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TONGA MALL: COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Tonga Mall, in the Malelane area of Mpumalanga (beyond Nelspruit) is being built by Fortris, architects Equilibrium.

A series of workshops to involve the community in art for the Mall, and to give back to the community in terms of skills, have been run by veteran workshop host and Grammy winner Robin Hogarth. The workshops are followed by the learners producing mural pieces of Nguni cattle from the area, as well as artworks for their own use, using artists and skills from Art Afrique (Carol Hogarth).

Robin Hogarth is the South African representative of Artists for Human Rights, and a briefing on this campaign is the introduction to the workshops. The learners are then taken through aspects of how to create art from the book 'Art' by L Ron Hubbard, and aspects of the Way to Happiness by the same author, in particular the precept 'Safeguard and Protect your environment'.

They then apply these skills to producing the artworks.

Each workshop had a bright banner acknowledging the creators of the mall, and the architect, as well as Artists for Human Rights and Art Afrique – and these were acknowledged in each workshop.

Workshops were run in 5 local schools on the 3rd 4th and 5th December, with a total of 113 learners and teachers doing the programme.

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This is a summary of results from the programme:

- Tonga View Primary School – 3.12.12. 19 learners.

“I learn (ed) about arts and I enjoyed it....We learn how to respect someone and to keep our environment clean”

“I enjoyed it and I thank you”

“I love how to paint...I love, enjoy....”

“I learn much about art...and I learn so much things about happiness with other people.”

“I learned about human right(s) and about the way to happiness”

- Chief Makunyula School 3.12.12. 14 learners.

“I have learned that art is about life, and there will be no art if people don’t dream...”

“We enjoy it because we do things that we love it. We enjoy it we paint and we get the knowledge. We enjoy laughing.”

“... I love the way we talk and make so much fun that I ever have in my life.”

“I learned about love (and) respect... I learned that everyone has a dream”

“We learn so much about art and know something that we did not know atall”

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•Idlangemabala Secondary School

“I learned how to take care of your environment...”

“The workshop make(s) me view art in a different way. Thank you!”

“... I love it because now I know ... how to make your community... clean, and how to draw”

“I have learned that a culture has its dreams, and its dreams are dreamed by an Artist. And I have enjoyed so much...”

“I enjoyed ... knowing how to take care of my environment. How to communicate with art and people...”

“I learn so much....”

“I enjoyed it because it was so right...”

•D D Mabuza Comprehensive High School 4.12.12. 9 learners.

“I enjoyed... because I have learned many things about culture and art, how to take care of my environment”

“I really enjoyed this workshop – it has been a great experience”.

“I have learned about communication and culture and how to take care of my environment, and I have enjoyed all the lessons”

“I have enjoyed this workshop very much... I wish I could do it continuously. Thank you!!!”

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•Ndindane Combined School. 5.12.12. 49 learners:

• in fact more who were included as possible: so popular and crowded was done under a tree outside.

“It was so very good... we know very much...”

“I learn that we must take care of our environment...”

“I have learned how to communicate myself on art and I also learned that now I can help on my community...”

“This workshop it was very active, and we enjoy it – lovely...”

“I have learn(ed) how to...communicate with art and it is so lovely and bright”

“... so lovely it was nice and was a great day”

“I have learned the important things about art”.

“Now I want to change my life, because my life change(d) today”

“It was very wonderful”.

“We learned about art work and we get understand(ing) (of) art for human rights.”

“It was very nice having such wonderful people teaching us about the art”.

“Now I have to decide how people in our community teach other person(s) how (to) keep our environment clean”

“You know I really really like the show... it was really fantastic!!”

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