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STRIJDOM VAN DER MERWE

# SCULPTING THIS EARTH

A FILM BY VICTOR VAN ASWEGEN



The timeless beauty of ephemeral artworks in nature over four seasons

CINESOUTH STUDIOS IN ASSOCIATION WITH CINÉMA MONÉGASQUE PRESENTS "SCULPTING THIS EARTH" PRODUCED BY MIKE SPITTAL VICTOR VAN ASWEGEN STRIJDOM VAN DER MERWE  
DIRECTOR VICTOR VAN ASWEGEN ART STRIJDOM VAN DER MERWE CINEMATOGRAPHY | SOUND | EDIT VICTOR VAN ASWEGEN ORIGINAL MUSIC BY KRISTI BOONZAAIER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER RUDOLPH WILLEMSE

## Sculpting This Earth: fact sheet

Title	"Sculpting This Earth"
Genre	Poetic documentary
Duration	95 minutes
Language	English
Image	Colour • 16:9 aspect ratio • UHD 4K: 3840 x 2160 • 24 fps
Sound	Stereo
Country of production	South Africa
Short synopsis	Over four consecutive seasons artist Strijdom van der Merwe travels to remote locations in the southern African interior to make beautiful land art works in a striking range of spectacular natural settings. The first feature-length documentary about land art from the southern hemisphere.
Tagline	The timeless beauty of ephemeral artworks in nature over four seasons
Director	Victor van Aswegen
Studio	CineSouth Studios, Cape Town: <a href="http://www.cinesouthstudios.com">www.cinesouthstudios.com</a>
Starring	Artist Strijdom van der Merwe: <a href="http://www.strijdom.com">www.strijdom.com</a>
Featuring	25 artworks made by the artist in nature
Locations	South Africa: Stellenbosch • Churchhaven • Tankwa Karoo • Boland • Gordon's Bay
Production	15 Dec 2020 to 27 May 2022 – filmed over the course of more than a year, starting in the southern-hemisphere midsummer and including consecutive seasons for the film to end again in midsummer
Music	21 tracks, of which 11 composed for the film and 10 licensed
Premiere status	World premiere (South Africa): 26 Aug 2022; international premiere (Germany): 28 Jan 2024; North American premiere (Canada): 21 Mar 2024; premieres available: continental (excluding Africa, Europe, North America), national (excluding South Africa, Germany, Canada), regional and city premieres
Completion date	Final edit completed 31 Jul 2023
Release status	Not released yet
Project website	<a href="http://www.sculptingthisearthfilm.com">www.sculptingthisearthfilm.com</a>
Film owner	Land Art Film Partners SPV (Pty) Ltd
Principals	Mike Spittal, Victor van Aswegen, Strijdom van der Merwe
Main target territories	Canada, USA, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Israel, Australia, Japan. The film is intended for a global audience: both the art in the film and its manner of presentation have universal human appeal. Artist Strijdom van der Merwe works internationally: he has made land art on invitation in more than twenty countries over the past three decades.
Subtitling	The film lends itself to subtitling for non-English territories as it contains minimal spoken language, consisting solely of on-camera and voice-over presentation by the artist
Versions	Alternative 60-minute version is feasible
Festivals	Snowdance Independent Film Festival • Essen, Germany • Jan / Feb 2024: Official Selection, Nominated for Best Documentary Le Festival International du Film sur l'Art (Le FIFA) • Montreal, Canada • Mar 2024: Official Selection
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