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Pied Piper's Voyage, 2014
Film Still

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Dressed in her grandfather's oversized suit and large hat, Kganye steps into the shoes of her grandfather and replays her family's journey across six life-size installations. Her grandfather was the first member of the family to move from his 'homelands' in the Orange Free State to the city in Transvaal to find work. The scenes created by the artist are based on oral stories told by her family members, passed down from one generation to the next.

To create each scene, Kganye turned architectural elements borrowed from the Internet and portraits taken from her old family photo albums into a theatre set. She prints them in black and white on large cardboard pieces and uses them as the actors in her theatre set. The artist navigates each photographic décor, interacts with her family members' replicas and re-enacts scenes shaping her grandfather's story. Large gestures and exaggerated movements characterize the re-performance. Kganye's revival of the tales evokes childhood memories, fantasies and dreams. In *Ke Lefa Laka : Heir-Story (2013)*, the artist portrays her family's interpretations of the past and turns her grandfather into a romanticized hero.

To further portray her family's interpretations of the past, Kganye rendered 'Heir-Story' in motion by creating the short animation film, *Pied Piper's Voyage (2014)*.

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Pied Piper, 2013
Inkjet print on cotton rag paper, 64 x 90 cm
Edition of 5 + 2AP



The Wheelbarrow, 2013
Inkjet print on cotton rag paper, 64 x 90 cm
Edition of 5 + 2AP



Last Supper, 2013
Inkjet print on cotton rag paper, 64 x 90 cm
Edition of 5 + 2AP



The Bicycle, 2013
Inkjet print on cotton rag paper, 64 x 90 cm
Edition of 5 + 2AP



The Alarm, 2013
Inkjet print on cotton rag paper, 64 x 90 cm
Edition of 5 + 2AP



The Suit, 2013
Inkjet print on cotton rag paper, 90 x 64 cm
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Pied Piper's Voyage, Animated Film, 2014
3 min 26 sec