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PRESS RELEASE

Exhibition opening: Transformational textiles

On 4 November 2021 at 16:00, the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum invites the public to the virtual opening of the exhibition, *Transformational Textiles*. The event will be livestreamed on the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

The exhibition will be opened by artist, crafter, designer, author and founding member of the TAPE (TEXTILE ART PE) group, Angie Franke Weisswange.

Transformational Textiles explores the theme of textiles through selected new and historical artworks. The internationally acclaimed Keiskamma Guernica loaned from the Red Location Precinct will be on show alongside other textile highlights from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum's collection including the Rourke's drift tapestries, selected works from the Chinese collection and new contemporary works by Nicolas Hlobo and Nandipha Mntambo.

The exhibition will feature new work made by the Keiskamma Art Project and Mapula Embroidery project reflecting on life during the Lockdown. Although Mapula Embroideries project and Keiskamma Art Project are 1000 km apart, the two textile groups collaborated to highlight the resilience that is present in both their communities in a series of eight panels.

On loan from Cape Town is a work by multimedia artist, Kimathi Mafafo alongside work by Pieter Binsbergen, the current Director of the School of Visual and Performing Arts at Nelson Mandela University. Also featured will be the work of local artist Annette du Plessis who has worked in the medium of textiles for over 40 years. Artists from the local textile art group, TAPE, have been invited to submit highlights either from their own oeuvre or work that has inspired them.

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