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## PRESS RELEASE

### THROUGH OUR EYES: CULTURAL EXCHANGE

*“Journey to South Africa: Struggle and Resistance”*  
*“Journey to America”*

*Through Our Eyes* is an annual exhibition coordinated by the RITZ THEATRE AND MUSEUM in Jacksonville, Florida in the USA. In 2018, this annual exhibition turned 25 and Jacksonville artists were invited to make works in response to the theme “Journey to South Africa: Struggle & Resistance”.

This exhibition will be opened in Nelson Mandela Bay on the 4 December 2019 **by Professor Vulindlela Nyoni**, Head of Department and Associate Professor at the Nelson Mandela University School of Performing and Visual Arts.

Guests are invited to the opening from 17:30 for 18:00. The event will end around 19:30.

This travelling exhibition opens alongside the Nelson Mandela Bay companion exhibition *Through our eyes: Journey to America* which challenged local artists to respond to themes within the American exhibition. Selected artists will have the opportunity to have their works travel to Jacksonville, Florida, USA to be exhibited at the RITZ THEATRE AND MUSEUM in early 2020.

This exhibition exchange forms part of the Jacksonville/Nelson Mandela Bay Sister Cities Partnership. The City of Nelson Mandela Bay was selected as a Sister City partner for Jacksonville because of our profound liberation history. Nelson Mandela Bay has had an active relationship with Jacksonville since the year 2000.

2020 marks a 20-year milestone for Jacksonville’s participation in the Sister Cities project. This is an opportunity to affirm the positive impact that the Sister Cities partnership has made towards Jacksonville and other Sister City communities across the globe. The exhibition *Through our eyes: Journey to America* will form part of the commemorations and will promote local Nelson Mandela Bay artists through their participation on the Jacksonville’s international cultural programme.

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