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Local Nelson Mandela Bay Artists are invited to submit works for a selected exhibition titled *Through our eyes: Journey to America* opening at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum.

The deadline for entries is Friday, 1 November 2019 at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum at 1 Park Drive Central. Works must be submitted with a completed entry form. Entry forms will be available to download from the Art Museum's website www.artmuseum.co.za and hard copies will be available at Nelson Mandela Bay Libraries across the city and at the Art Museum.

Artists selected for this exhibition, which will open on 14 November 2019 at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, will have the opportunity to have their works travel to Jacksonville, Florida, USA to be exhibited at the RITZ MUSEUM in early 2020.

This call for entry forms part of the Jacksonville/Nelson Mandela Bay Sister City Partnership. The City of Nelson Mandela Bay was selected as a Sister City partner for Jacksonville because of our profound liberation history. Nelson Mandela Bay has had an active relationship with Jacksonville since the year 2000.

Through Our Eyes is an annual exhibition coordinated by RITZ MUSEUM in Jacksonville. In 2018, this annual exhibition turned 25 and local Jacksonville artists were invited to make works in response to the theme "Journey to South Africa: A Cultural Exchange". This exhibition is on its way to Nelson Mandela Bay and will be exhibited towards the end of 2019 at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum alongside our local exhibition, *Through our eyes: Journey to America*.

2020 marks a 20 years milestone for Jacksonville's participation in the Sister Cities project. This is an opportunity to affirm the positive impact that the Sister City partnership has made towards Jacksonville and other Sister City communities across the globe. The exhibition *Through our eyes: Journey to America* will form part of the commemorations and will promote local Nelson Mandela Bay artists through their participation on the Jacksonville's international cultural programme.

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