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HERITAGE ARTS FESTIVAL RISES TO NEW HEIGHTS

The **Heritage Arts Festival** dominates the KwaZulu-Natal cultural calendar this September with an exciting line-up of art exhibitions, workshops, expos and performances.

GATEWAY Theatre of Shopping is once again pulsating with the beat of drums, music, dance and the creative arts this September, as hundreds of KwaZulu-Natal's most talented artists celebrate their heritage during The Heritage Arts Festival.

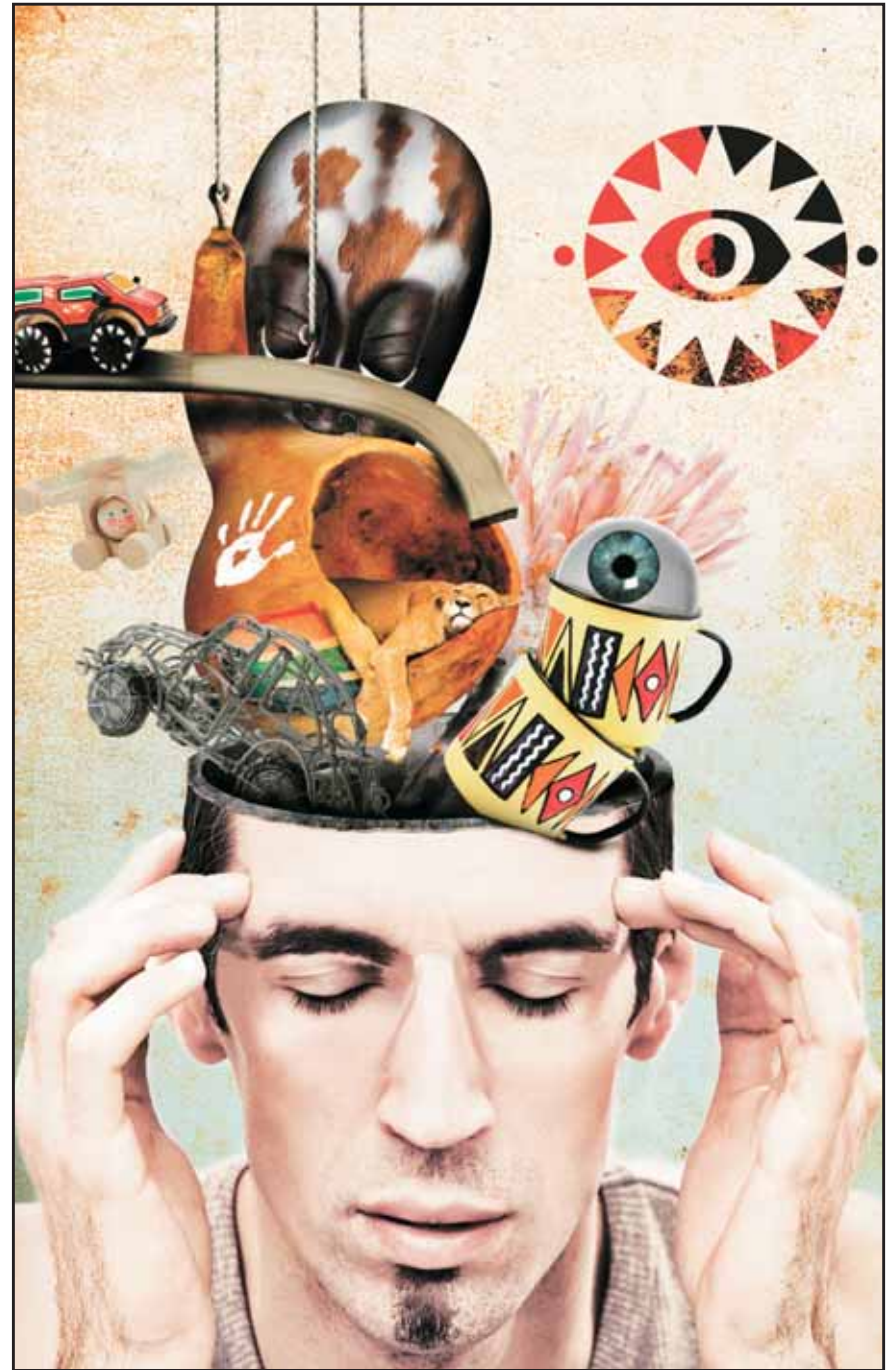
This popular award-winning festival has grown year-on-year to become one of the largest arts festivals in Africa. Over 1,7 million people visit Gateway during Heritage Month each year, providing an incredible opportunity for artists to profile their exceptional homegrown talents to a large audience.

The 2009 festival consists of a wide range of exciting events, from a highbrow fine art exhibition and the most important Heritage Awards on the South African calendar to fun projects such as the 'Try Your Hand at Painting' areas, a Bafana Bafana Wish Wall, buskers, face and henna painters, a youth programme, music concerts and art expos as well as numerous other events.

The public is encouraged to take their children to Gateway during the month of September in order to meet directly with artists and crafters, watch the entertainers perform, join the large drum circle or simply to try their hand at painting. With such an extensive buffet of activities, the festival promises to offer something for everyone and is sure to achieve its goal of encouraging and promoting an increased love and appreciation for the arts and culture of our wonderful Province.

The Heritage Arts Festival is an integral part of the Celebrate Durban programme and is supported by the eThekweni Municipality, Provincial Government, Independent Newspapers, Business and Art South Africa, the National Arts Council, Gateway, Kizo Art Consultants, the National Heritage Council, Nedbank Private Bank and Committed Artists.

● **The Heritage Arts Festival runs at various venues around Durban until 30 September. See page 2 for details.**



OVERFLOWING WITH CREATIVITY: This year's Heritage Arts Festival has something for everyone, from a high-brow fine arts exhibition to the Bafana Bafana Wish Wall to the Retail Arts Development project which allows the public to engage directly with artists and crafters



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CELEBRATING OUR LIVING HERITAGE

A Known Heritage is the theme for this year's annual Heritage Exhibition which features four local artists who are dedicated to KwaZulu-Natal and its vibrant spirit.



COMMITTED TO KZN: Sifiso KaMkame, Lindelani Ngwenya and Zamani Makhanya are three of the artists participating in the group show 'A Known Heritage' which takes place at Kizo Gallery until the end of the month

'A KNOWN HERITAGE' is an art exhibition featuring four committed Durban artists whose work celebrates the rich cultural heritage of KwaZulu-Natal. The participating artists, Sifiso KaMkame, Zamani Makhanya, Thami Jali and Lindelani Ngwenya, are all recognised artists who have contributed extensively to our local arts industry.

Works on show range from intricate wire sculptures to drawings in pastels and printmaking. The exhibition aims to showcase and acknowledge the talent, commitment and experience that has made these four artists such an integral part of the KZN visual arts industry.

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These four artists all share the same sentiments about their commitment to the province. They work in the same studio in Cato Manor and have been friends and colleagues for many years.

Their preoccupation and love of KZN and its heritage is a recurring theme that runs through all of their work, despite the very marked differences in their preferred styles and mediums.

of exceptional artistic talent, many artists have chosen to leave in search of greater opportunities. 'A Known Heritage' pays tribute to those artists who, despite being internationally recognized, have made the decision to live and work in KZN.

The exhibition was launched at the beginning of the month and also functioned as the launch of the Heritage Arts Festival. It is on show until the end of September.

THE FULL PROGRAMME

- A KNOWN HERITAGE** 1-30 SEP KIZO ART GALLERY
This major exhibition celebrates KZN's rich multicultural heritage.
- KTV** 5 SEP WAVE HOUSE
This annual event is designed to teach young children entrepreneurial skills which will assist in the development of business acumen.
- SHIELD TEEN VJ/DJ SEARCH** 11-13 SEP EXPO EXPLORE
Auditions will take place in the Expo Explore area from 11-13 September. The competition is open to girls between the ages of 12 and 18.
- 2009 HERITAGE AWARDS** 19 SEP ICC
The third annual National Heritage Awards honours six South Africans who have dedicated themselves to preserving, promoting and engaging in South Africa's rich cultural tapestry.
- NIVEA ULTRA BALL CHALLENGE** 19 SEP 11H00-15H00 GATEWAY BLVD
The public will be invited to test out the Ultra Balls and win awesome Nivea hampers and other prizes. The event will culminate in a performance from Starplayer.
- BEN 10** 20 SEP WAVE HOUSE
Hosted by Cartoon Network, the Ben 10 Adventure Day will include a sneak preview of the *Ben 10* series.
- 2010 FINE ART EXHIBITION** 22-27 SEP CENTRE COURT
Some of the first artworks to have been approved as part of the 2010 African Fine Art Collection will be on view to the public.
- RETAIL ART DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME** 22-28 SEP EXPO EXPLORE
The Retail Art Development programme focuses on providing artists and crafters with the necessary skills and marketing platforms to exhibit and sell their work. Meet the crafters and artists and see them in action.
- KIDS' CORNER** 24-27 SEP SOUTH COURT, GATEWAY
Face painters, balloon artists and magicians will be entertaining the kids in the South Court.
- TRY YOUR HAND AT PAINTING** 22-28 SEPTEMBER GATEWAY
Areas throughout Gateway will be transformed into impromptu painting studios in which visitors are invited to try their hand at painting.
- BAFANA BAFANA WISH WALL**
Embrace 2010 and write your personal good wishes to Bafana Bafana.
- HERITAGE MURAL** 22-27 SEP SOUTH COURT, GATEWAY
Lalelani Mbhele will be painting portraits of this year's National Heritage Awards recipients on a 2m by 2m canvas.
- ARTISTS AT WORK** 22-28 SEP GATEWAY
Cavendish and Carnaby Courts (opp Truworths and M&A) will play host to artists who will be working on visual art projects while visitors look on.
- TALKING DRUMS** 24-6 SEP 17H15-18H00, 27 SEP 10H15-11H00 PALM COURT
You are invited to try your hand at Djembe drumming and become part of an evolving drumming circle. Drums will be available on a first come, first served basis.
- BODY PAINT** 24-27 SEP GATEWAY
Everyone is invited to have their faces or hands painted in traditional paint or henna.
- GLAMOUR IN GATEWAY** 24-27 SEP GATEWAY
Experience the vibrant colours of South African fashion.
- HALALA AFRICA** 24-27 SEP GATEWAY
Buskers, drummers, mime artists and musicians will be posted in various areas around Gateway adding to the carnival atmosphere.
- RUGS ORIGINAL** 24-27 SEP GATEWAY
Daily demonstration of hand-made carpet-making and repair.
- GATEWAY MUSIC CONCERT** 25-7 SEP PALM COURT ENTRANCE
Join us for an inspired lineup of music and dance. Takes place from 18h15-18h45 on 25-6 Sep, and from 11h15-11h45 on 27 Sep at Palm Court Entrance.
- SCIENCENTRE WORKSHOPS** 22-28 SEP SOUTH COURT, GATEWAY
Join the ScienCentre for some fun kids' activities.
- QUICKSILVER BOWLRIKERS** 3 OCT WAVE HOUSE
25 of South Africa's best bowl skaters will compete in a structured jam session event for their share of a big cash prize.

"A KNOWN HERITAGE"

2 - 30 September

Lindelani Ngwenya
Sifiso KaMkame
Thami Jali
Zamani Makhanya

An important group showing by 4 of KwaZulu Natal's most loved talents.
Curated by Nathi Gumede



THE IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL HERITAGE

The six cultural practitioners recognised by **The Heritage Awards** this year represents a group of pioneers whose achievements have helped to build a new country.

IN SOUTH AFRICA, many of our cultural heroes receive little recognition from the media and the general population. The six people being honoured at this year's heritage awards are not all famous - some of them are - but they have all helped in innumerable and immeasurable ways to make South Africa a richer country.

From the late Alfred Nokwe, whose own rich talents didn't prevent him from nurturing some of our most important performing stars to Jay Pather who revolutionises our very notions of reality through his dance productions, the six awardees have collectively helped in their own ways to heal a country that desperately needed and still needs healing.

Nanda Soobben, a political cartoonist

whose considerable visual talents were disregarded under apartheid, runs a graphic design school helping to ensure a brave new generation of graphic artists. Bheki Mseleku may never have found his promised land in South Africa, but he leaves us with music that transcends the very planet. Noria Mabasa broke the mould as a creative Venda woman, inspiring other artists to break their own moulds and find their true expression, while Johnny Clegg continues his career as a superb songwriter and ambassador for South Africa's vibrant multiculturalism. These are six amazing people. They deserve all our love, respect and recognition.

● To attend the award ceremony, contact Leanne on 031 566 4322/4 or rsvp@kizo.co.za



MANY CULTURES ONE REALITY: The groundbreaking work of choreographer Jay Pather revolutionises our very notions of reality through his powerful dance productions, many of which take place in public spaces

The Maverick Heroes of Our Heritage



ALFRED NOKWE

Alfred Nokwe, who died in June last year, was one of Durban's most beloved performing talents. A talented actor, singer and musician, Nokwe also had a profound impact on South Africa's creative scene as a teacher and nurturer of such talents as Deborah Fraser, Mbongeni Ngema and Leleti Khumalo.



JAY PATHER

Jay Pather is one of South Africa's most eclectic and diverse creative talents. A gifted and highly intelligent choreographer, Pather has taken dance to the very edge of expression, blurring the division between dance and fine art, often doing so with gifted collaborators and exquisite use of multimedia, costumes and props.



JOHNNY CLEGG

Johnny Clegg is one of South Africa's foremost musical talents and cultural ambassadors. An anthropologist by training, Clegg is a talented singer and songwriter whose musical expression – with Juluka, Savuka and as a solo artist – has resulted in a rich legacy, both in its social impact and the beauty of his music.



NANDA SOOBBEN

Nanda Soobben is one of Durban's most unsung talents. A gifted artist and graphic designer, he is one of South Africa's leading political cartoonists. Additionally, Soobben is also opening the doors for young new South African design talent with his Centre for Fine Art, Animation and Design.



NORIA MABASA

Noria Mabasa is an important figure on the artistic landscape. Considered to be a crafter in the early part of her career, Mabasa was instrumental in bridging the gap between traditional craft and the recognition of craft as fine art. Now, she is recognised as one of South Africa's most talented artists.



BHEKI MSELEKU

Bheki Mseleku was one of South Africa's most gifted jazz musicians. A composer and arranger of transcendental beauty who never resorted to the obvious, Mseleku was also a master of the guitar and saxophone, through whose voices, together with his beloved piano, he would sing his universal music.

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RETAIL ART DEVELOPMENT PROJECT RETURNS TO HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This year, the **Retail Art Development** once more delivers a rich opportunity for local artists and crafters to expand their markets.

NEXT WEEK, the Heritage Art Festival will once again host the successful Retail Art Development Programme (RAD) at the Expo Explore Court at Gateway. The RAD project focuses on providing artists and crafters from clusters throughout KwaZulu Natal with the necessary skills and marketing platforms to exhibit and sell their works.

This year's programme follows in the footsteps of the hugely successful event last year, in which participating artists experienced strong sales, media exposure, training and generated valuable leads. Additionally, the artists retain 100% of the income generated from sales of their work.

More than 40 leading community/SMME crafters who are supported in this



Crafter Thandiwe Ntuli

visionary empowerment project, will be displaying their skills and showing their wares at the Expo Explore court at the Gateway Theatre of Shopping for a week.

RAD is supported by leaders from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, eThekweni Municipality's Business Support Unit, the National Arts Council and Tourism and TradePoint Durban, and proudly sponsored by the Department of Arts and Culture, Provincial Government, Gateway Theatre of Shopping, the National Arts Council, Kizo Art Consultants and a supporting grant from BASA.

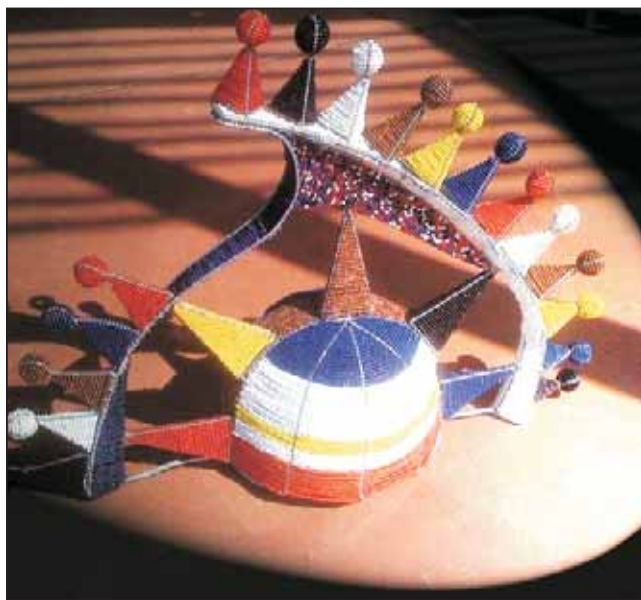
● The Retail Art Development project runs from 22-27 September. Entrance is free.

GETTING THE BALL ROLLING WITH THE 2010 AFRICAN FINE ART COLLECTION



THE FINE ART OF SOCCER: This 2009 photograph by Clint Strydom is from a series entitled *Real Heroes*. It is a limited edition print on cotton rag and is an Official Licensed Product of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™. The 2010 World Cup is the first time in history that Fifa has granted product licenses to artworks. Craig Mark from Kizo Gallery is the MD of 2010 Fine Art, a South African company that has acquired the global license to produce and distribute fine art related to the 2010 Fifa World Cup. The 2010 International Fine Art Collection will be exhibited in all 32 countries that qualify to play in South Africa next year. Some of the first artworks to have been approved as part of the 2010 African Fine Art Collection will be on view to the public in Gateway's Centre Court from 22-27 September.

Umcebo Trust Creates the 2009 Heritage Awards Lamps



THIS YEAR, the prestigious Heritage Lamps, which are given as awards as part of the Heritage Awards, will once again be made by the talented workers at Umcebo Trust.

The Umcebo Trust is a business orientated Non-Profit Organization, firmly focussed on being a trend setter and market leader in the fields of South African art, craft and design.

The Trust, which is headed by artist Robin Opperman, uses creativity as a commercially viable means of empowering marginalised community members in an inclusive and nurturing environment. In this way the organisation creates opportunities and helps to generate sustainable income for crafters and their families.

With the ongoing support of Kizo Gallery, each year the trust is challenged to develop a new lamp which must speak of the rich and

diverse cultural heritage of South Africa.

The Heritage Lamp represents the celebration of local crafters, not only as highly skilled technicians, but also as talented designers. This recognition of the richness of local design is a crucial element in South Africa's contemporary development, leading to an understanding of our country and its people as a powerful and established creative force overflowing with vitality.

The lamps are once again based on the design of traditional Zulu earplugs. These represent the old and the new South Africa; they are worn in the deepest parts of rural KZN, while at the same time their designs grace the walls of corporate board rooms as art pieces.

These rich and powerful symbols of tradition and culture are a fitting tribute to the recipients of the 2009 Heritage Awards.

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