

## About Justin Fiske

Justin Fiske was born and grew up in Cape Town, South Africa. He has a string of discontinued degrees which he considers lucky escapes. They spanned fine art, advertising, art direction/graphic design, mathematics, computer science, physics, and then philosophy, politics, literature, and some more maths! This did little to make him employable, but he learnt quite a bit about rotational momentum and the maths of sinusoidal oscillation. He then became a bicycle courier with a view to travelling. This led to a long and interesting career in industrial access all over the world; this entailed abseiling and rope-work on ships, oil-rigs, and buildings. It was a fine education in ingenuity and learning about things that resist construction. He had a short career in production management, generally on short-term projects involving art and design. He has always maintained a studio in which to keep his own personal process progressing. Over the last decade he has moved towards a fulltime involvement in art. He is constantly amazed at how visual references as well as skills and knowledge from all these eclectic fields appear in his artistic process.

### Key data

#### Grants and awards:

2008: Spier Contemporary People's Choice Award for Kundalini 14

#### Residencies awarded:

2007/8: Akiyoshidai International Art Village Residency, Japan

2009: Nirox Foundation Accommodation, Johannesburg, South Africa

2010: IAAB Pro Helvetia Residency, Basel, Switzerland

#### Exhibitions:

2007: 3C, group exhibition, Critics Choice, Association for Visual Arts, Cape Town, South Africa

2008: Vis. Vis. Vis, group exhibition, Akiyoshidai International Art Village, Japan

2009: Supermarket, group show at Muti Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa

2009: Art and Architecture, group show, Spier Gallery, Spier Estate, Cape Town, South Africa

2009: Social Patterns, group show, Association for Visual Arts, Cape Town, South Africa

2010: IAAB Pro Helvetia Residency, studio exhibition, Basel, Switzerland

2010: Focus10, Contemporary Art of Africa (accompanying programme to Art Basel)