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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Opening event for the Celebrating Eastern Cape art exhibition**

An opening event will be held for the Celebrating Eastern Cape art exhibition on Saturday the 6 August 2022 at 10:30 at the NMM Art Museum.

The exhibition will be opened by Nobesuthu Rayi, Actor, writer, creative and Executive producer for the National Arts Festival.

The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality through the Red Location Art Gallery and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum purchased 14 new works from local artists for the Art Collection of the City. The selected artists are Angie Weisswange, Ayanda Mji, Banele Njadayi, Celela Nonongwe, Graham Jones, Karl Schoemaker, Lizo Pemba, Margot Muir, Michael Barry, Mxolisi Sapeta, Nwabisa Mngqumevu, Siphosethu Plam and Timothy Hopwood.

The Art Collection of the Bay tells the story of art in the region and it is important that new and contemporary voices are added to the unique story of art of the Eastern Cape. In February this year Eastern Cape artists who work and live (or have worked and lived) in the Eastern Cape were invited to submit work for consideration to be part of the Art Collection of the City. There were 30 artists short listed from over one hundred entries to be part of the exhibition.

Selected artists for the exhibition are: Angie Weisswange, Anton Brink, Ayanda Mji, Banele Njadayi, Bongani Njalo, Celela Nonongwe, Graham Jones, Joanne Reen, Jonathan Van der Walt, Karl Schoemaker, Khaya Gqomo, Lizo Pemba, Llise Dodd, Lookout Sibanda, Lydia Holmes, Marc Pradervand, Margot Muir, Michael Barry, Michael Wedderburn, Mxolisi Sapeta, Nokuzola Ngcangca, Nompumezo Gubevu, Nwabisa Mngqumevu, Phumlile Rawana, Raymond Westraadt, Sarah Walmsley, Simon Venter, Siphosethu Plam, Timothy Hopwood and Wandile Ntlanganiso.

### **SUPPORT FROM OUR FRIENDS AND THE MUSEUM GALA**

In 2018, the Friends of the Art Museum launched the Museum Gala to raise much needed funds for the NMM Art Museum to purchase local art for the collection. Art lovers around the city showed their commitment to support local creative talent in the Eastern Cape by buying tickets to this glamorous fashion event. The sponsorship from the Mantis Collection, has been crucial to the success of this initiative. Adrian Gardiner's contribution to this event echoes his continued support of local art.

This incredible fundraising effort allowed the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum to revive the selection committee and start collecting new works of art. The money raised in 2018 and 2019 has been used in 2021 and in 2022 to purchase additional local art for the City's Collection.

Please RSVP on 0415062000 by 4 August 2022.

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