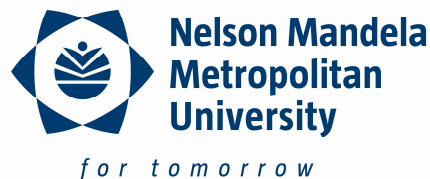


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## PRESS RELEASE



### ART MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS TO BE EXHIBITED AT NMMU BIRD STREET GALLERY

On 29 June 2016 **16/60** an exhibition of contemporary highlights from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum's collection will open at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's Bird Street Gallery. Guests are welcome from 17.30 pm. The exhibition will be opened by Dr Melanie Hillebrand who retired recently after 29 years as the Director of the Art Museum.

This exhibition forms part of the Art Museum's 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations which will kick off at the Art Museum (1 Park Drive Central) with an opening of the Art Museum's main highlights exhibition titled **YEYETHU, SONKE (THIS BELONGS TO ALL OF US): 60 YEARS OF COLLECTING** on 22 June 2016.

**16/60** represents a selection of the top works collected by the Art Museum between the years 2000 – 2016 and reflects on the diversity of the Art Museum's unique contemporary collection.

Works by top South African artists Penny Siopis, Steven Cohen, Wim Botha, Nicholas Hlobo, Nomusa Makhubu, Diane Victor, Zanele Muholi among others will be on display. Local Eastern Cape highlights include Churchill Madikida, Andrieta Wentzel and James Reed. A special display of ceramic work by former Port Elizabeth Technikon (now NMMU) lecturer and well known ceramicists, Hylton Nel's will also be on display.

This multiple media exhibition of videos, installations and large scale paintings and drawings fits flawlessly in the new dynamic space of the NMMU Bird Street Gallery. The Gallery which is housed in the historical Fleming House Building was opened in 2015.

The exhibition ends on 22 July 2016

Contact the NMMU Bird Street Gallery

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Opening times: 09.30 – 15.30

Entrance is free.

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