

## *autopoiesis*

12 July - 16 August 2025

blank is pleased to present *autopoiesis*, a group exhibition featuring works by **Chuma Adam** (b. 2001), **Alia** (b. 2002), **Thato Makatu** (b. 2000), **Bulumko Mbete** (b. 1995), **Andisiwe Mgwintenti** (b. 2000), **Unathi Mkonto** (b. 1982), and **Mankebe Seakgoe** (b. 1998).

The exhibition borrows its title from a painting series by Adam and adapts the term which refers originally to systems of biological self-production, regeneration and organisation. Here, it becomes a way to consider these emerging artistic practices as forms of self-definition and cultural continuity. Through recursive processes such as weaving, stitching, writing, assembling and excavating, each artist reiterates and reaffirms identity, culture, and meaning in a visual language that is both distinct and precise.

*autopoiesis* carries on the gallery's tradition of spotlighting new talents and unrepresented artists in the winter months.