

PAINTINGS

Marvin
Kangsen

PORTFOLIO

Selected
Works

VISUAL ARTIST

2013-2023





Marvin Kangsen's work is inevitably conflict between different pictorial conceptions. He draws from urban visual environment, though his visual resources range more widely. Kangsen works from a source or image that are about the times we live in — hip-hop artists, cityscapes, street scenes and these photographic images help him to bridge the connection between drawing and painting. Though he uses photographs as sources of pictorial composition his work is not hyper-realistic. The work might take a naïve slant, he does not change the images but in a sense reframing them. By applying new layers of paint on top of the dried paint, the works becomes translucent. They are woven with imperfections and even if the reference images he sources the works from are photo-shopped. His colors are complimentary - what orange does next to blue is rendered in stylistic choice of deliberate flatness. The looseness of his brushstrokes instill imperfect edges and textures, he represents his subjects without filter — jagged outlines, shifts in perspective and intentional incompleteness.

Andile Magengelele - Curator, Exhibition Maker, Collector

Paintings

2022 & 2023



Untitled

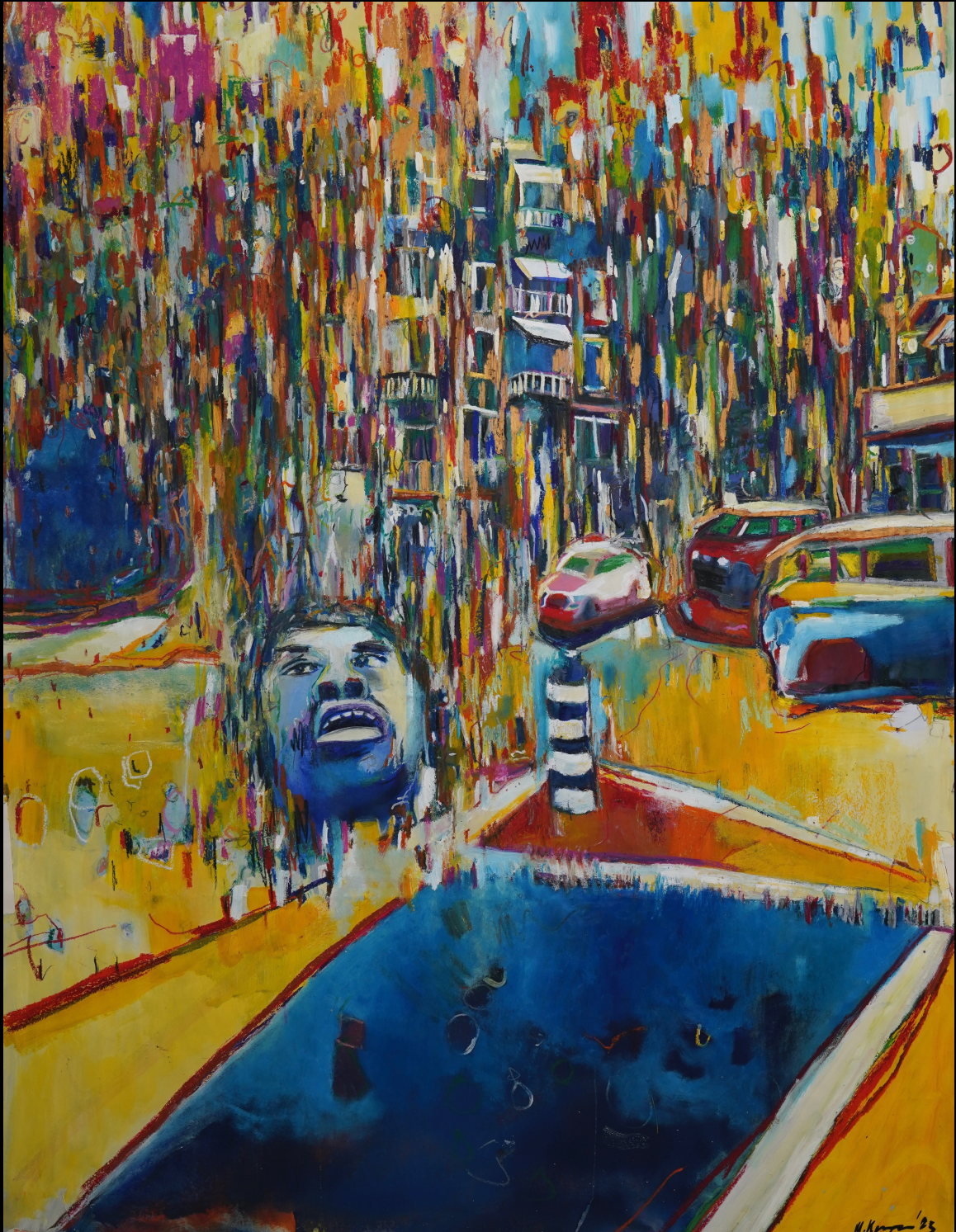
210x170cm

Mixed Media on 200g Hahnemühle Paper

2023



Untitled
140x200cm
Mixed Media on 200g Hahnemühle Paper
2023



Untitled
140x200cm
Mixed Media on 200g Hahnemühle Paper
2023



Untitled

170x240cm

Mixed Media on 200g Hahnemühle Paper

2022



Untitled
120x70cm
Mixed Media on 200g Hahnemühle Paper
2023

Older Works

2013-2021



Zebra
140x200cm
Oil On Canvas
2021



Zebra
140x200cm
Oil On Canvas
2021



Exodus
60x80cm
Oil On Canvas
2018



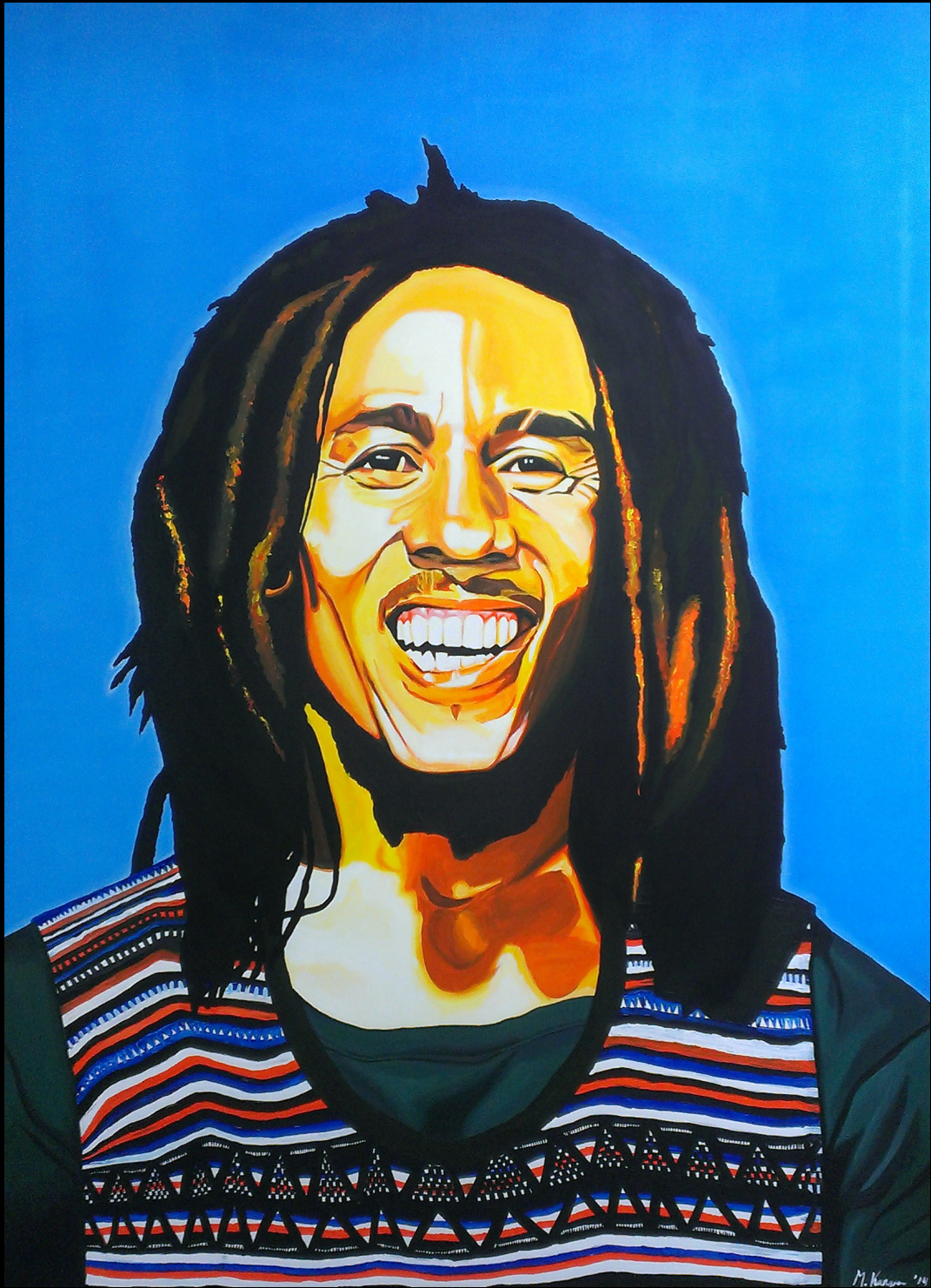
Distant Sounds
70x50cm
Oil On Canvas
2019



Jona
140x200cm
Oil On Canvas
2017



Working Boy
200x200cm
Oil On Canvas
2016



Bob Marley
130x180cm
Acrylic On Canvas
2014

Exhibition History

Exhibitions

2018

November - Ethnicity, Zürich

2019

September - Laisse-Toi-Aller Festival, Lausanne

2020

January - Essay Culture Days, Zürich

July - Black Art Matters, Zürich

November - Art Mondays Kanzlei, Zürich

2021

August - Farbenblind Photobastei, Zürich

2023

June - Botaki Factory, Zürich

Live Paintings

2023

June - Fat Tony, Zürich

July - Afro Summer Jam, Zürich