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Exhibition view of *Mosebetsi wa Dirithi*
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Mosebetsi wa Dirithi (2022–2023) is the most recent body of work by Lebohang Kganye. Rooted in the curious fascination that Kganye's practice has always had with the black family photo album, which was one of a few ways during apartheid in which black South African people could document their lives themselves and build their own representation.

Extrapolating figures of family members from the photo albums, she creates these unique life size works with the help of the fabrics. For *Mosebetsi wa Dirithi*, Kganye singles the figures out and separates them from the context of group pictures, studio floral back-

drops or outdoors views. We see individuals, in their monumental, immortalised presence, floating in the negative space. When brought back together within the walls of the room, these likenings constitute a gallery of honour, the collective selves of Kganye's extended family that, stitch by stitch, patch up parts of the artist's autobiography. In *Mosebetsi wa Dirithi* (2022–2023) each piece is made out of cotton twill cut-out stitched collages.

Mosebetsi wa Dirithi translates as "the work of shadows" from Sesotho.

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Esther Matiko Mkhali, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
232 x 141 cm
Edition of 1



Nomasonto Mthembu, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
243 x 120 cm
Edition of 1



John Mshayeli Khanye II, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
224 x 107 cm
Edition of 1

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Nteli Ngwenya, 2023
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
425 cm x 275 cm
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Maria Magadeni Khanyi II, 2023
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
373 x 210 cm
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Dolly Ngubeni, 2023
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
354 x 185 cm
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Letta Namgomezulu, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
300 x 160 cm
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Getrude Mkhali, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
243 x 120 cm
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Gladys, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
275 x 101 cm
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Job Mkhali, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
270 x 106 cm
Edition of 1



Maria Magadeni Mkhali, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
235 x 114 cm
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224 x 107 cm
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Nswabiseng Nkgibe Khanye, 2022
Cotton twill Patchwork on organza
227 x 101 cm
Edition of 1