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*'The enthusiasm and happiness of the children in Paternoster inspire me'.*



**Wilko Roon  
(1983 - )**



Wilko Jacques Christiaan Roon, the youngest of three sons, was born in 1983 in Pretoria. Wilko performed well at school and like his two older brothers, was a top art student. After school hours his interest was cycling and he performed exceptionally well in down hill and cross country racing. On his way home, after a training session when he was in Grade 9, a car crossed the road and caused a devastating accident. After 2 months in a coma, partially being paralysed, with brain injuries, double vision, apraxia and bone fractures, Wilko started a long process of rehabilitation. Resulting from this rehabilitation he renewed his interest in art.

In 2003 he moved with his parents to Paternoster in the Western Cape and there in 2006 started painting for the first time. A well known artist, Jan Visser, influenced him a great deal. Wilko started to establish his own style.

He started experimenting with colour by using old tubes of acrylic paint.

His ability to depict movement has now been replaced with bright colours, light and laughing faces.



He draws his inspiration from his immediate surroundings, the people and especially the children in Paternoster, reflected in colours that are unique to his own style. The children in Paternoster he paints, represent his love for life.

<http://www.wilkoroonartist.com>



**Wilko has a very positive outlook on life, in circumstances that may debilitate others. Determination, hard work talent and faith helped Wilko to beat the odds and become the artist and man he is today.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvgnTUEK654>