

Bridget Baker

It has been announced that Bridget Baker's recent installation in Cape Town's Hanel Gallery is headed for the prestigious Art Cologne Art Fair in November. The installation consisted of a circular blue waist-high Portapool which filled the centre of the Hanel Gallery. On the surface of the water floated 22 inflatable 'bellyboards' of the kind used to teach small children to swim. Baker's bellyboards, however, are hand-made, and each is painstakingly embroidered by the artist with a facsimile of one of the certificates - for education, ballet, piano, perfect attendance at a mission - which she has earned or received in her life. (Baker is currently doing a masters degree at the Michaelis School of Fine Art in Cape Town).

The artist describes her swimming aids as a 'metaphor for vulnerability'. The skills we learn in life do not always protect us from disasters.



Details of Bridget Baker's Self Portraits installed in a Portapool in the Hanel Gallery

