Hylton Nel

Things Made Over Time

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Key Points

Features Hylton Nel's collaboration with Dior Men's Kim Jones for the Summer '25 Collection.

Contains previously unpublished works, including early creations and pieces from Nel's private collection.

Includes insights from Nel himself – on his influences, glaze techniques and eclectic collection of books and objects.

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Description

Things Made Over Time offers a major retrospective of South African artist-potter Hylton Nel's ceramics, spanning more than six decades of his ceramic work – from early pieces created as a student in Antwerp in the 1960s to recent plates painted in his Calizdorp studio in South Africa's Klein Karoo. Richly illustrated with 335 colour photographs, this volume charts Nel's evolution as a singular voice in the ceramic arts.

In 2024, Nel reached new audiences when Dior Men's creative director, Kim Jones, unveiled his Summer '25 Collection, inspired by Nel's life and work. In his foreword to this book, Jones reflects on Nel's wide-ranging sources of inspiration – from 18th-century Staffordshire to Tang Dynasty China. These influences resonate throughout Nel's practice and in his meticulously curated home, captured here in a stunning photographic series by award-winning photographer Pieter Hugo.

Things Made Over Time is an essential volume for collectors, admirers of contemporary ceramics and anyone drawn to Nel's unique artistic work.

Artist

Hylton Nel, born in 1941 in N'kana, Zambia, is a celebrated artist-potter based in South Africa. His ceramics showcase a unique iconography that ranges from Madonnas and angels to cats and playful symbols. His work has been featured in major exhibitions, including *This plate is what I have to say* at Charleston in Sussex (2023) and *Hylton Nel at 80* at The Fine Art Society in London (2021).



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