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## PRESS RELEASE

### A WALK THROUGH MEMORY: CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM'S DAY 2019

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum in conjunction with the South End Museum will celebrate International Museum's day on Saturday 18 May 2019 from 9:00 to 12:30 with a walk through what is left of old South End, closing with a tea at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum.

Mr Colin Abrahams, the South End Museum Administrator will lead visitors in a walking tour of old South End starting at South End Museum, Corner of Walmer Boulevard and Humewood Road, at 9:00 that includes a visit to St Peter's Church. The tour ends back at the South End Museum at 11:00 and visitors can use their own transport to visit the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Art Museum, 1 Park Drive Central, for tea and eats and to view the Award exhibition, *When dust settles* by the 2018 Standard Bank Young Artist, Igshaan Adams. The event ends at 12:30. Please wear sensible walking shoes and bring water for the walk through old South End.

The tour of South End's historical sites and Igshaan Adam's Award exhibition, *When dust settles* have been combined because in both cases we are reminded through fragments of buildings and pieces of old homes of past communities. The ruins of St Peter's church are witness to a lost community while Adams uses old pieces of vinyl to reminisce about his upbringing in the Cape Flats. The vinyl, which covers the walls and floor of the Art Museum, was sourced from various residents living in the Cape Flat areas such as Bonteheuwel and Khayelitsha. The vinyl, like the Ruins of St Peter's Church, has a powerfully nostalgic effect and reminds us of our past.

International Museum's Day is a global day celebration that takes place annually around or on 18 May. This year's theme is "Museums as Cultural Hubs: The Future of Tradition". The role of Museums in society is changing. Museums keep reinventing themselves in their quest for becoming more interactive, audience focused, community oriented, flexible, adaptable and mobile. They have become cultural hubs functioning as platforms where creativity combines with knowledge and where visitors can also co-create, share and interact.

The event is free.

#### **Opening times if you would like to view our current exhibitions:**

Weekdays: 09h00 – 17h00 (closed Tuesday mornings)

We are open every second Saturday and last Sunday on the month from 9:15 – 12:45.

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