



NEIL BADENHORST

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ABOUT ME

My name is Neil. I am a 26 year old creative based in Johannesburg, South Africa. I practice as a graphic designer, illustrator, artist and lecturer. My interests include visual narrative, commercial and fine arts. Have a look at my CV to see some more of the cool things I've been a part of!

SKILLS

I am experienced and skilled in illustration, brand development, layout, basic animation and digital collage. I am an expert image maker.

I am highly profficient at working with Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign.

As a fine artist, I am skilled at working digitally and with traditional media.

EXTRA INFO

I am fluent in English and Afrikaans.

I have a valid driver's license and my own transport.

My references are all available upon request.

EDUCATION

MA Design

University of Johannesburg

I completed my Masters in Design (Illustration) in 2021. My study consisted of a full dissertation and practical component, which explored rites of passage and worldbuilding in illustrated narratives.

I will begin to study towards my PhD in 2023.

BA HONOURS Visual Communication

Open Window

I completed my Honours in 2018, majoring in Illustration.

I received a distinction for the practical component of my project.

BA Visual Communication

Open Window

I completed my degree in 2017. I majored in Illustration. I also completed an array of electives relating to Communication Design, Film, Production Design and Printmaking.

EXPERIENCE

ILLUSTRATOR & DESIGNER

Freelancer

05/2018 - present

As a freelancer I have worked on a great variety of projects that include design for social media, branding, editorial layout and animation.

Clients include Cadbury, GALA archive, Bathroom Butler, Golden Goose Artistry and more.

EXPERIENCE continued...

LECTURER

Inscape

02/2022 - present

I currently lecture part-time at Inscape Midrand. I teach first, second and third years within the Design qualification. I teach Image Making to first years, which consists of drawing, digital illustration, collage and printmaking. And I teach the students' major, Applied Design to second and third years.

LECTURER

University of Johannesburg

05/2021 - 06/2021,
02/2022 - present

I currently work as a contract lecturer in the Graphic Design department. I taught the Illustration unit for the subject Visualisation in term 2 of both last year and this year. I also taught Communication Design during the first term this year. Both of these classes I taught at first year level and developed the course content.

Artist

06/2017 - present

I have been practising as an artist since my final year of my undergraduate degree. I have since taken part in a variety of group shows at galleries including Bag Factory, TMRW, Constitution Hill, No End contemporary Art Space, Joburg Arts Collective, NOW Gallery and Gallery 2.

My Masters solo opened at Gallery 2 in March 2021, and I also showed with Gallery 2 at Turbine Art Fair in 2021.

MIDWEIGHT DESIGNER

DarkMatter

10/2022 - 02/2022

I worked as a Midweight Graphic Designer at a digital marketing agency. I was responsible for creating content for various clients' social media, internal presentations and publications. I was responsible for coming up with ideas for content and campaigns.

LECTURER

VEGA

07/2019 - 04/2020

At Vega Pretoria, I taught Multimedia at third year level and Digital Design and Graphic Design at first year level. Each subject had practical, theoretical and collaborative class sessions dedicated to different aspects of the discipline.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANT

Open Window

11/2017 - 07/2019

Both during my time as a student at Open Window and after, I've facilitated a variety of classes and workshops. In 2017 I tutored film students in the software Illustrator. In 2018 and 2019, I facilitated a variety of workshops for current students and highschool learners for frame by frame animation, experimental drawing, tactile illustration and adobe illustrator. In 2018 I also assisted in the campus gallery helping with putting up new works and curation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

MAKING & INTERPRETING ART IN 2021

NRF SARCHI
06/2021

I was selected to speak about my Masters research and practice at the conference 'Making & Interpreting Art in 2021' hosted by SARCHI.

The practical component of my study also formed part of the conference's online exhibition.

CONVERSING THE LAND

UJ / MTN
11/2019

I was among six artists selected to take part in the exhibition 'Conversing the Land' at UJ Arts and Culture, curated by MTN.

Within the exhibition living artists' work was shown along side no longer living South African artists' work. My piece was shown alongside a piece by Walter Batiss, that formed part of the 'mythic landscapes' section of the show.

LOERIES

2019

I received a Craft Certificate for Illustration from the Loeries for my BA Honours student project 'The Changeling Prince'.

EMERGING CREATIVES

Design Indaba
2019

I was identified by Design Indaba's an 'Emerging Creative' to watch out for. I was one of the six national candidates selected for Illustration. My work was exhibited at the conference in Cape Town, as well as the simulcast in Johannesburg.

ARTISTS ACCELERATION

Between10&5
2019

I was part Between10&5's Artists Acceleration program in 2019. The program included a series of group exhibitions by top and upcoming artists in South Africa, as well as editorial features.

BEHANCE PORTFOLIO REVIEW

2018

The Behance Portfolio Review is an event that took place during my year as an Honours student, in which final year and Honours students from the University of Johannesburg, Open Window, Greenside Design Centre and Vega showed their portfolio's to industry professionals to receive feedback.

I was among the top 10 identified by industry professionals from 200+ students.