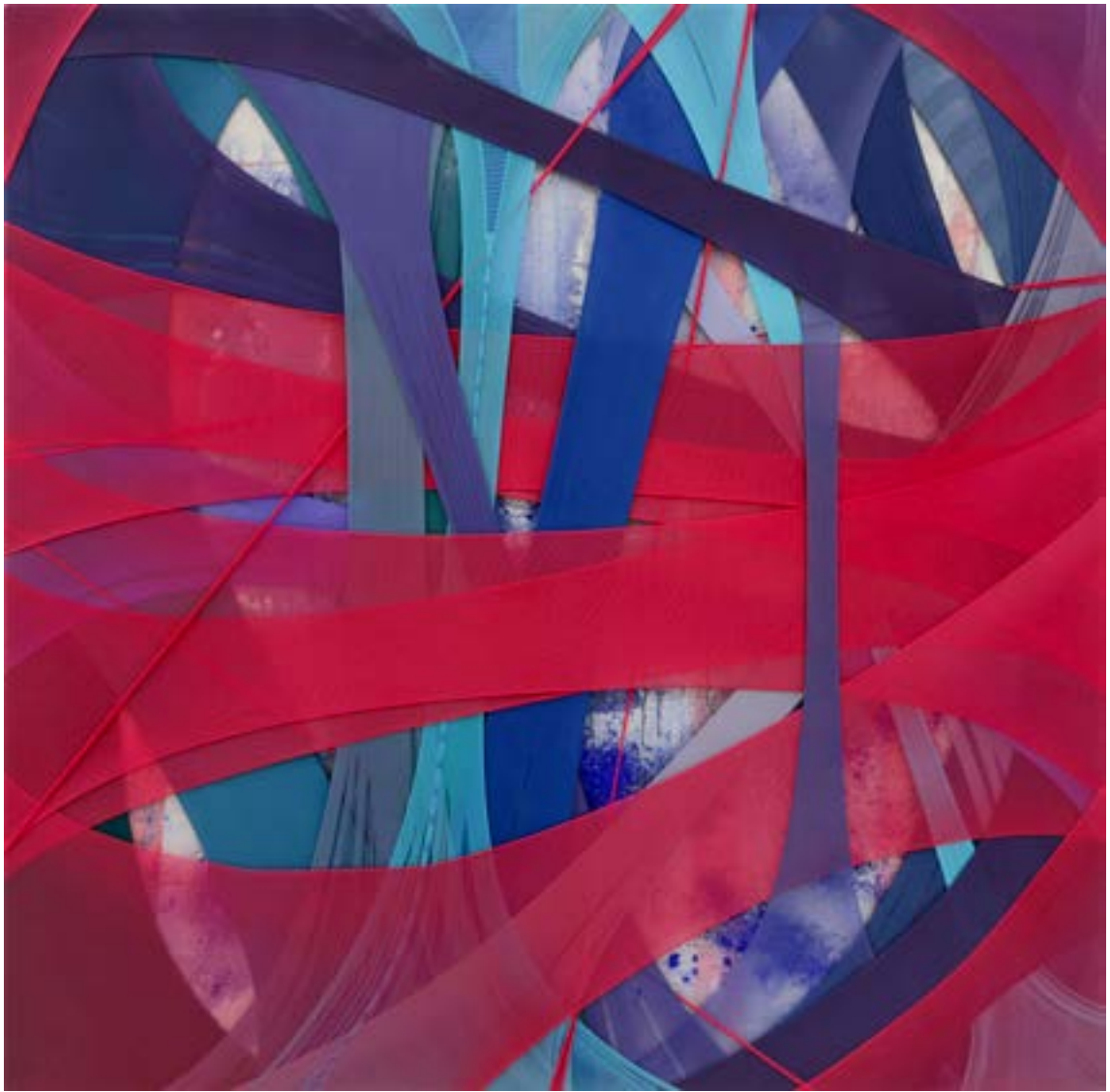


*Ama Piano Boogie Woogie, The Mandisa Series*

Cotton, silk and nylon pantyhose

120 x 120cm

2019



*I'm a Baddy "Seliyana Siya Sina" Rain Dance*

Pigment, graphite powder, liquid acrylic and nylon pantyhose on canvas

100 x 100cm

2025



*I'm a Baddy "Seliyana Siya Sina" Rain Dance II*

Pigment, graphite powder, liquid acrylic and nylon pantyhose on canvas

100 x 100cm

2025



***Milk***

Acrylic gel impasto pigment with pantyhose

100 x 100cm

2025

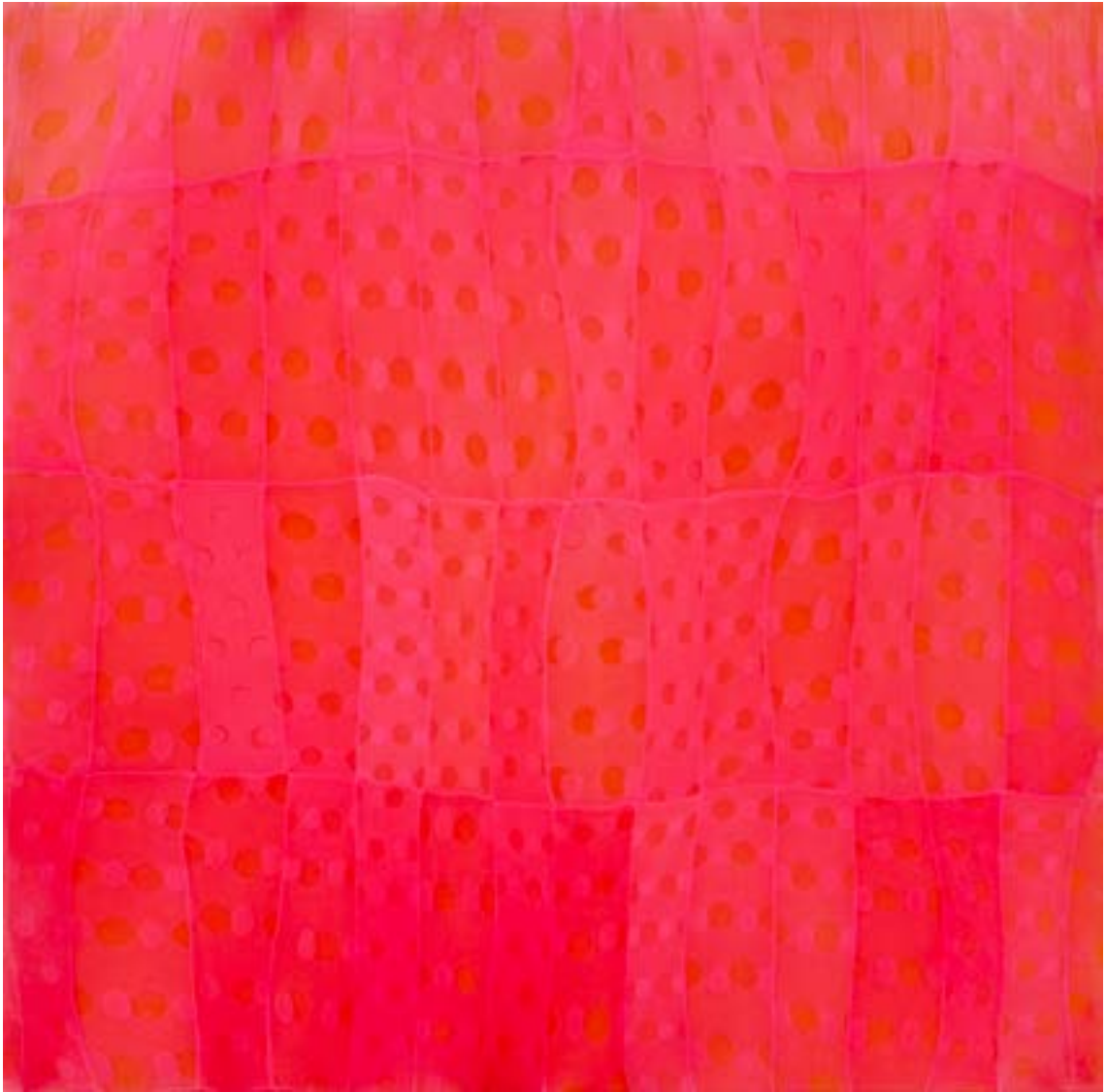


*Mnandisa I (Make it Nice), The Mandisa Series*

Cotton, silk and nylon pantyhose

120 x 120cm

2021



*Mnandisa II, Mandisa for Kusama Series*

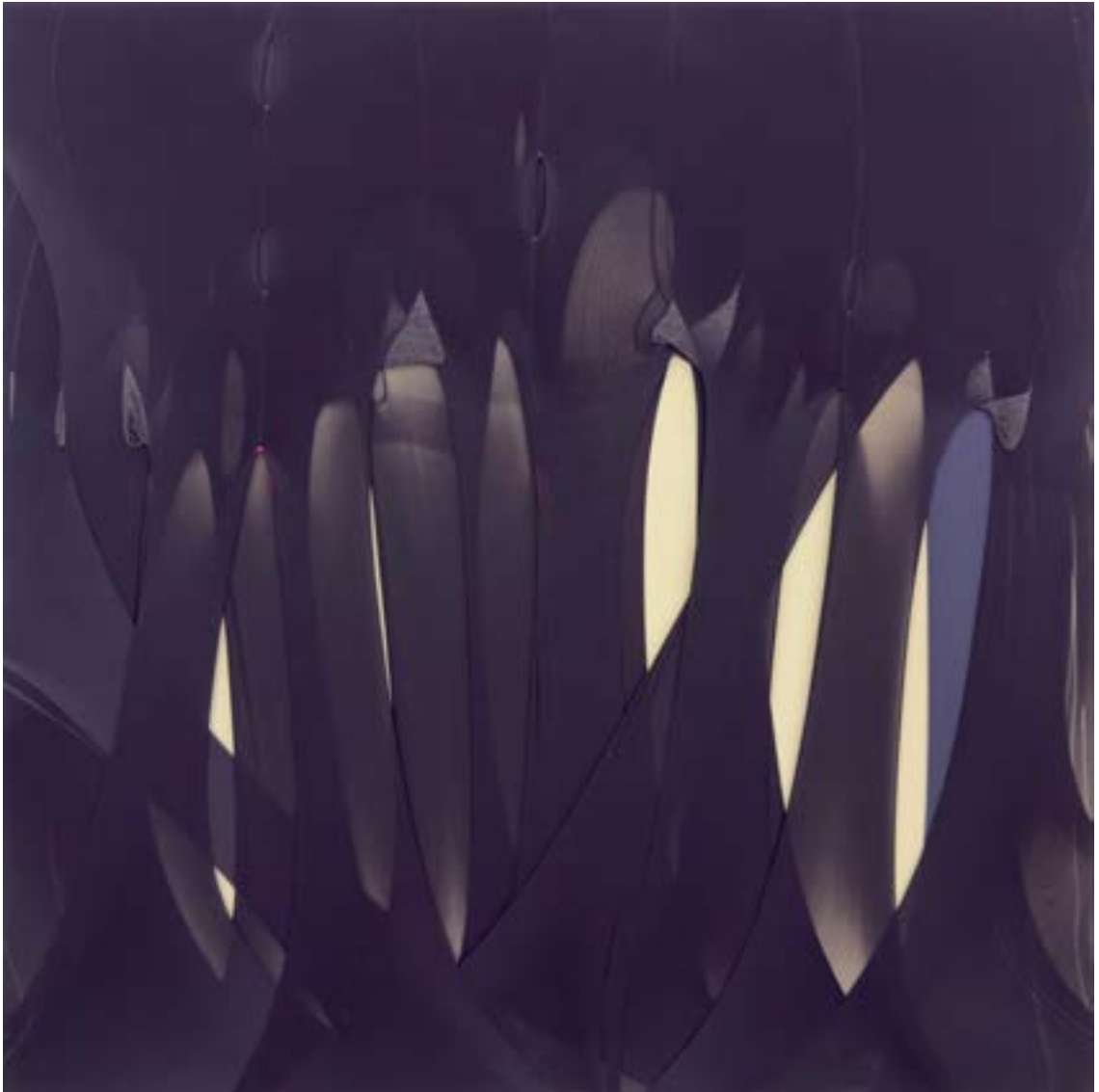
Cotton, silk and nylon pantyhose

120 x 120cm

2021



*The Moiré Effect for Romi II*  
*Ngizokuthanda ngaso sonke isikhathi -*  
*ngoba wena ulithemba lami - sakhile*  
*(Will Love You Forever) series*  
Silk and pantyhose  
100 x 100cm  
2024

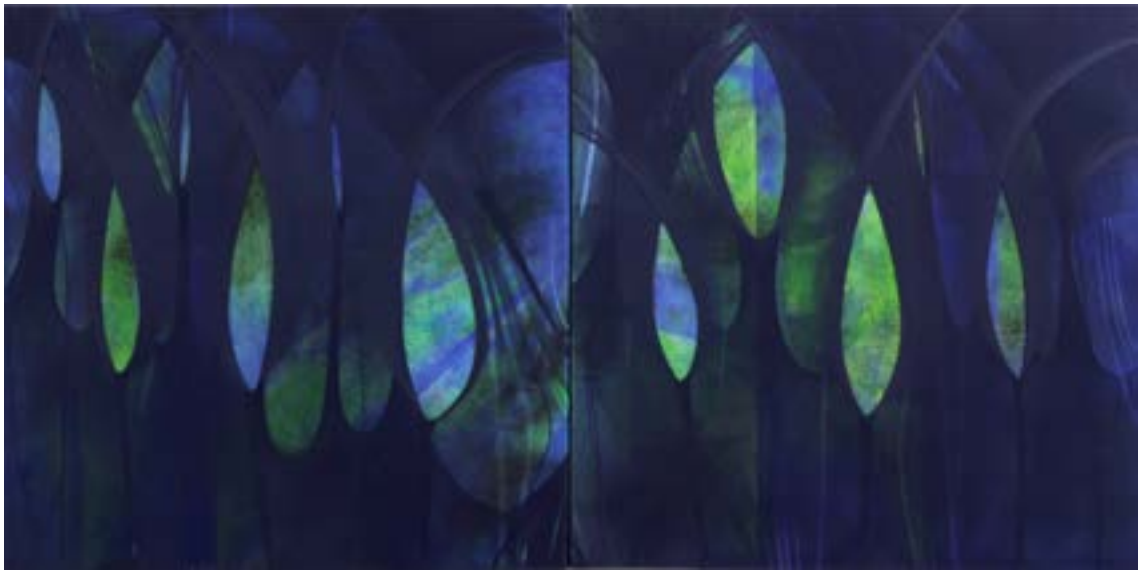


*Untitled*

Oil, acrylic and pantyhose with sealant on canvas

150 x 150cm

2024



*Vuka Luka Mfondini Sambe (Dawn is the time to wake up, before the sun is out, we have to work)*  
Charcoal, chalk pastels and acrylic on canvas with  
pantyhose and sealant  
100 x 2000cm (diptych)  
2024



*What Games Shall We Play*

Charcoal, chalk pastels and acrylic on canvas with  
pantyhose and sealant  
100 x 2000cm (diptych)  
2025

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