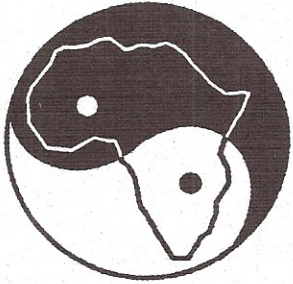


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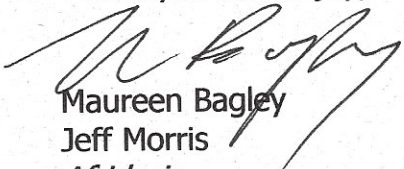
*Afridesia* is proud to be the exclusive agent for the masterpieces created by Israel Chikumbirike. Moreover, we are pleased you have joined "Israel's Family" and have become a "Caretaker" of his work.

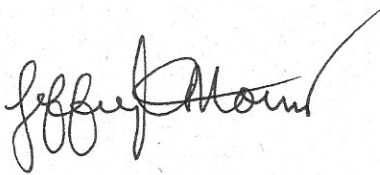
We, at *Afridesia*, will continue to spread the message of understanding and compassion through the exploration of the diversity of African Art. Whether it is exploring Africa's people, their culture, or the vast wildlife she holds dear.

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## **Acquisition Statement**

Name: Richard and Janice Sambol  
Address: 546 Navesink River Road  
City: Red Bank, NJ 07701  
Medium: Golden Verdite  
Form: Sculpture Full Figure / 40 Inches / Weight 242 lbs  
Item: "Disobedience"  
Location: Zimbabwe  
Date: Started 1989/Completed 1999  
Purchase Date: May 1, 2001  
Purchase Price: \$42,400.

### **"Disobedience"**

Israel Chikumbirike, is 46 years old and is very happily married. His wife Gladys and Israel have three children: Gloria, Roy and Grace. They are Zimbabwean born and raised, outside the Capital City of Harare. Israel lives in a beautiful home with his wife and children and has an indoor and outdoor studio where he enjoys sculpting. He claims to prefer working during the evening when things are most quiet.

Thank you and enjoy,

  
Maureen Bagley  
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## **ISRAEL CHIKUMBIRIKE**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

ISRAEL AND HIS TWIN BROTHER CANAAN WERE BORN OCTOBER 7, 1954 IN ZIMBABWE.

ISRAEL STARTED SCULPTING AT A VERY EARLY AGE. AT FIRST, ART WAS A HOBBY. SOMETHING TO DO DURING PLAYTIME, BUT CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES SOON BECAME A MORE SERIOUS PURSUIT. HANDCRAFTS HE WAS TAUGHT IN SCHOOL SOON BECAME MORE THAN A CHILD'S "BUSY WORK", MUCH MORE. HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS TEACHERS AND FAMILY TO CONTINUE.

AT THE AGE OF FOURTEEN FATHER THOMAS RUSSEL, A ZIMBABWEAN PRIEST, BECAME ISRAEL'S FIRST SPONSOR. REALIZING THAT THE YOUNG MAN WAS GIFTED WITH AN ARTISTIC TALENT THAT TRANSCENDED LOCAL BOUNDARIES, FR. RUSSEL ASSISTED ISRAEL IN MARKETING HIS SCULPTURES OUTSIDE THE LOCAL AREA. CONTACTS IN IRELAND, FR. RUSSEL'S HOME, RESULTED IN ISRAEL'S FIRST ART SALE OUTSIDE OF ZIMBABWE.

BY THE EARLY '70'S, ISRAEL WAS WORKING UNDER CONTRACT WITH ART DEALERS IN VICTORIA FALLS, KARIBA, HARARE, AND SOUTH AFRICA, EACH OF WHOM FEATURED HIS WORK IN THEIR GALLERIES. HE WAS, WHILE STILL A YOUNG MAN, TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL. BUT, ISRAEL, DECIDING THAT SO MANY DEALERS WITH REQUESTS OF "CUSTOM" CREATIONS FOR THEIR CLIENTS WERE LIMITING HIS ARTISTIC VISION, DECIDED TO REGAIN CONTROL OF HIS OWN WORK. WHICH HE DID. SINCE THEN, HE HAS EXHIBITED IN SOUTH AFRICA, GERMANY, CANADA AND THE U.S.

LIKE MOST FINE ARTISTS, ISRAEL IS RELUCTANT TO PART WITH HIS PIECES. HE HAS SAID THAT HOWEVER SUCCESSFUL HIS NOW INTERNATIONAL SALES HAVE BEEN, IT IS LIKE PARTING WITH HIS "CHILDREN". IT IS DIFFICULT FOR HIM NOT TO KEEP THEM CLOSE WHERE HE CAN ENJOY THEM EVERY DAY.

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## **"DISOBEDIENCE"**

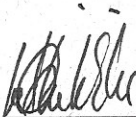
As Told by Israel Chikumbirike

To be where we are, what we are now, came from being the children of our fathers and mothers, and them from their mothers and fathers and so on until to the beginning. Once given instructions, now giving in instruction in accordance with what we were instructed and adding or modifying some to the changing world. For we all know when music comes to its climax, it is about to end, or when things become too good destruction is around the corner. Almost every parent being good or bad to the community, would want what is best for her/his offspring except a few who cannot understand the meaning of their existence or themselves.

There are so many things waiting for the opportunity to take a person to her/his destruction and it is very unfortunate to those who yield to the demands thereof. Instructions were set for the safety of the person and subtracting anything or twisting anything will change the lives of generations to come. We may not see the consequences of disobeying instruction but the Bible clearly says, take my instructions and you will live & it is true. The Day is divided into two, day and night, so that because a person's eyes do not see in the dark, it is time to rest and sleep.

We are instructed to do whatever things we do in the light or on the open with nothing to hide for it is good for us. We use paths or roads, but whatever is done in the secluded is not right and some disobey the instructions by taking shortcuts where there are no roads. The consequence of disobedience is destruction and the effects thereof bring misery even to the innocent. Let everyone know his/her destiny. Through this knowledge one will know how to use his/her time in the living wisely.

Disobedience is for those who do not know themselves, who fail to understand their cause of existence and duties of their time. Take instruction and live.



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Israel Chikumbirike



# **VERDITE**

"GREEN STONE OF AFRICA"

SEMI PRECIOUS STONE  
SOUTHERN PORTION OF AFRICA

VERDITE, IS ONLY FOUND IN LIMITED QUANTITIES IN ROCKS NEAR BARBERTON IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN ZIMBABWE NEAR TO THE ANCIENT CITY OF GREAT ZIMBABWE. IT HAS NOT BEEN DISCOVERED IN ANY OTHER AREA OF THE WORLD. VERDITE IS AMONG SOME OF THE OLDEST ROCKS IN THE WORLD DATING BACK OVER 3.5 MILLION YEARS. VERDITE HAS BEEN FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO GOLD. VERDITE WAS RECORDED AS BEING USED IN A POWDERED FORM BY AFRICAN HEALERS, FOR MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN A SECRET PREPARATION SAID TO INDUCE WELL BEING AND FERTILITY.