



The artist Ann Marais has been working with clay since 1970 and professionally since 1977.

She is also a multi-media sculptor, curator, writer and critic for ceramic publications, speaker, selector, awards judge, workshop presenter, moderator, occasional teacher, and occasional lecturer. She graduated from Rhodes University with a BFA degree (cum laude) in 1991, with majors in Sculpture, Theory of Art (cum laude). She has participated in over 250 exhibitions locally and overseas including in France, Italy,

New Zealand and Hong Kong, and completed a residency at the Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, in 2005. Her work forms part of museum collections in South Africa and in Europe.

Ann is a great animal lover. She grew up in Kenya and Uganda so was exposed to the vast wildernesses and plethora of wild animals with which Africa is so richly blessed. She is increasingly aware of abuse and extinction of countless animal species on earth, and she reflects this in her artworks.

The pieces offered for sale on this auction are animals, some of whom are portrayed as we know them and others can be seen as whimsical or metaphorical.

Ann is a Fellow of the Association of Ceramic Southern Africa.