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PRESS RELEASE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARTWORKS PURCHASED FOR THE COLLECTION

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum and Red Location Art Gallery has purchased new artworks from local artists of the City's Collection.

In February this year the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality through the Red Location Art Gallery and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum called Eastern Cape artists who work and live (or have worked and lived) in the Eastern Cape to submit work for consideration to the Art Collection of the City.

The 30 artists selected to be part of 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 Mnqumevu, Phumlile Rawana, Raymond Westraadt, Sarah Walmsley, Simon Venter, Siphosethu Plam, Timothy Hopwood and Wandile Ntlanganiso.

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 2021 the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality identified funding for the purchase of works of art as part of the City's initiative to support local art.

Artworks will be purchased for the City's Collection from the following artists: Angie Weisswange, Ayanda Mji, Banele Njadayi, Celela Nonongwe, Graham Jones, Karl Schoemaker, Margot Muir, Michael Barry, Mxolisi Sapeta, Nwabisa Mnqumevu, Siphosethu Plam and Timothy Hopwood.

The list of Artists and artworks purchased for the Collection are (Artist – Title of artwork):

- Angie Weisswange - Speliti Quartet
- Ayanda Mji - Busoso
- Banele Njadayi - Uthando Lukamama
- Celela Nonongwe - Beaded collar
- Graham Jones - Yellow Lorry and caved patrician tantum
- Karl Schoemaker - Cell 7 - I hate the police & From Processing

- Margot Muir - 100 Years (Knowing the unknown)
- Michael Barry - Biko Botha everyman 'All in vain'
- Mxolisi Sapeta - Departure II
- Nwabisa Mngumevu - Xhosa Beaded necklace
- Siphosethu Plam - Imbokodo
- Timothy Hopwood - Flat names

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.

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