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1. Exhibition *Wim Botha: Still Life with Discontent*
  2. *Wim Botha, Solipsis 10*, 2019
  3. *Wim Botha, Prism 10 (Dead Laocöñ)*, 2014
  4. *Wim Botha, Still Life with Water*, 2015
  5. *Wim Botha, Untitled (Nebula 9)*, 2016

# LET'S GO

A 21c MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT:  
*WIM BOTHA: STILL LIFE WITH DISCONTENT*

# EXPLORE

Look up, and out, and on the walls before you.  
These hints about the art will lead you through.  
Can you guess which works or exhibitions we define?  
The route you take is yours to design.



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## LOBBY

1 Dear museum guest, please come on a poetic ride,  
In these silly rhymes we take great pride.  
Enter the lobby with excitement and wonder.  
Walking through these exhibitions will give you multitudes to ponder.  
In the lobby is an exhibition by an artist named Wim  
(It sounds like “vim” and rhymes with “swim”)  
His work is a study in contrasts; they are sacred and profane.  
Is it stable or unsettled? It is often hard to ascertain.  
“Beauty, is a difficult concept because it sits so close to ugliness” the  
artist does observe,  
As he tackles the motifs of art history with knowledge and verve.  
Confronting the riddle of the human condition,  
And the search for the meaning of life is his ambition.

2 Marble, florescent lights, wood, glass, books, polystyrene, and  
bronze,  
Wim mixes media just like his cultural influences—European,  
Christian, and Afrikaans.  
He uses materials, both common and obscure,  
While some might seem odd, we are here to reassure—  
That all materials have meaning, tied to the work’s significance.  
This scavenger hunt is here to help guide you through this show’s  
multiple moments.

Check out the room, with the red carpet on the floor,  
Go ahead, wander over, take a look through the door.  
Glass and florescent lights reflect—  
Wings of polystyrene and wood do intersect.  
Scared and sublime,  
Divinity and mythology combine.  
Are they the wings of a Biblical angel in flight?  
Or Icarus, whose flight near the sun lacked foresight?  
Solipsism is the belief that reality is defined by individual  
consciousness,  
And by accepting opposing ideas at once we will expand  
connectedness.

3 What is that sculpture in the corner?  
Three large figures cast in metal  
Standing atop wooden shipping crates;  
The bodies twist as if in battle.  
The death of the Trojan priest, the Goddess Athena did command,  
Because he warned what the Greeks and their horse had planned.

4 What work in the lobby is made of wood, glass, and light?  
With its black wings, it looks as if it might take flight.  
This *Still Life with Water* looks different than other works in its genre,  
Exploding art historical motifs is Botha’s personal mantra.

5 On the wall, just before you get to the elevator,  
There is a bust that looks like maybe it was attacked by an alligator.  
The features seem marred by hacking, sawing, and scratching,  
Although some might say the profile is quite dashing.  
Carved from Carrara marble, it is really very fine,  
It might make you wonder about its title, *Nebula 9*.  
Nebula is the Latin word for cloud—ephemeral and immaterial,  
Which, like the materials employed, are multidimensional.  
And another question: Why put precious marble on a simple wooden  
base?  
It is Botha’s interest in contrasts, a hallmark of his work you can trace.

There is much to see and read and learn,  
We expect the midnight oil you might burn,  
Reading about all of the works in this show,  
Because—as you can tell—there is so much more to know.  
All we ask is that you come back and see us again,  
For when you do, a new scavenger hunt we will have penned.  
Because there is so much more to see,  
On this virtual tour of glee!  
Or, if you’d like, you can continue on your tour alone,  
AND you can even do it on your phone!  
Walk into the restaurant for a look at the show there.  
You will find portraits, and flowers, and above all, lots of flair.  
Or wander down the hallway to galleries four and five,  
When you see *BallotBox*, your sense of civic duty it will revive.  
Or head down the stairs to see some other cool stuff.  
As here you might find fun, new mischief.