

# FRIENDS OF THE ART MUSEUM

Annual Newsletter

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR: THE MUSEUM GALA



This spectacular Fashion event showcased the talents of international fashion designer, Jenni Button supported by three of the city’s innovative Designers: Ati Setipa, Braemor Lundall-Sauls and Kelly Dillon. The evening was made even more memorable by the amazing food supplied by Fat Cats catering and would not have been possible without the beautiful ramp and on-point lighting and sound by Magnetic Storm.

Mohair South Africa sponsored a morning workshop with Jenni Button who shared her extensive knowledge and experience with young Designers.

## THE EVENT RAISED R 60 000 WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF NEW ARTWORKS FOR THE ART MUSEUM



The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum has not had a budget to purchase new works for the collection since 2010. The R 60 000 will go towards purchasing local Eastern Cape artists for the collection.

Purchasing artworks for a collection is a formal process and is done with the assistance of a committee of art experts selected for their requisite skills in art history and their experience of local Eastern Cape art. As the Art Museum has not purchased work for a long duration the committee has lapsed. In the new year the Museum will be initiating a new selection committee and will update the Friends and guests on progress.

Other sponsors who supported the event were: Sure Maritime Travel, ELLE Magazine, Woolworths, and Michael Kors, Moroccan Hair Oil, Meridian Wines, Heinz Menswear and Execu-Specs.

But none of this would have been possible without the hard work and passion of Michelle Brown and the Friends of the Art Museum.



The Friends would like to thank all the wonderful patrons who supported the Art Museum and bought tickets and attended the outstanding event and Adrian Gardiner and the Mantis Collection for coming on board as the Naming Sponsor



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### AGM

The Friends Annual General Meeting was held on the 14 March 2018. This was followed by a walkabout by Pippa of the Jack Lugg Retrospective exhibition.



### FRIENDS HELP SUPPORT SCHOOLS

The Friends designed and printed a poster explaining to learners about what happens in an Art Museum. The poster was distributed to schools throughout Nelson Mandela Bay.

Over 100 learners benefitted from the Friends transport subsidy this year.

The Friends paid for the transportation of learners from Nokwezi Primary School, Molefe Primary School, Helenvale Primary School, Hillcrest Primary School, Newell High School and Jarvis Gqamlana Primary School to attend special educational programmes at the Art Museum.

Schools from New Brighton and Helenvale were able to take part in a special poetry presentation where the learners were presented with copies of a poetry book.



### MANDELA MONTH

The Friends of the Art Museum contributed towards the Art Museum’s soup kitchen.

The Friends also contributed towards the refreshments for an event to commemorate the community of South



End that was held on 26 July 2018. In celebration of Mandela Day the Art Museum invited the retired community of Nelson Mandela Bay to attend an event in remembrance of South End. Mayor Athol Trollip attended and the guest speaker for the event was Colin Abrahams, the Administrator of the South End Museum who presented a talk titled: South End and the history of forced removal in the City.

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### FRIENDS SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS THROUGH THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The Friends opened their annual exhibition, **The Art of The Kite** on the 7 December 2017. The Friends committee challenged artists (both young and old) in the Bay to make an artwork in response to the theme of wind, kites, mobiles, flying machines. The Friends sponsored refreshments at the opening event and prizes for the winning artists.

The Friends received a R 500 donation from the company Embroidery Magic towards prizes for the junior kite competition. The adult winners were Sipho Foley and Lisa Walker and the Junior winners were Tyler & Reece Wilson and Cassandra Dicke Wyatt.



On 5 March 2018, the Friends invited learners to the launch of the junior Friends which was held in conjunction with the prize giving for the junior winners of the **Art of the Kite** Exhibition.

### SUPPORTING ART MUSEUM EVENTS



On the 16 August 2018, the Art Museum and ARTEC opened the exhibition, *Adjusting the picture 1918—2018: A Century of Art* which commemorated the centenary of the Eastern Province Society of Arts and Craft (Now ARTEc). The Friends bought a cake for the event.

A walkabout of the anniversary exhibition presented by local artist, Mary-Rose Dold was organized by the Friends committee on the 29 August 2018.



Wine and juice was sponsored for the opening of the exhibition, *Mother Tongue: the influence of traditional fashion on contemporary Design*. The guest speaker was Bongzi Siwisa and the Executive Mayor, Cllr M Bobani spoke.

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## BECOME A FRIEND

Support the Friends by becoming a member as follows:

- Corporate patrons: A single outright donation of R5000
- Life members: An individual making a single outright donation of R750
- Friends: Annual subscription of R100 per individual
- Couples: Annual subscription of R150 per couple
- Students: Annual subscription of R 50 per student
- Junior members: Annual subscription of R 25 per junior member

(Please note that Life members do not have to pay again)

Your annual subscription fee contributes to making the Friends of the Art Museum a more resilient organisation.

Payments can be made at the NMM Art Museum (in cash) or into the Friends bank account.

Banking details:

Account holder: Friends of the Art Museum

Bank: Nedbank

Account number: 9000 173 796

Account type: Savings

Branch code: 198 765

Reference: Depositor's Name and surname



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