

### **About the artist**

We wish to acknowledge the artist TUOI STEFAANS SAMCUIA whose work has been adapted for the SMDC logo.

**"I cannot read or write. I draw and paint. That is where people must read my work."**

"Born in the early 1950s at Eenhana, Namibia. Samcuia's father was a farmer and both parents died when he was a child. As a young man he worked on a cattle farm in Okahandja. Moving back to Eenhana he became a subsistence farmer and continued to hunt when possible. During the 1970s he received his military training at Omega in Namibia."

( <http://www.kalkbaymodern.co.za/tuoi-stefaans-samcuia/>)

Samcuia was obliged to serve as a tracker for the South African Defence Force during its campaign in Namibia and Angola during the 1980s. Together with 4000 members of the !Xun and Khwe peoples he relocated to Schmidtsdrift in the Northern Cape, South Africa in 1990. This was at the point that Namibia gained its independence from South Africa. Several members of the communities produced art for the !Xun and Khwe Art and Cultural Project which began at Schmidtsdrift and has now relocated to Platfontein near Kimberly in the Northern Cape, South Africa.

### **About the website**

We wish to acknowledge the website designer Ari Bickley. We also wish to acknowledge Kate Loechel for ongoing website administration.