



Media Release from Kizo Art Gallery.

Exhibition title: In Honour of The Artists of Rorkes Drift 1960's to 1970's

Exhibition venue: Kizo Art Gallery (Upstairs Gallery)

Exhibition launch date: 4th August 2008 at 6:30P.M.

Exhibition closes: 25th August 2008

Exhibiting Artists: John Muafangejo, Sandile Zulu, Jacob Matsose, R.Goswana, Vincent Baloyi and others

Kizo is proud to announce the launch of an exhibition entitled "In Honour of The Artist's of Rorkes Drift 1960's to 1970's". This important exhibition will launch at Kizo Gateway on the 4th August at 6:30P.M. and run until the 25th August 2008.

A private collector has thankfully agreed to exhibit a superb collection of valuable works from this sought after period. These works have until now remained hidden and are of such historical and cultural importance that the collector felt that it was in the public's interest that they be exhibited.

The exhibition consists of a body of 43 works. These are in the main those of the celebrated John Muafangelo but also include pieces by Sandile Zulu, Jacob Matsose, R. Goswana, Vincent Baloyi and others. The works will not be offered for sale as it is the collector's desire that they do not join the many others that have been purchased by international collectors and have left South Africa.

Swedish missionaries set up an arts school for Black South African's who could not access universities because of Apartheid. The works that emanated from this program have become internationally renowned and are sought after by local and international collectors.

It is hoped that this exhibition adds its weight to the current dialogue revolving around issues of South Africa being at risk of losing many of our most valuable artworks due to the interest from international markets. We simply cannot afford to outbid international collectors who are offering huge amounts of money for works by some South African artists.

This demand is sure to continue growing based on the massive international marketing campaign for The Soccer World Cup 2010. Schools, universities, artists and collectors are encouraged to visit the exhibition in order to view these wonderful artworks that are of such historical significance to KwaZulu Natal.

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