

Rock Art in Southern Africa

the origins of humankind are here

the origins of art, music, dance, and religion



retirement

Mid-2009 , retired from surgical practice in PMB, moved to CTN

Worked in Eerste River Hosp 4 years

Then Retreaded, not Retired

Went back to old passions, Art & Archaeology



WCDAG

Western Cape Doctors Art Group

Aims to encourage art among doctors and to highlight artistic achievements to the public

Annual art show

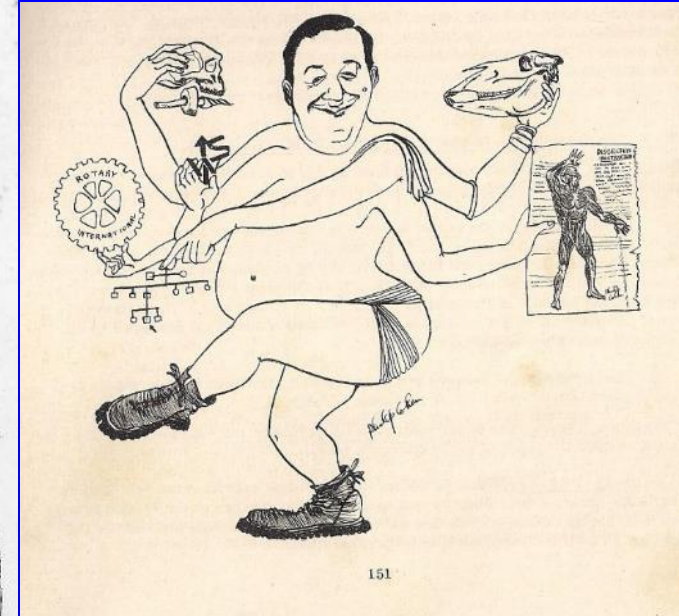
**2016: 35 exhibitors, 37 works sold, R75425 sales,
R24085 to charity**



Art



archaeology



eCrag

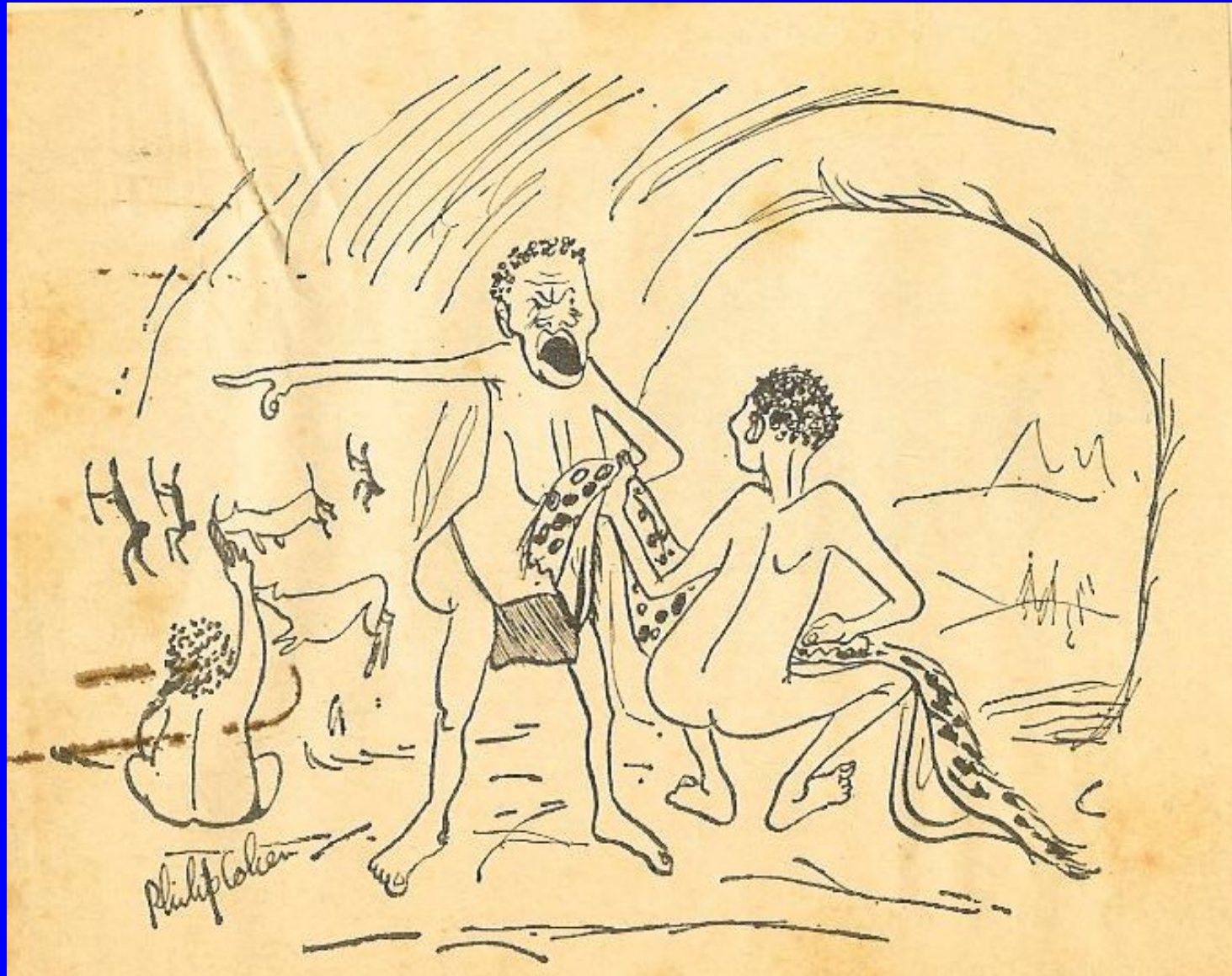
Eastern Cederberg Rock Art Group

Explores , finds and surveys new Rock art sites in the Cederberg

2009-2015

841 new rock art sites in Cederberg found and surveyed

"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times: *don't draw on the walls*"













striding



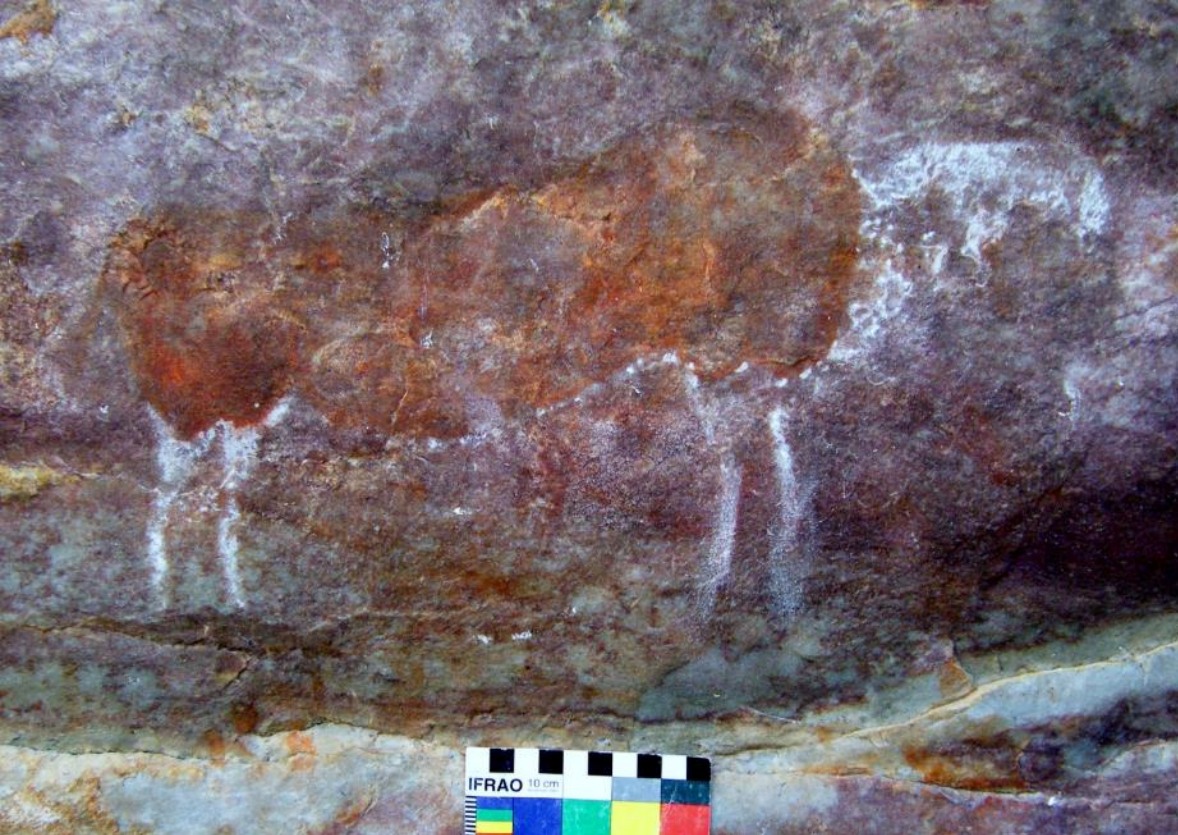
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Four striding figures 2nd figure
with long tassels. ... look head white
face ...
No obvious signs of being male
so could be female. processer

















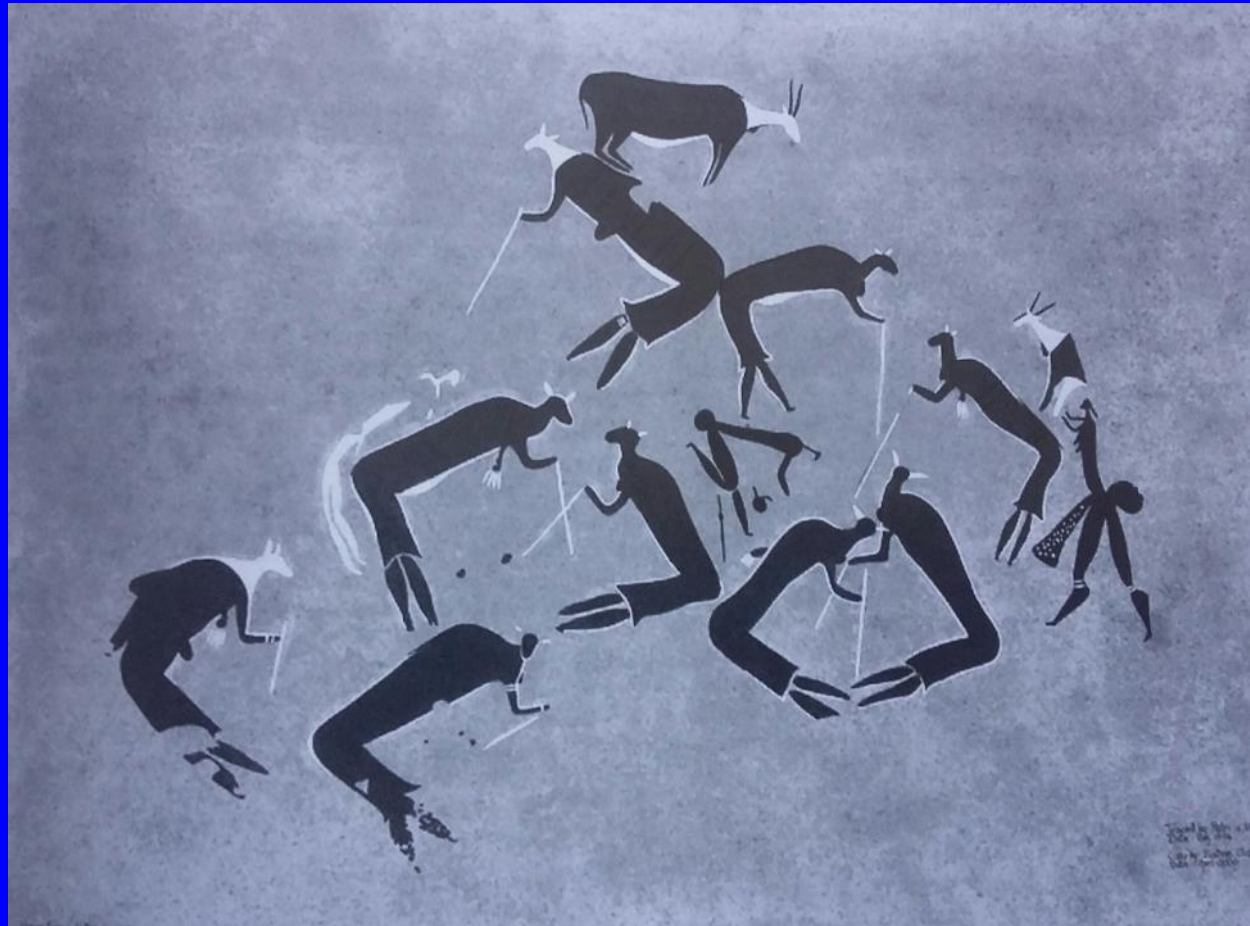




Religious art



Shamans and therianthropes and trance



Anatomically Modern Humans: 250kya



77 kya

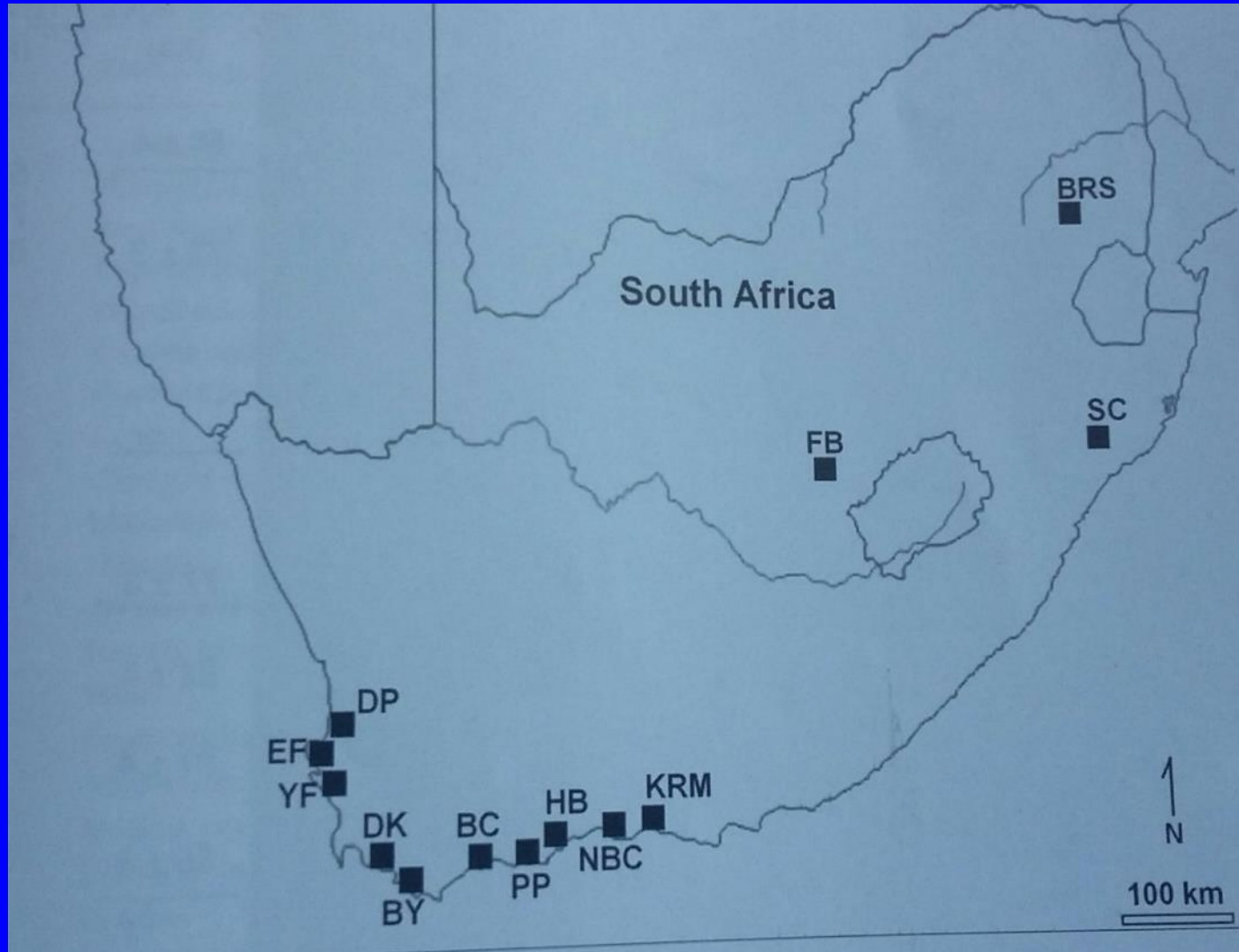
Massive Volcanic eruptions: Mt Toba

Atmospheric winter

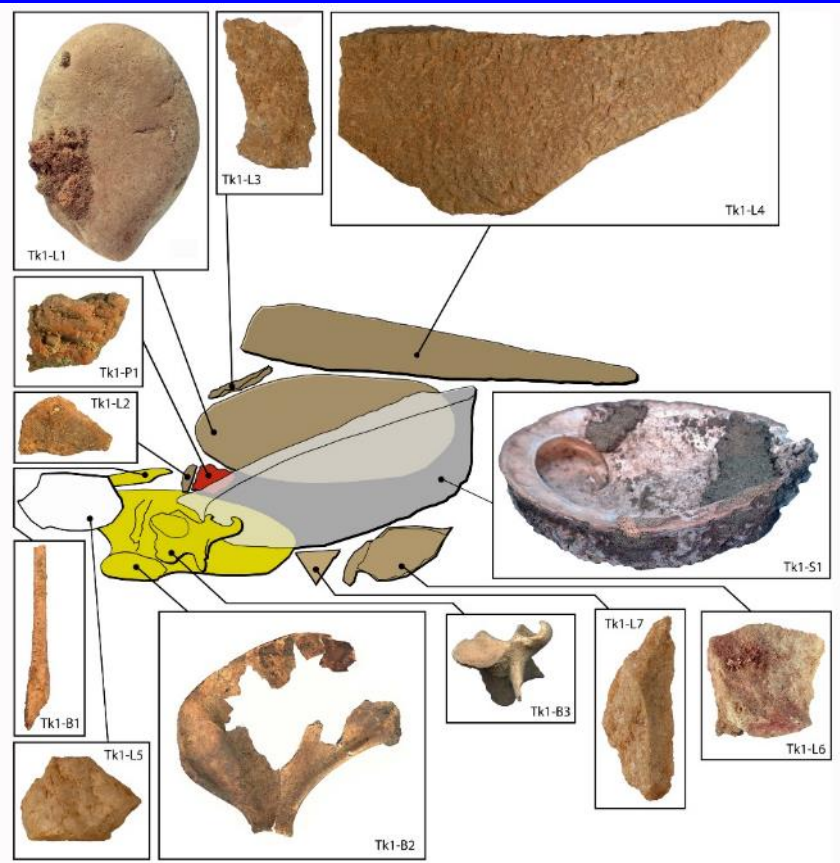
Population bottleneck

H sapiens reduced to 10 000 individuals

Where AMHs found a refugium 77kya



100kya: Blombos Cave, Stillbay



77kya: Blombos Cave



Ochre , OES and body decoration



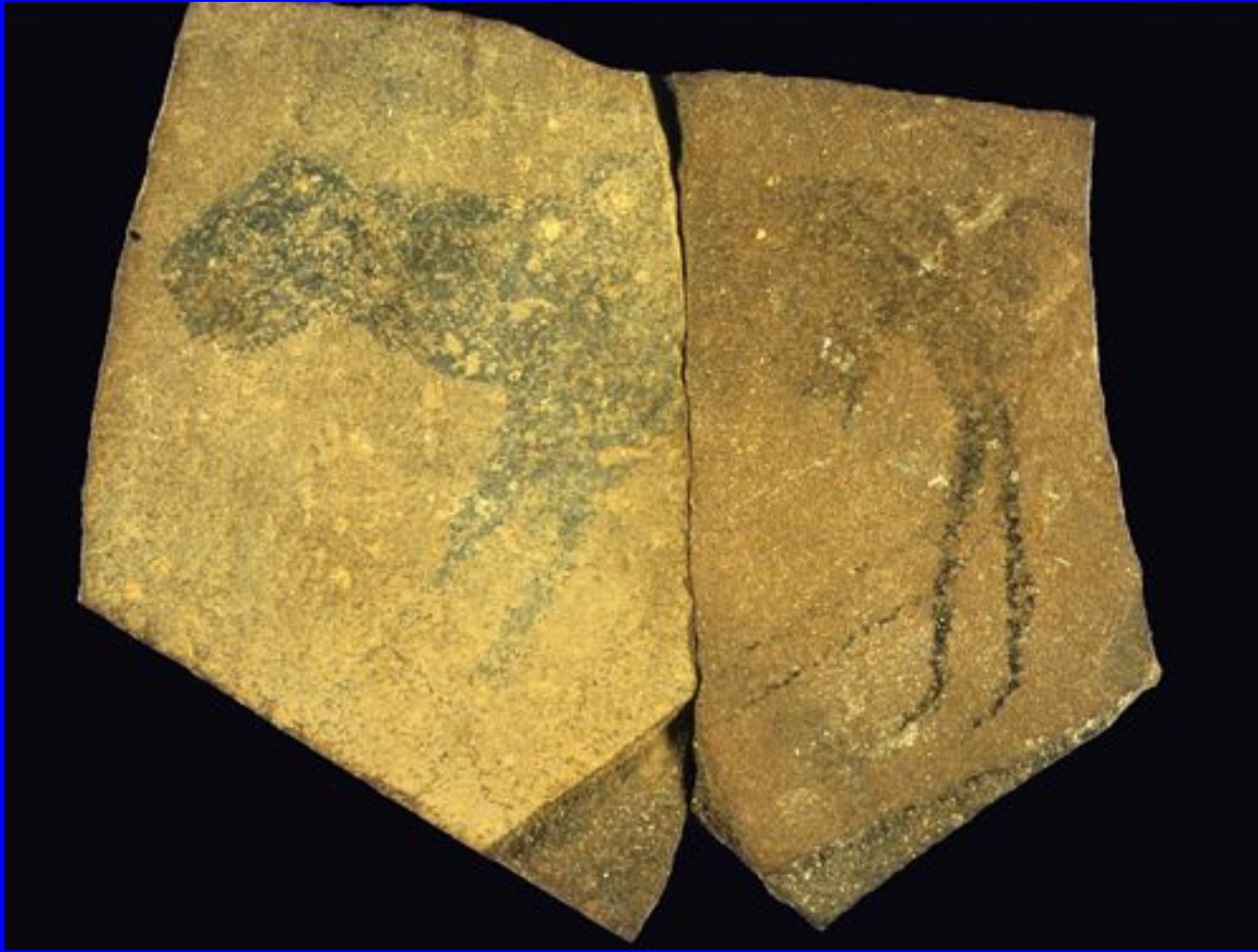
42kya: El Castillo, Spain



Earliest flute
40kya
Hohle Fels, Germany



Apollo 11 cave , Namibia, 25 kya



Art for Art's sake?

- Art for **Lifes** sake





Hands across the ages





We are hardwired for:

Art

Music

Dance

Religion

All integral to our species survival

Enables Social cohesion

Creativity: mother of invention

We Are All Africans



Absent friends



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