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PRESS RELEASE

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS AT THE ART MUSEUM

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum will be closed from 27 December 2019 to 3 January 2020. The Art Museum will reopen on 6 January 2020. The following exhibitions are currently on show:

ART OUR PASSION – MUSEUM OUR HOME

The staff of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum selected art from the museum's collection for an exhibition titled "Art our Passion – Museum our Home". The exhibition was curated by all members of the Art Museum team.

The Art Museum front of house team, admin support team, conservator, framer, educator and Director chose artworks. Next to the selected works are quotes and stories, which share with the public staff experiences or observations about the artwork selected.

THROUGH OUR EYES: CULTURAL EXCHANGE

"Journey to South Africa: Struggle and Resistance" and *"Journey to America"*.
Through Our Eyes is an annual exhibition coordinated by the RITZ THEATRE AND MUSEUM in Jacksonville, Florida in the USA. In 2018, this annual exhibition turned 25 and Jacksonville artists were invited to make works in response to the theme "Journey to South Africa: Struggle & Resistance".

This travelling exhibition opened alongside the Nelson Mandela Bay companion exhibition *Through our eyes: Journey to America* which challenged local artists to respond to themes within the American exhibition. This exhibition exchange forms part of the Jacksonville/Nelson Mandela Bay Sister Cities 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. 2020 marks a 20-year milestone for Jacksonville's participation in the Sister Cities project.

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

Opening times: Weekdays: 09h00 – 16h30 (closed Tuesday mornings). Entrance free. The Art Museum will be open from 9:15 – 12:45 on the second Saturday in the month and the last Sunday in the month.

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