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Exhibition venue: Kizo Art Gallery, Gateway (Upstairs Gallery)

Exhibition launch date: 6 August 2009

Exhibition closes: 27 August 2009

Time: 6:30 PM.

Exhibition title: Burning Bright: Extraordinary women of KwaZulu Natal, Book launch and Exhibition.

This Women's Day, a phenomenal cross-section of Kwa-Zulu Natal women will be showcased in the Burning Bright: Extraordinary women of KwaZulu-Natal book launch and exhibition, held at the Kizo Gallery, Durban from August 6th – 27th. The 24 women to be celebrated include 12 iconic crafters from across KwaZulu-Natal as well as 12 extraordinary women from all walks of life featured in the book.

The book launch

Sharing the title of the entire exhibition, Burning Bright: Extraordinary women of KwaZulu Natal are published by Africa! Ignite a not-for-profit development agency in Durban. The book features 12 KwaZulu-Natal women with warmth, resilience, courage and wisdom. They are ordinary women who become extraordinary simply because they live their lives day by day with courage, commitment and compassion.

Their backgrounds are diverse. Among them is Anna Cele, a feisty, big-hearted domestic worker; Devi Rajab, newspaper columnist and psychologist; Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, principled politician; Ntsiki Biyela, South Africa's first black woman wine-maker; Leona Theron, the country's first black woman judge and Peggy-Sue Khumalo, former Miss South Africa and now investment banker. Together, the stories paint a picture of rich, diverse childhood experiences across KwaZulu-Natal.

The exhibition

The exhibition forms the backdrop for the launch of the book and showcases artistic representations of Burning Bright and its 12 extraordinary women.

It features a distinctive display of 12 iconic women crafters of KwaZulu-Natal, skilled in beadwork, basketry, pottery and wooden craft. Their craftsmanship and creativity are iconic and they too have remarkable stories to tell.

The exhibition also includes a photographic exhibition of images from the book and of rural crafters by Pippa Hetherington, known for her photography that truly represents women across Africa. The centre-piece of the exhibition is a unique fusion of photography, art & craft onto a grand, must-see tapestry created by local artists and crafters.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Kizo Art Gallery, the contact details are enclosed bellow.

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