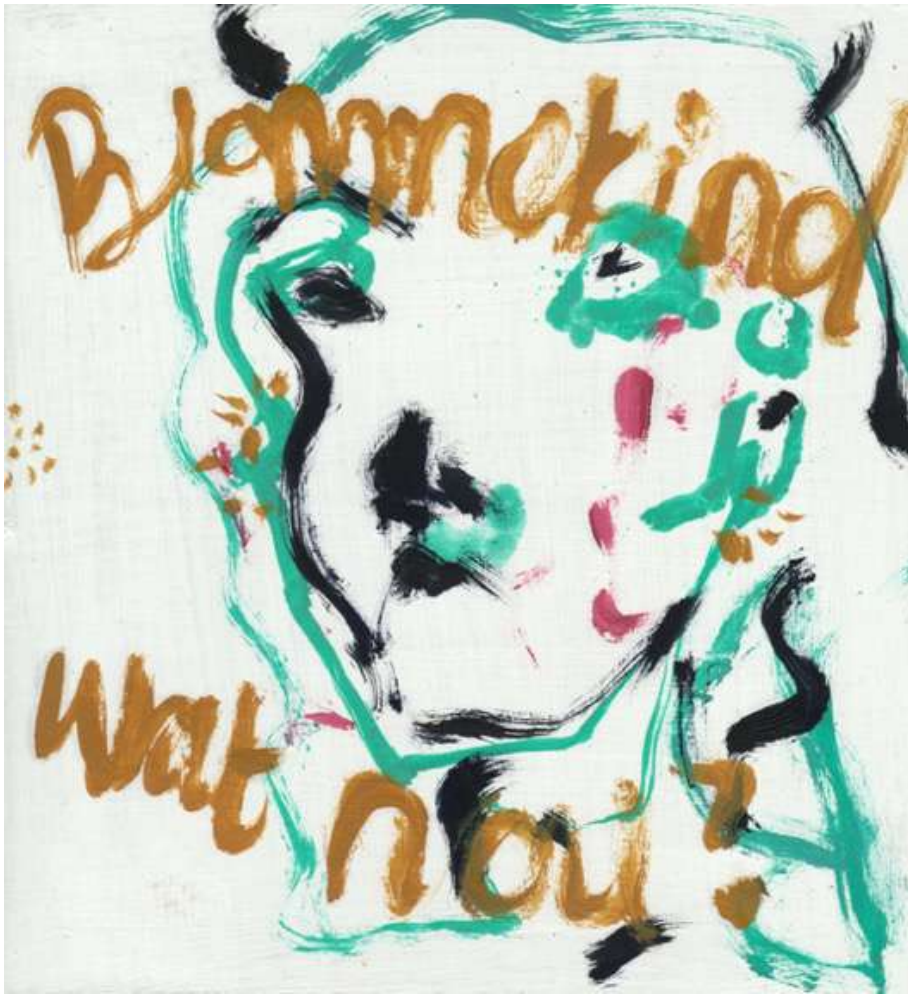




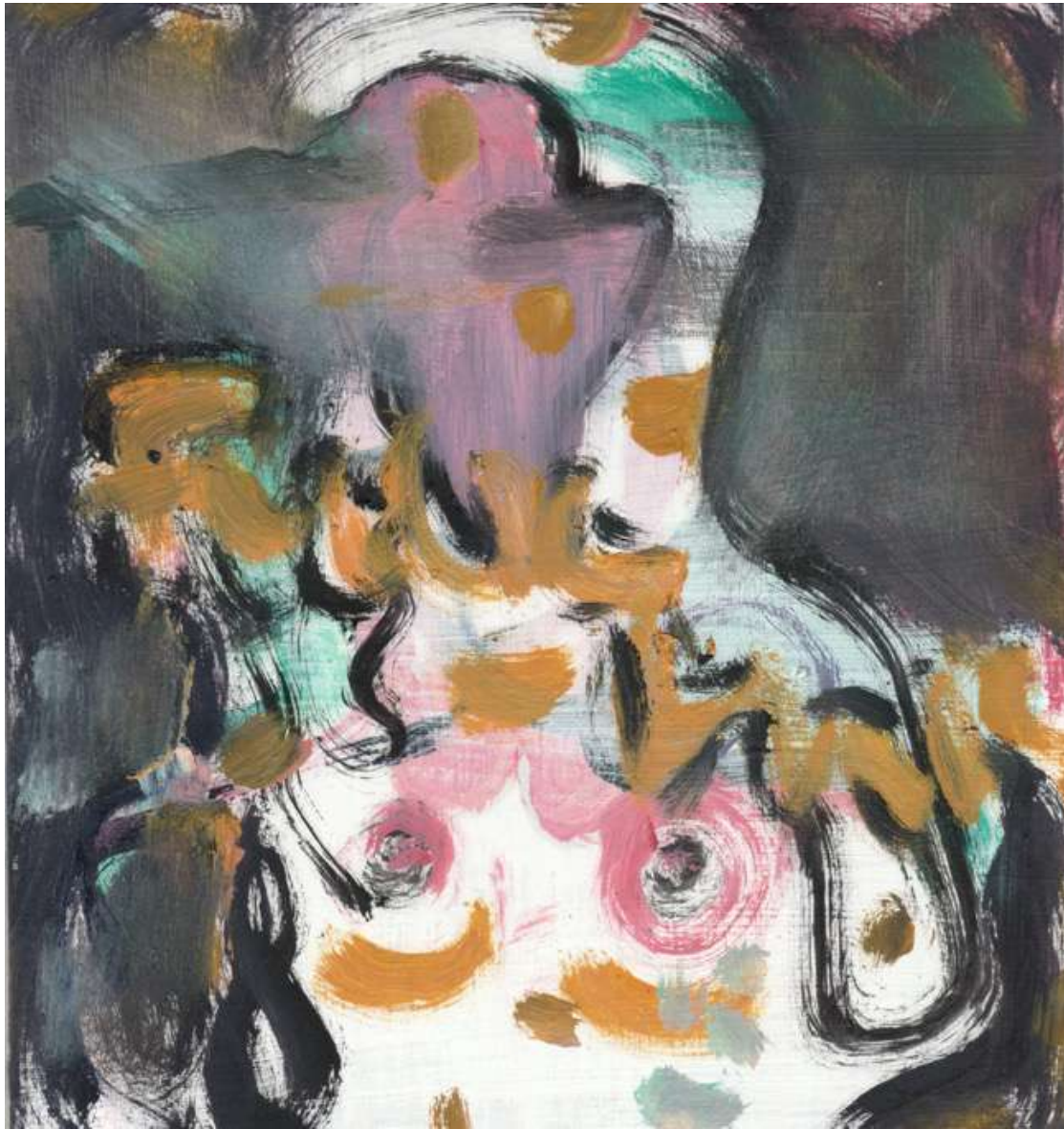
Dis Net Ek / It's Just Me

It was while painting this series that a short and rather persistent phrase kept appearing in the artist's mind; "dis net ek", "dis net ek". The Afrikaans phrase translates directly to "it's just me" and carries the same dual meaning. It could, on one hand, mean: "it's only me, I am on my own", or, on the other: "this is who I am, do you recognize me?". The hooded and somewhat monstrous figures mask their identities, yet it is with these masks that they exude a sense of vulnerability and innocence. In some way, the series evokes the childlike game of hide-and-seek. In the game, one child will close their eyes and count to 100 before shouting out "ready or not here I come!" with the aim to find the other players. As with the game, here each figure is trying to find one another whilst hiding only to slowly emerge in the hope to be found by saying "look, it's just me".













Maybe It's Just Me

There is an uncertainty wrapped around each of these three figures as they stare off into the distance. They are hooded whilst at the same time exposed. Their veils are carried lightly over their faces with intense glowing eyes staring out. Is it rage, anger, despair or a lingering fear that they exude? The phrase, "maybe it's just me" is one of uncertainty, it hints to neither a yes nor a no, a possibly or perhaps. *Maybe It's Just Me* is an extension of the series *Dis Net Ek / It's Just Me*, however, in this series the "children" have now grown up and with that, they have outgrown their childlike innocence unveiling another facade that is more abstruse and onerous.









*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me I*
Oil on board
15.5 x 18.5 cm
Framed
R2,250



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me II*
Oil on board
11 x 15 cm
Framed
R1,750



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me IX*
Oil on board
18.5 x 19.2 cm
Unframed
R2,150



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me X*
Oil on board
18.5 x 19.2 cm
Unframed
R2,150



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me III*
Oil on board
25 x 17.5 cm
Unframed
R2,400



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me IV*
Oil on board
15 x 15 cm
Unframed
R1,850



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me XI*
Oil on board
18.5 x 19.2 cm
Unframed
R2,150



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me XII*
Oil on board
18.5 x 19.2 cm
Unframed
R2,150



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me V*
Oil on board
18.5 x 17 cm
Unframed
R2,100



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me VI*
Oil on board
15 x 15 cm
Unframed
R1,850



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me VII*
Oil on board
18.5 x 19.2 cm
Unframed
R2,150



*Dis Net Ek / It's
Just Me VIII*
Oil on board
18.5 x 19.2 cm
Unframed
R2,150



Maybe It's Just Me I
Oil on board
60 x 68.5 cm
Unframed
R6,250



Maybe It's Just Me II
Oil on board
69 x 68.5 cm
Unframed
R6,450



Maybe It's Just Me III
Oil on board
60 x 68.5 cm
Unframed
R6,250
