



# TELLING STORIES

*The Visual Artistry of Maryna Cotton & Sarel van Staden*

When love and light collide on film, the result can be spectacular, as renowned South African photographers, Maryna Cotton and Sarel van Staden, show us.

As artists and visual storytellers, award-winning photography duo, Sarel van Staden and Maryna Cotton, are inspired and driven by the creative use of light as the proverbial paintbrush for their photography.

National Geographic noticed the pair's creative light paintings of the Square Kilometer Array near Carnarvon, and invited Sarel and Maryna to add *National Geographic* covers in 18 countries, to their ever-growing list of covers for magazines such as *Popular Mechanics*, *Driven*, *SLOW* and several other international publications.

Maryna is a full-time commercial and advertising photographer and has been making photographs, with passionate

enthusiasm, most of her life. Her passion for photography is fuelled by her desire to create memorable images and to tell stories.

Sarel van Staden has been a professional photographer for more than two decades and has been winning awards for as many years. His love for creative lighting techniques resulted in him specialising in commercial photography and, specifically, automotive photography.

Their trademark FDL Lighting technique sets their automotive fine art photography apart, and has opened the door to international automotive brands and collectors alike. "I am driven by the passion for applying the seemingly limitless possibilities of artificial light sources in my photography," explains Van Staden. 



*Light art on Paternoster beach*





*“I am a photographer and digital artist. My fine artwork is more personal and often reflect how I look at the world. I take a lot of pleasure in noticing small details in textures and patterns that repeat in nature. Photography allows my soul to be and breathe,”* says Maryna, referring to the Karoo light-paintings which were included in this year’s virtual KKNK visuals arts exhibition



2012 Pagani Huayra



Black Rhino fine art



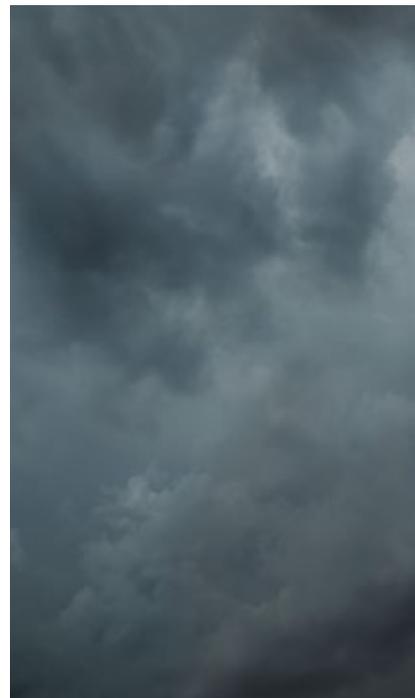




*Franschhoek Country House & Villas*



*MeerKAT Astro 3*



*Karoo farm, Small gate*



*Mustang 1966 watch detail*

