



PROCESS & PROGRESSION

SOLO EXHIBITION BY MULTIDISCIPLINARY ARTIST
LEIKUN NAHUSENAY

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EXHIBITION PARTNERS



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Addis Fine Art gallery is pleased to continue its programme with a solo exhibition of works by multidisciplinary artist Leikun Nahusenay (b.1982), featuring works in photography, painting, mixed media, and sculpture.

Process and Progression is a retrospective of Nahusenay's work over the last 16 years. Though wide-ranging in his choice of medium, Nahusenay's exploration of the *Himeme Siqlet*, a sacred Ethiopian Orthodox text, is what grounds his seemingly disparate pieces together, through its evocation of the world's opposing forces (light, dark; flesh, spirit; good, evil) and the futility of their reconciliation.

Using the checkerboard motif that appears throughout his work, Nahusenay probes the Biblical passage, which illustrates the drunken gambling and revelry that took place underneath the cross during the Crucifixion. Using rows upon rows of black and white squares and etchings, he takes this meditation to a more secular context, as the alternating squares sinuously trace the calm repose of a woman seated behind a café table, clasping her mobile phone.

In his photography, the use of double exposure, collage, and scratch-and-peel methods allows Nahusenay to create irreproducible, dreamlike worlds in which the spiritual ostensibly strains against, and spills into, the physical. The ghostlike rendering of a busy street scene hollows out the solid but battered exterior of a green and yellow public bus, in turn allowing us a glimpse into its inner function. A colorful market scene curdles and coagulates—its participants juxtaposed against the raw grains they will soon consume.

Nahusenay's fascination with life's cyclical nature, and its expression in physical spaces, is evident throughout the collection. Informed by the simple yet layered, circular structure of a traditional hut, *Gojo Bet (2000)* one of his earliest works, features interposed cardboard shapes, each of various textures, sizes, and shades of taupe, suggesting movement, and a certain playfulness of perspective. This playfulness seeps into other pieces where Nahusenay quite literally offers us a window into a dark, tenuous landscape, albeit through the protective shield of a woman's shawl.

Leikun Nahusenay was born in 1982 in Addis Ababa. While primarily identifying himself as a self-taught artist, he nonetheless completed his art degrees from the Ale School of Fine Arts (2006) and Teferi Mekonnen School (2011). His multidiscipline practice is based in Addis Ababa, where he works from the Nas Gedame studio. He is also a member of the Netsa Art Village and contributes to the growing Ethiopian art scene. His work has been shown at numerous exhibitions, including Addis Calling Group Show, Addis Fine Art (2016), Flying Spoons sculptural exhibition at Asni Gallery in Addis Ababa (2015), Draw Me A Castle, Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa and Paris (2011), Future Makers international group photo exhibition at the National Museum of Ethiopia and Goethe Institute (2012) and The Fine Line Between, Lela Gallery (2008). Recent solo exhibitions include Child Art 1, Lela Gallery, Addis Ababa (2011), Cartoon Relief Sculpture at Grazmach Tasse Cultural Centre and Trinity at Alliance Ethio-Française, Addis Ababa (2009). He took part in the fourth annual Photographer's Portfolio meeting at the Bamako Encounters Biennale 2011.



Leikun Nahusenay
Colours of Ethiopia:
Somali II, 2014
80 x 120 cm
Double Exposure Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,450 / 32,000 Birr
GBP 1,075



Leikun Nahusenay
Colours of Ethiopia:
Somali VI, 2014
80 x 120 cm
Double Exposure Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,450 / 32,000 Birr
GBP 1,075



Leikun Nahusenay
Colours of Ethiopia:
Somali VIII, 2014
80 x 120 cm
Double Exposure Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,450 / 32,000 Birr
GBP 1,075



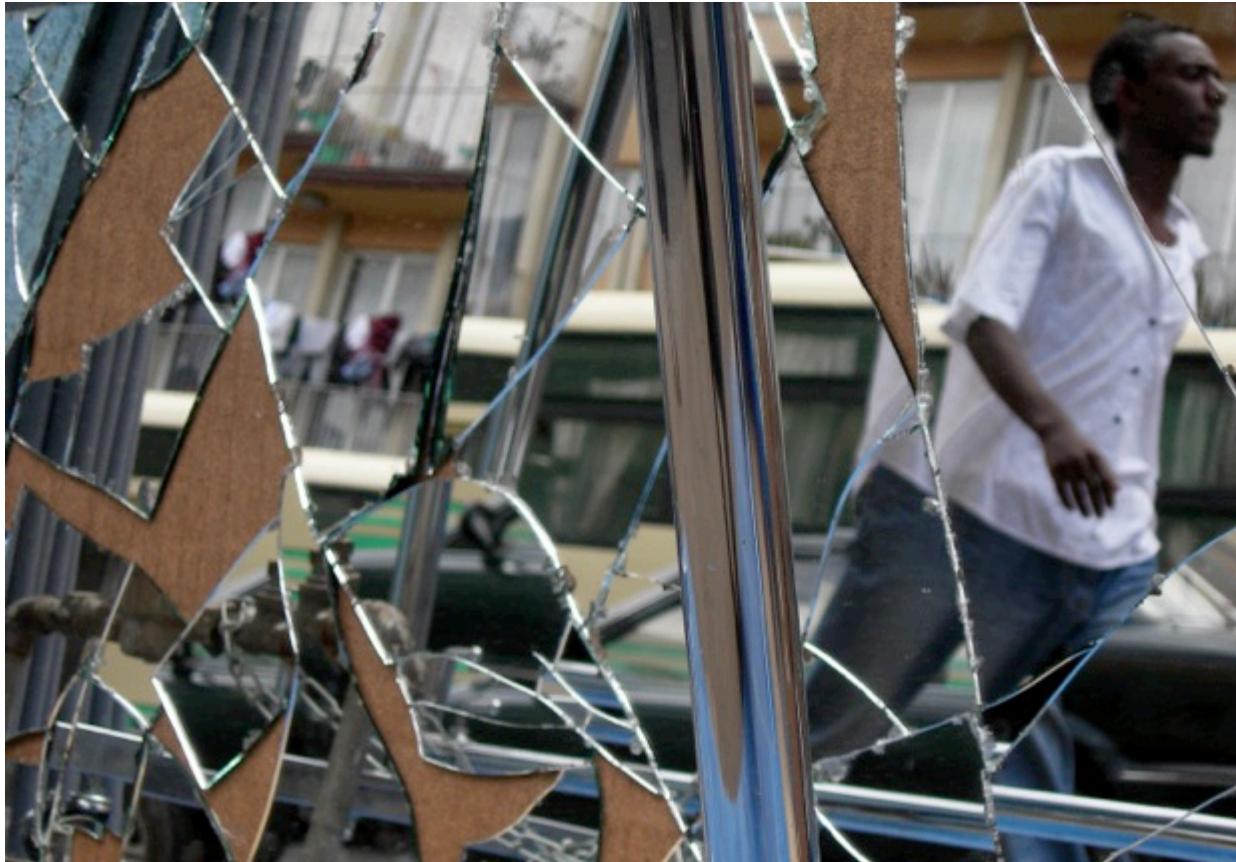
Leikun Nahusenay
Behind the Curtain Series
Reflections, 2010
80 x 60
Digital Photography
Edition of 5
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GBP 700



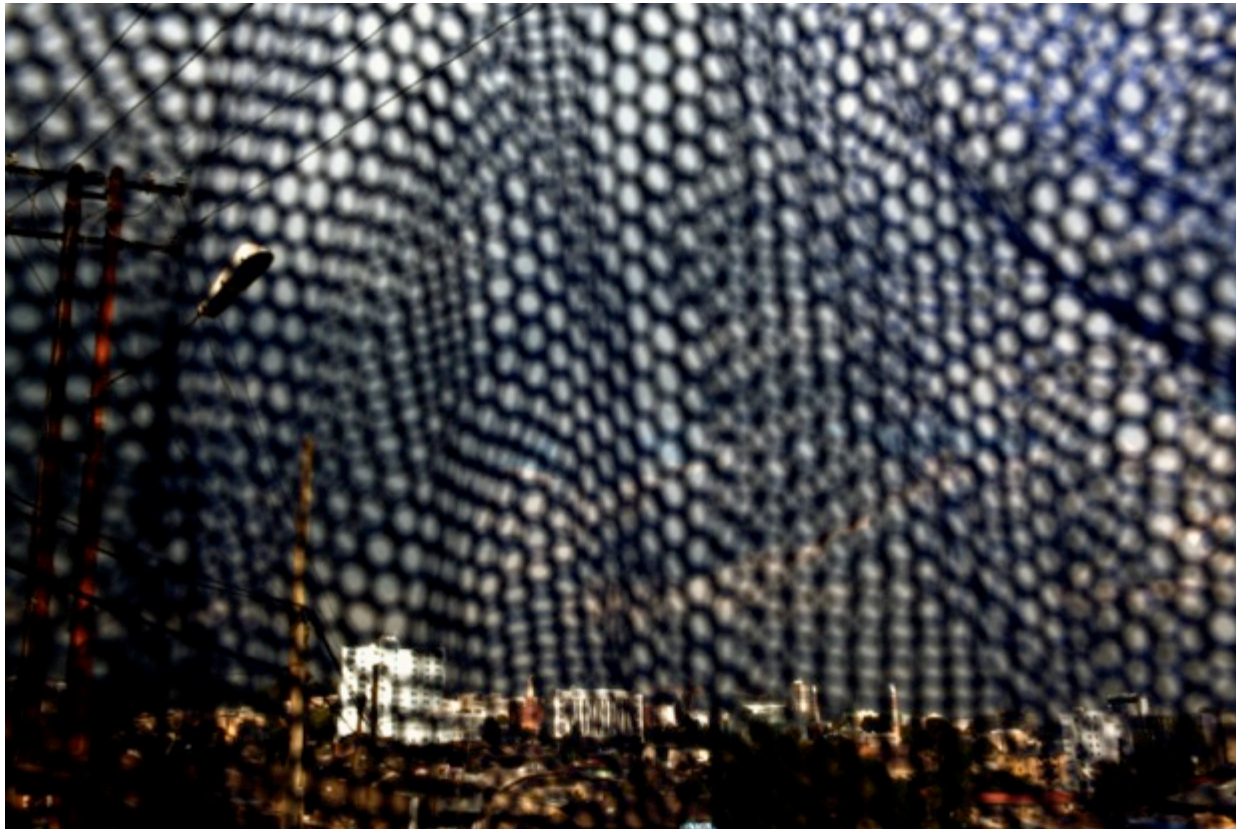
Leikun Nahusenay
Behind the Curtain Series
Ghosts, 2011
80 x 80
Digital Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



Leikun Nahusenay
Behind the Curtain Series
Broken Mirrors II, 2009
80 x 80
Digital Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



Leikun Nahusenay
Behind the Curtain Series
Broken Mirrors I, 2009
55 x 80
Digital Photography
Edition of 5
USD 950 / 21,000 Birr
GBP 700



Leikun Nahusenay
Behind the Curtain Series
Untitled I, 2011
55 x 80
Digital Photography
Edition of 5
USD 950 / 21,000 Birr
GBP 700



Leikun Nahusenay
Behind the Curtain Series
Man in the Mirror, 2011
55 x 80
Digital Photography
Edition of 5
USD 950 / 21,000 Birr
GBP 700



Leikun Nahusenay
Waiting I, 2010
40 x 60 cm
Triple Exposure Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



Leikun Nahusenay
Waiting II, 2010
40 x 60 cm
Triple Exposure Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



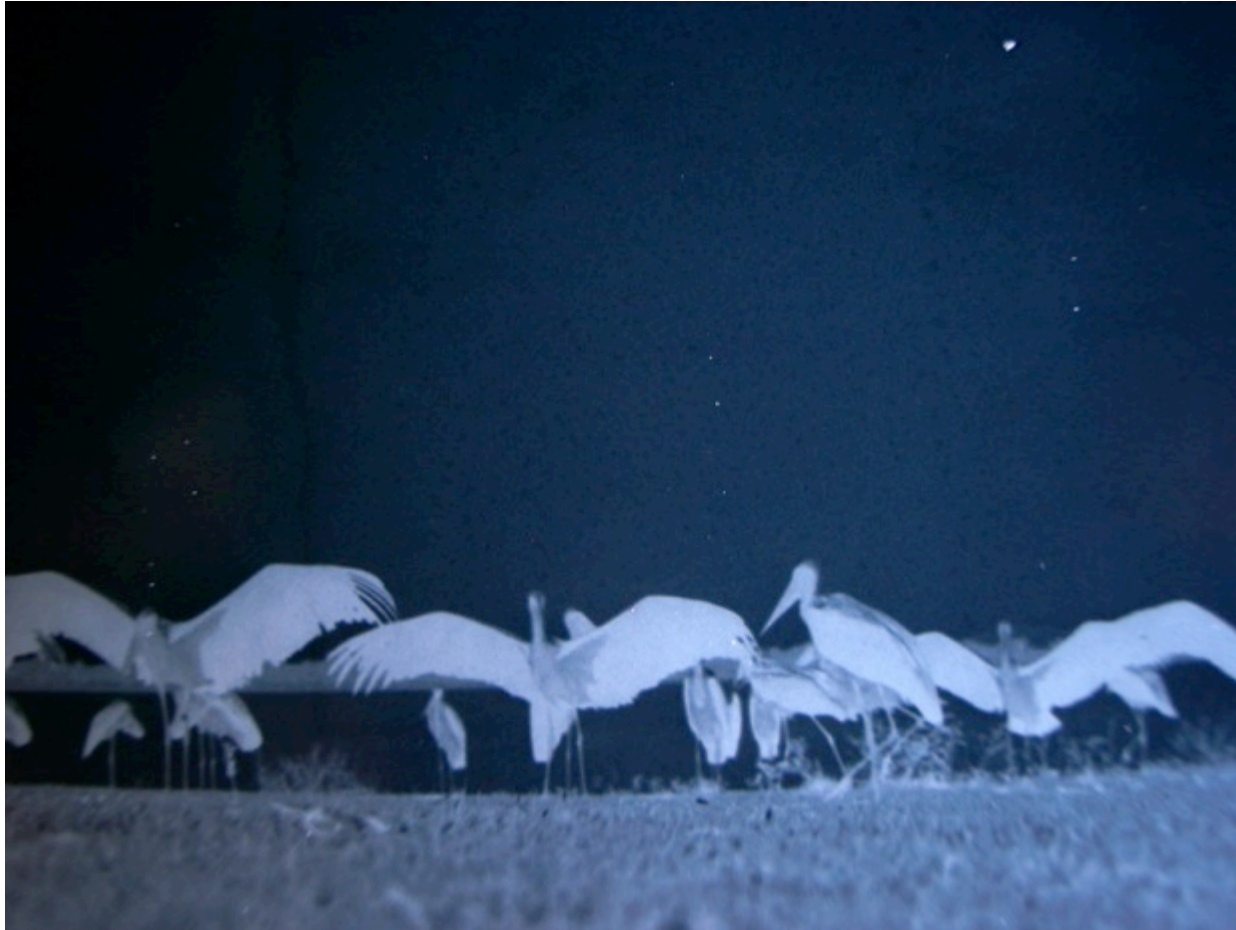
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MIAMA C330 Series I, 2010
40 x 60 cm
Analogue / Digital Photography
Edition of 5
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GBP 850



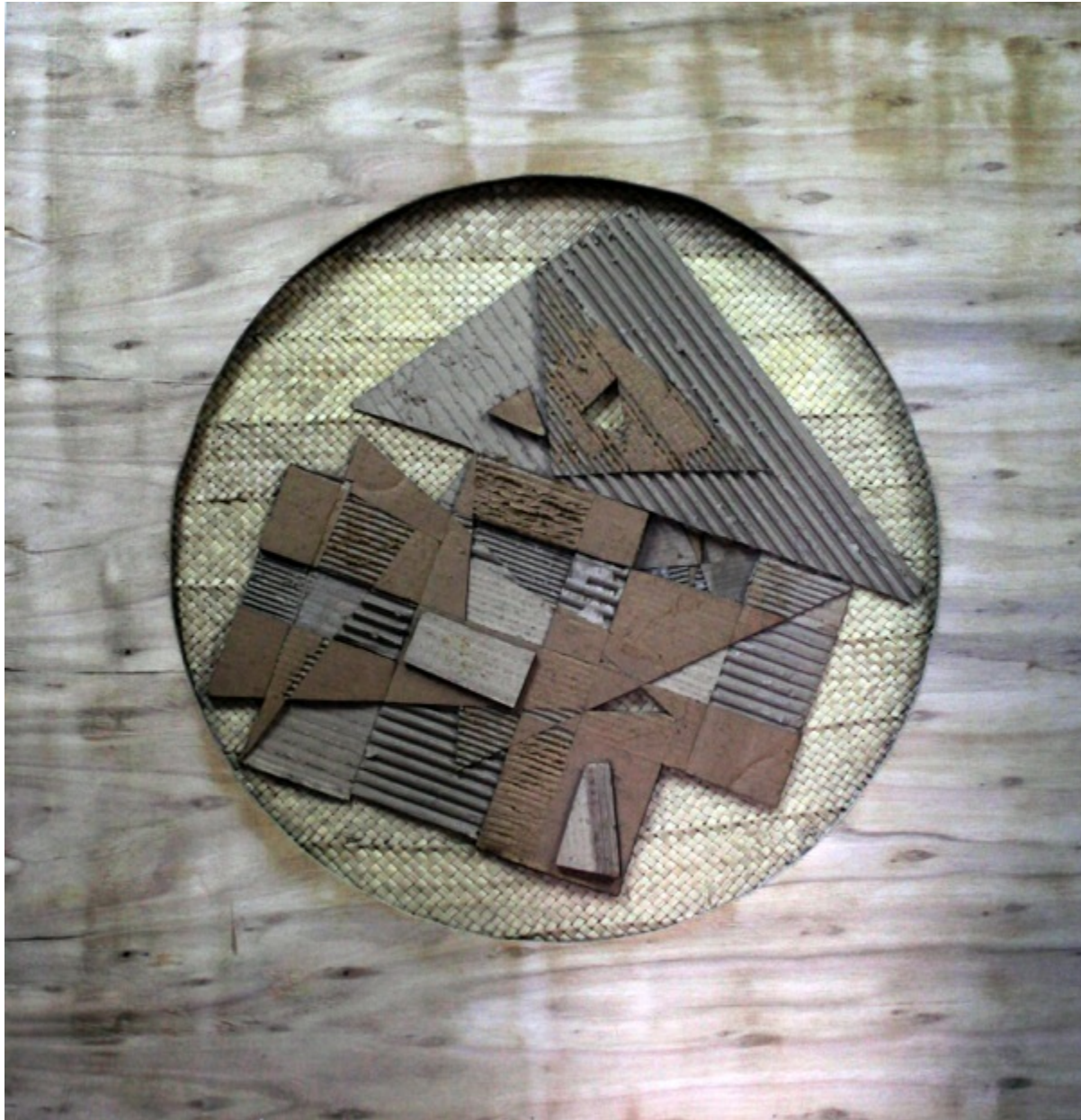
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MIAMA C330 Series II, 2010
40 x 60 cm
Analogue / Digital Photography
Edition of 5
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MIAMA C330 Series III, 2010
40 x 60 cm
Analogue / Digital Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



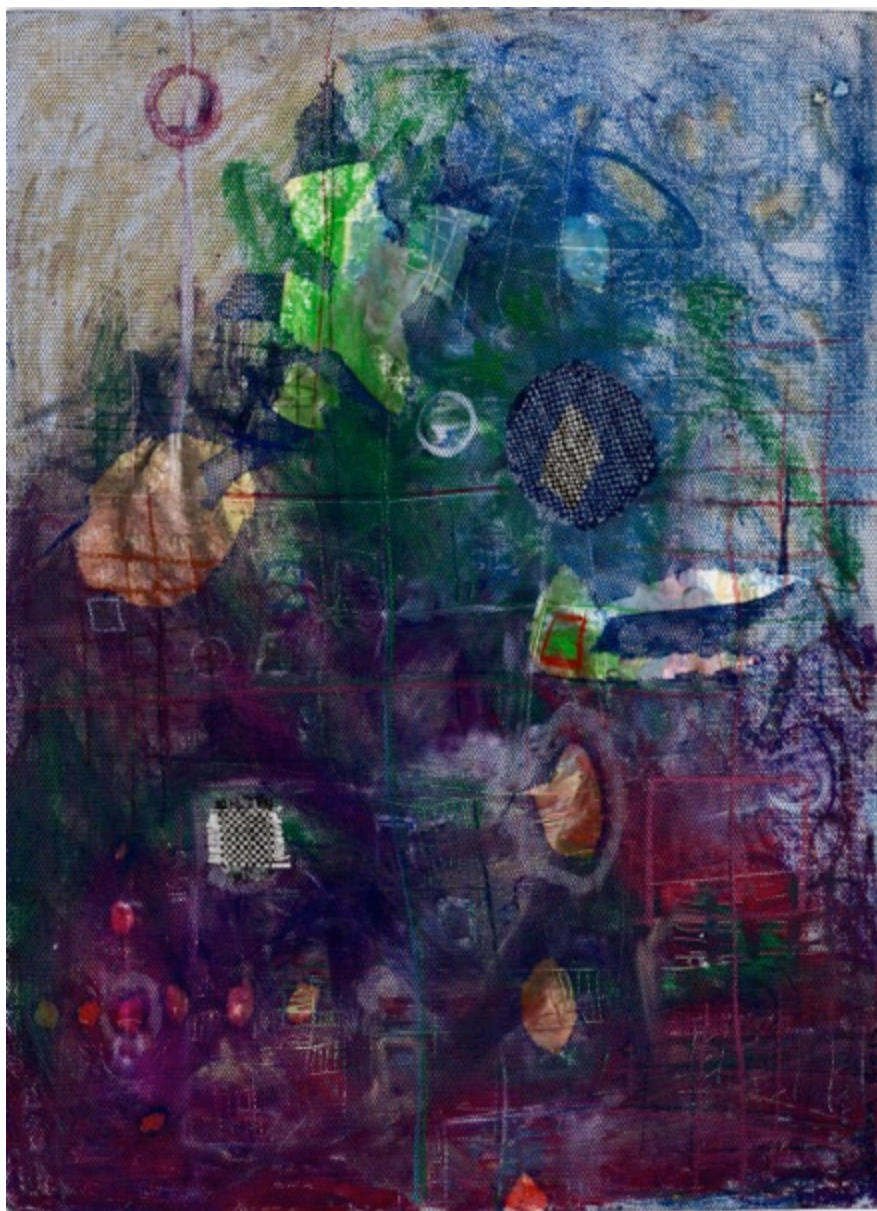
Leikun Nahusenay
MIAMA C330 Series IV, 2010
40 x 60 cm
Analogue / Digital Photography
Edition of 5
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
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Leikun Nahusenay
Gojo Bet, 2000
120 x 120 cm
Mixed Media on Wood
USD 3,000 / 65,000 Birr
GBP 2,200



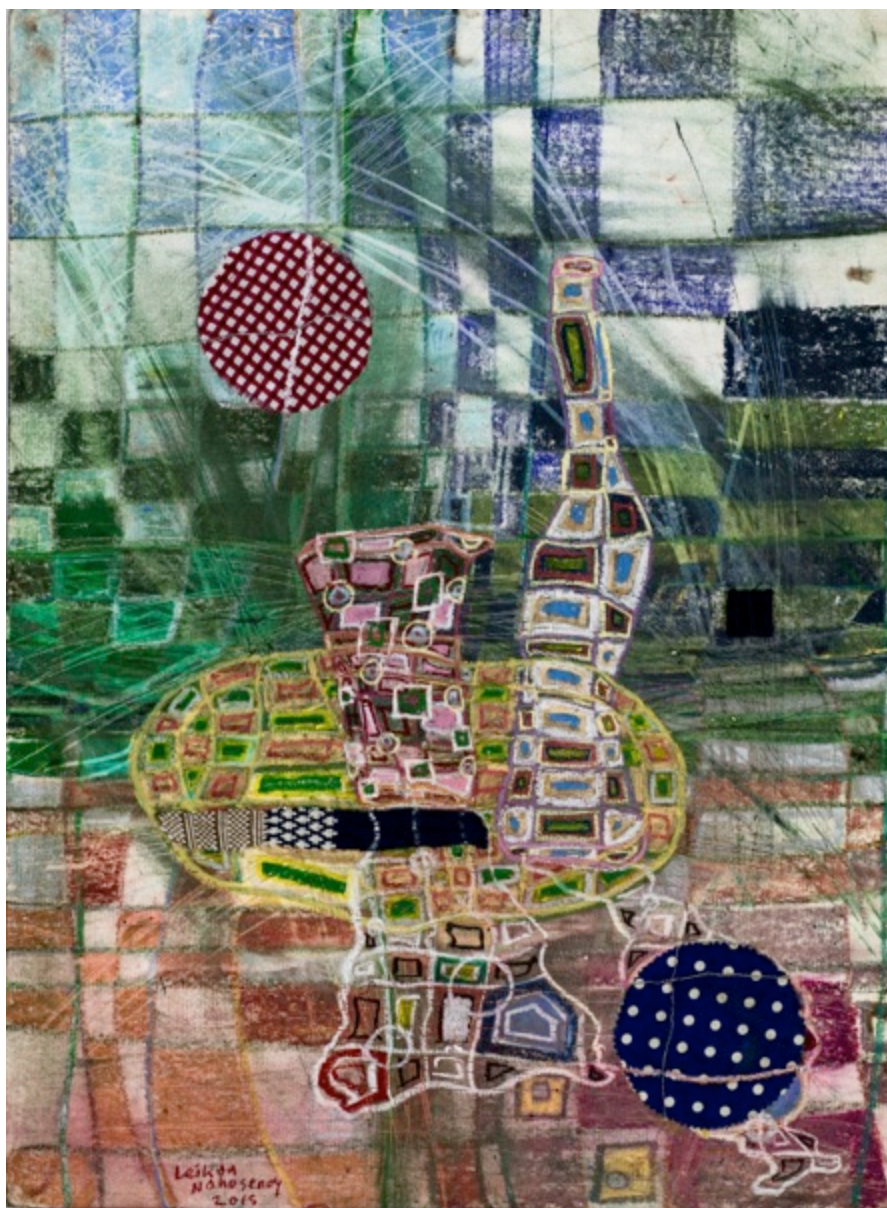
Leikun Nahusenay
Mixed Media Series I
Untitled, 2015
81 x 60 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



Leikun Nahusenay
Mixed Media Series II
Beyond, 2015
81 x 60 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



Leikun Nahusenay
Mixed Media Series III
Untitled, 2015
81 x 60 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



Leikun Nahusenay
Mixed Media Series IV
Still Life, 2015
81 x 60 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



Leikun Nahusenay
Mixed Media Series V
Jeb Wolede I, 2016
60 x 81 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



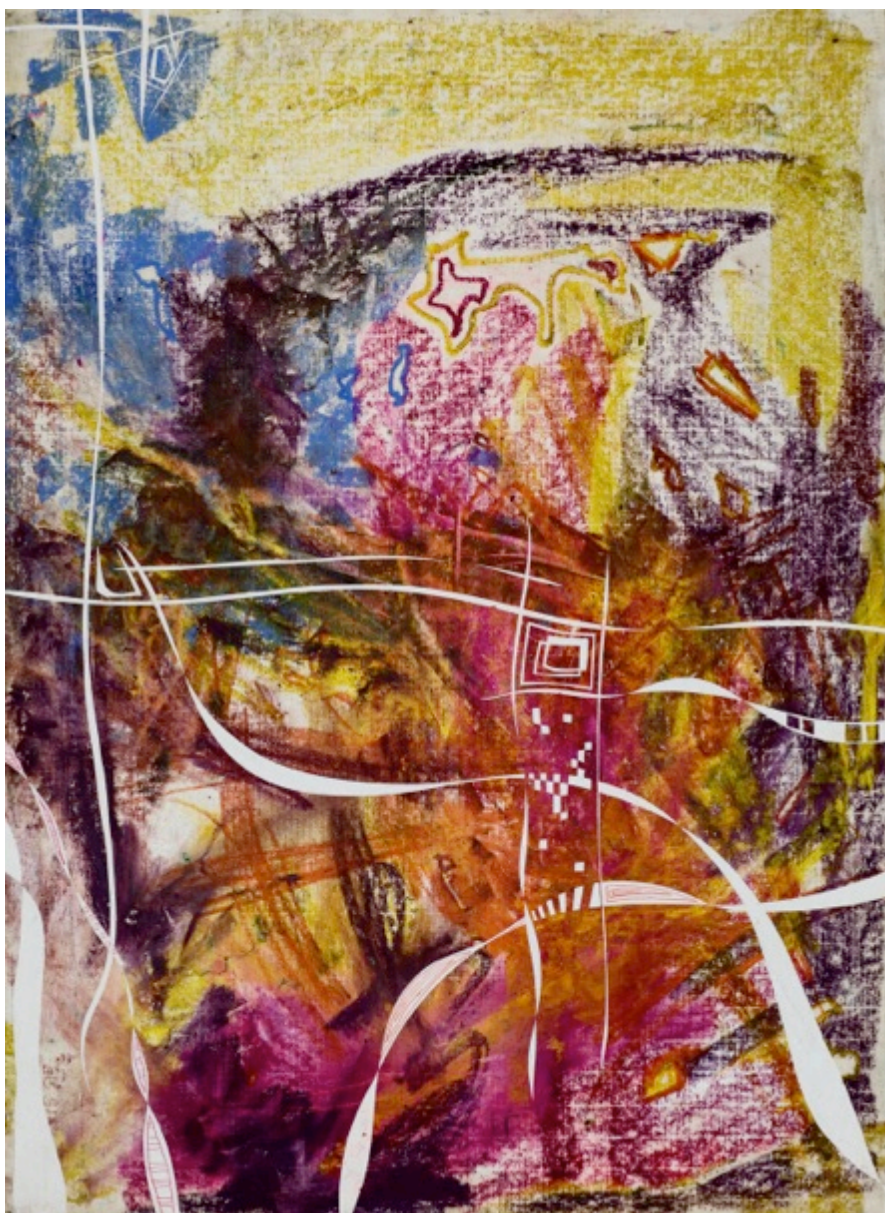
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Mixed Media Series VI
Jeb Wolede II, 2016
60 x 81 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



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Mixed Media Series VII
Windows I, 2016
81 x 60 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



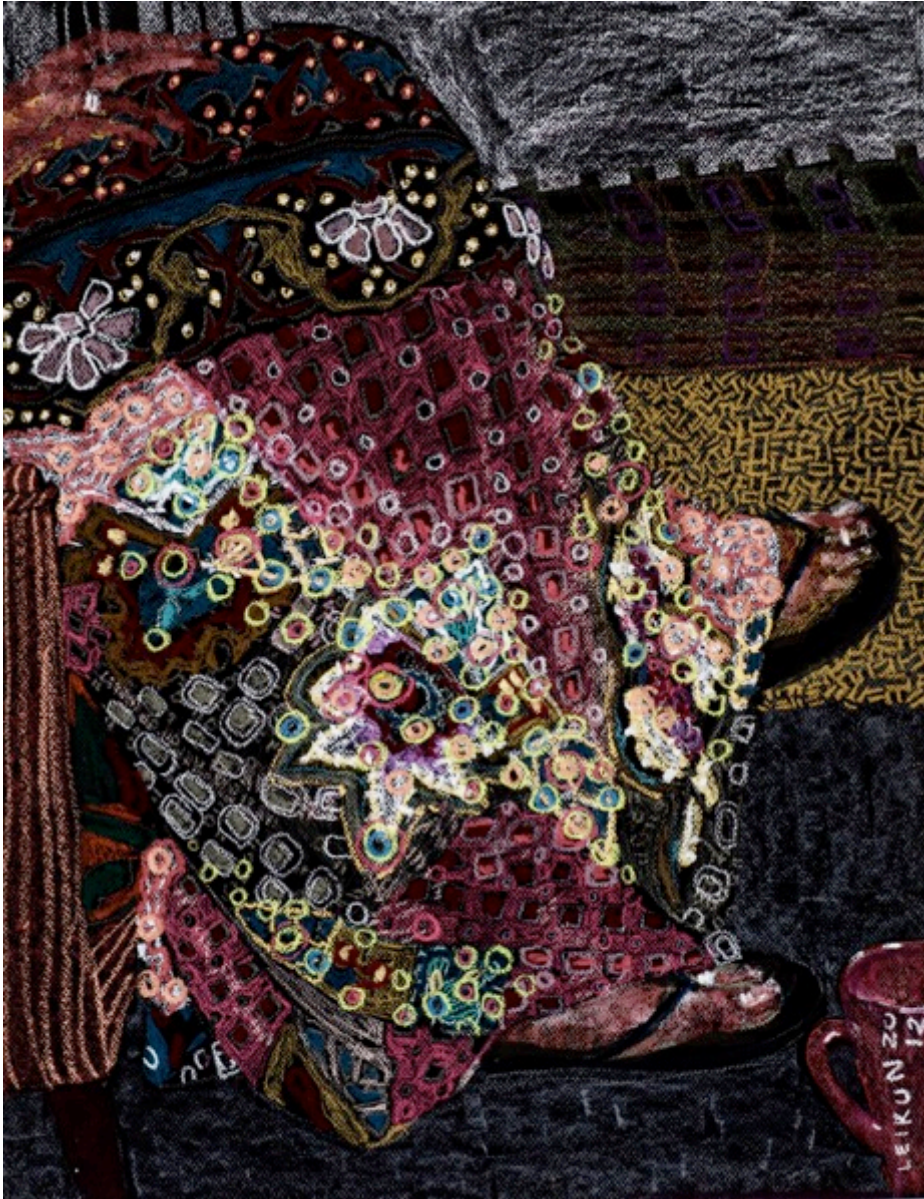
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Mixed Media Series VIII
Windows II, 2016
81 x 60 cm
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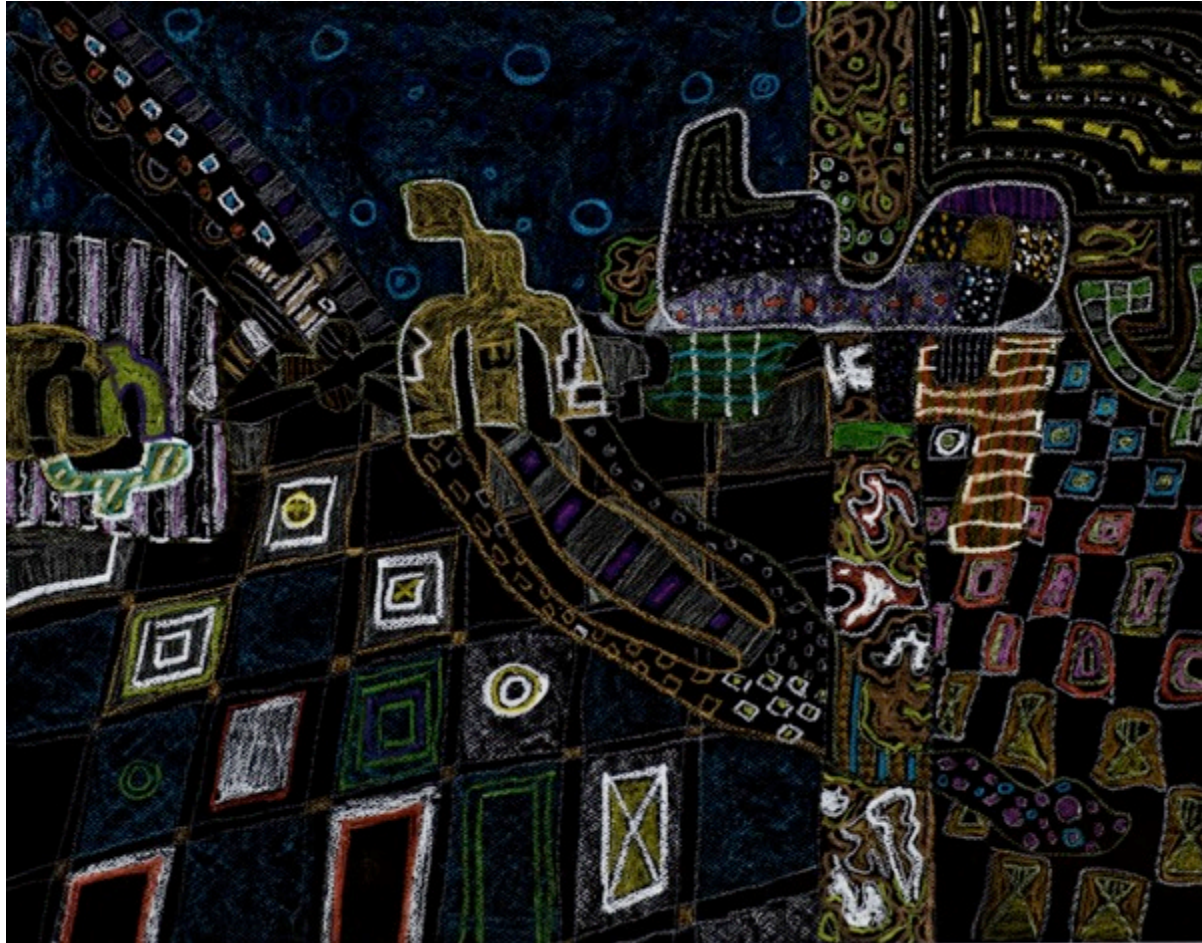
Leikun Nahusenay
Mixed Media Series IX
Untitled, 2015
81 x 60 cm
Mixed Media
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



Leikun Nahusenay
Body vs Soul I, 2015
50 x 65
Pastel on paper
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



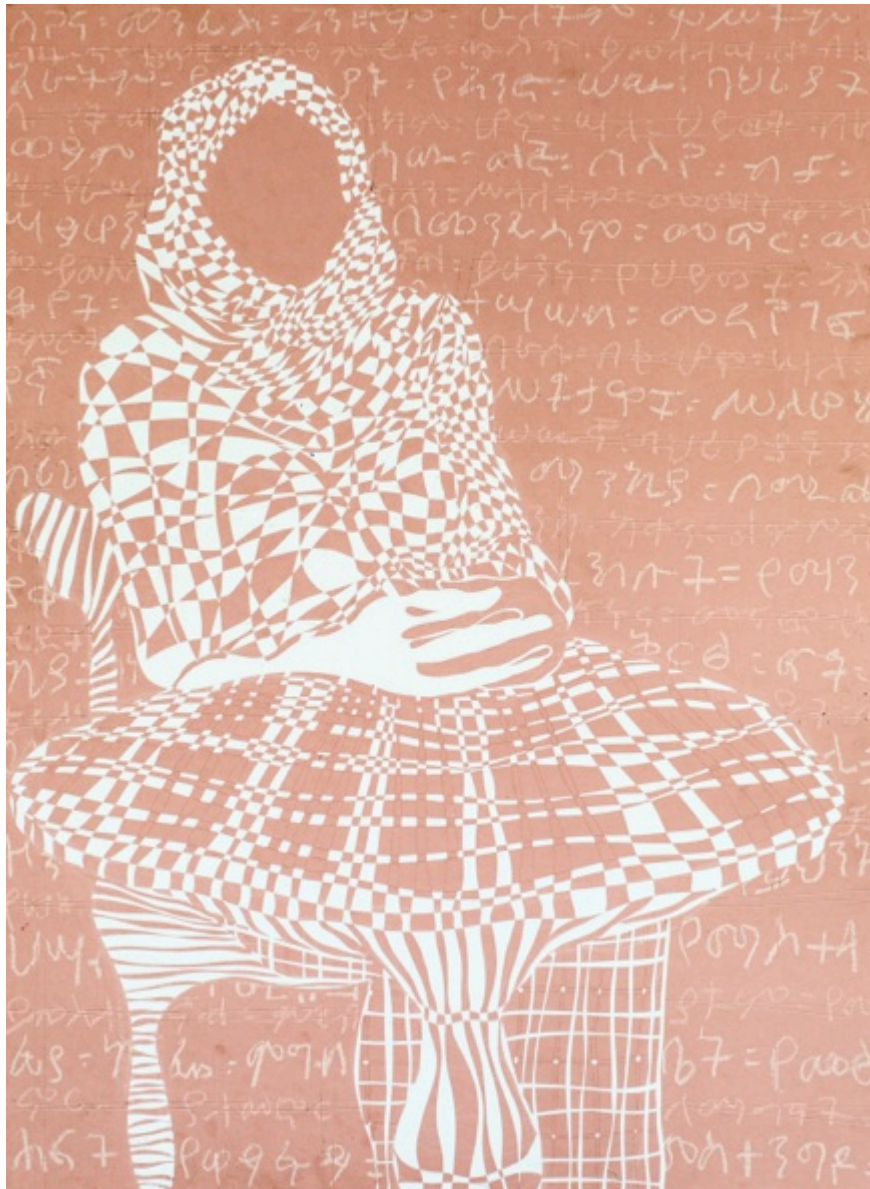
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Body vs Soul II, 2015
65 x 50
Pastel on paper
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



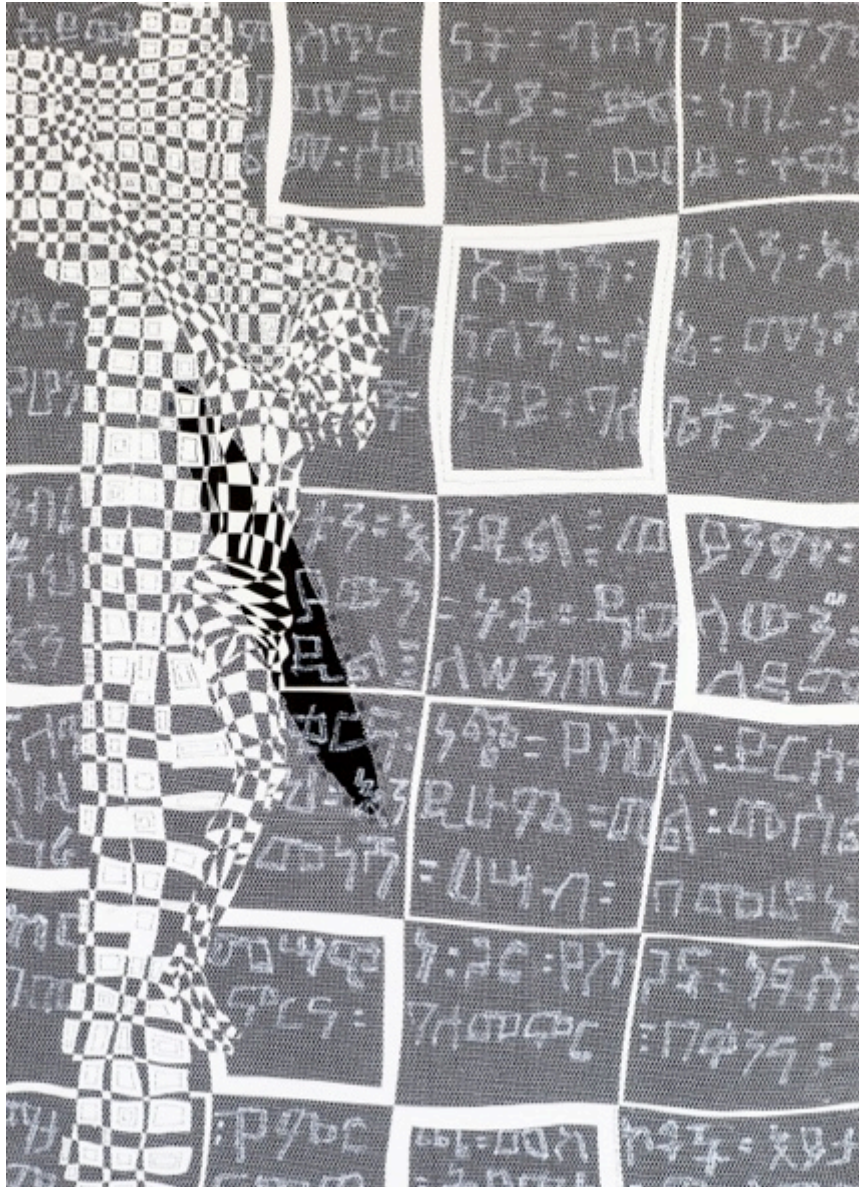
Leikun Nahusenay
Himamate Meskel, 2011
50 x 65
Pastel on paper
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



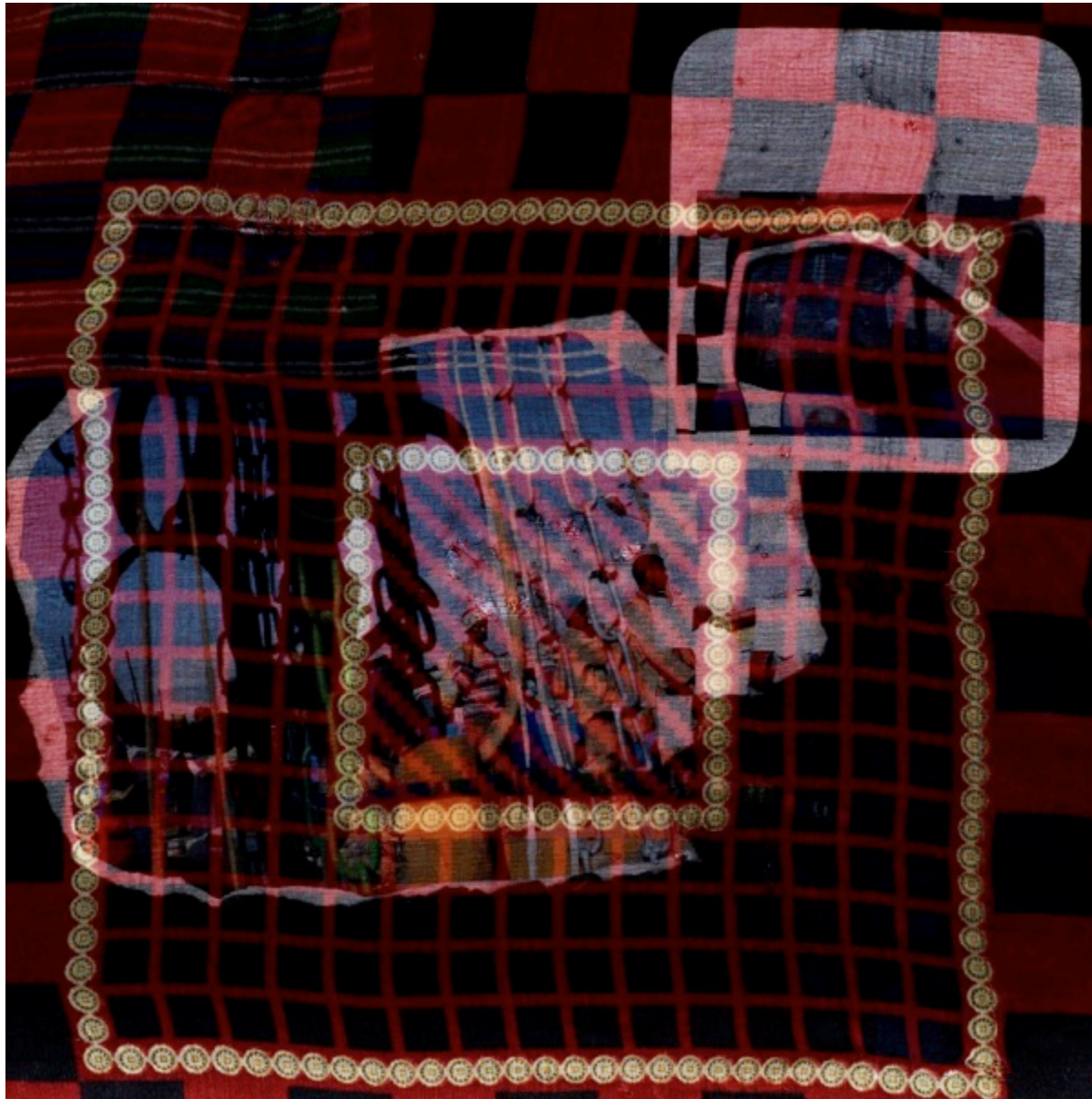
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Dama, 2012
65 x 50
Pastel on paper
USD 1,150 / 25,000 Birr
GBP 850



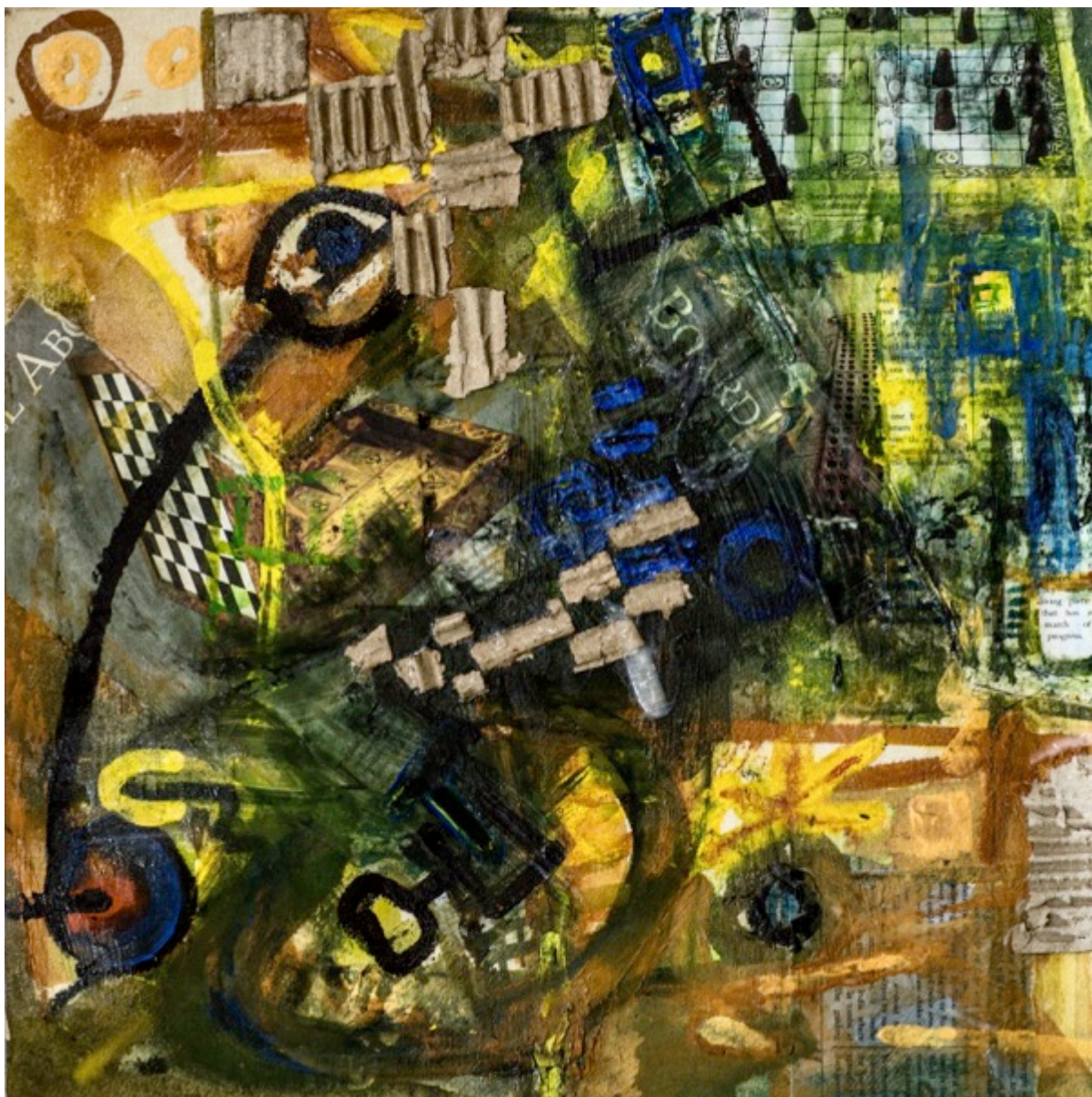
Leikun Nahusenay
Body vs Soul III, 2016
81 x 60
Pastel, peel on paper
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



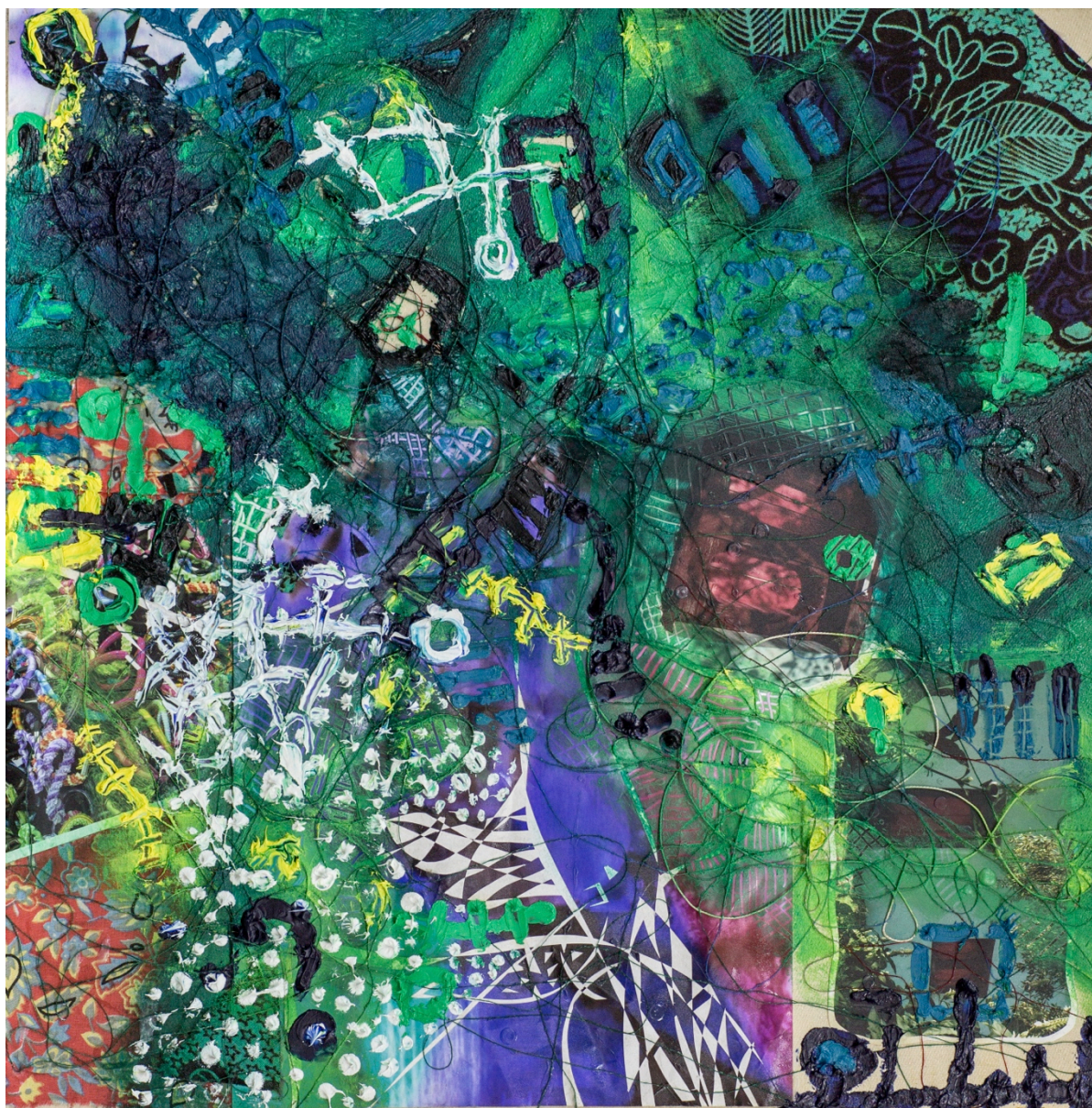
Leikun Nahusenay
Body vs Soul IV, 2016
81 x 60
Pastel, peel on paper
USD 1,600 / 35,000 Birr
GBP 1,200



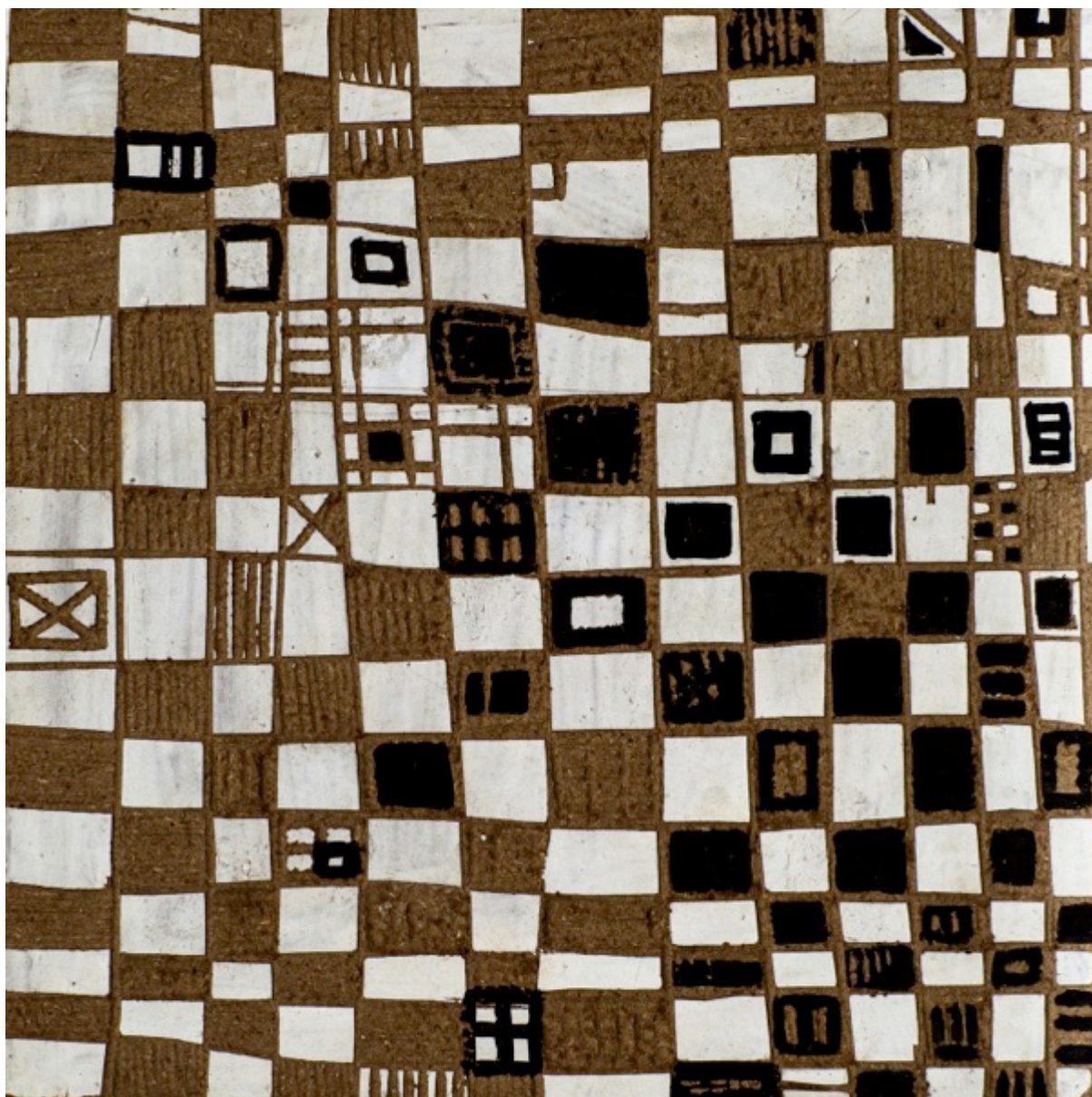
Leikun Nahusenay
Minalesh Terra, 2016
40 x 40 cms
Mixed Media
USD 500 / 11,000 Birr
GBP 375



Leikun Nahusenay
Yellow Door, 2016
40 x 40 cms
Mixed Media
USD 500 / 11,000 Birr
GBP 375



Leikun Nahusenay
Green Window, 2016
40 x 40 cms
Mixed Media
USD 500 / 11,000 Birr
GBP 375



Leikun Nahusenay
Chess, 2015
20 x 20 cms
Wood Cut
USD 300 / 6,600 Birr
GBP 250



Leikun Nahusenay
Cross, 2015
20 x 20 cms
Mixed Media
USD 300 / 6,600 Birr
GBP 250



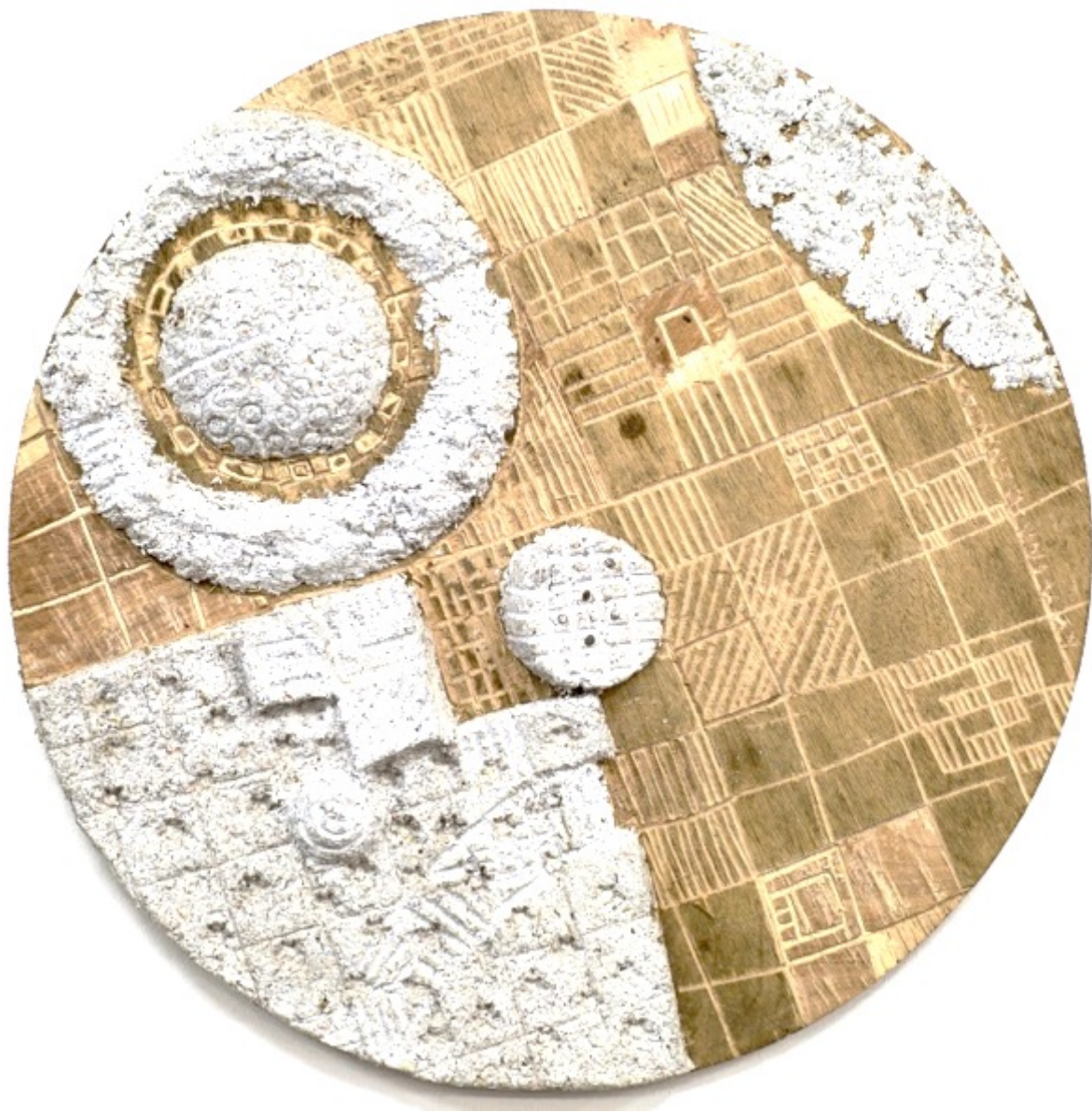
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Untitled, 2016
20 x 20 cms
Mixed Media
USD 300 / 6,600 Birr
GBP 250



Leikun Nahusenay
Target, 2015
20 x 20 cms
Mixed Media
USD 300 / 6,600 Birr
GBP 250



Leikun Nahusenay
Square in Circle, 2013
39 cms Diameter
Wood Cut
USD 300 / 6,600 Birr
GBP 250



Leikun Nahusenay
Untitled, 2015
39 cms Diameter
Wood Cut
USD 300 / 6,600 Birr
GBP 250



Leikun Nahusenay
Movement I, 2016
33 cms Diameter
Wood Cut and Mixed Media
USD 500 / 11,000 Birr
GBP 375



Leikun Nahusenay
Movement I, 2016
39 cms Diameter
Wood Cut and Mixed Media
USD 500 / 11,000 Birr
GBP 375



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