

Chefs who share charity auction of South African artists

The inaugural 'Chefs who share - the ART of giving' is a sold-out gala evening in aid of youth development in the Cape Town City Hall on Thursday 5 September 2013. It will include an art auction, which is still accepting bids online.

Presented by Mercedes-Benz South Africa, original works by 10 top South African artists will go under the hammer when 14 acclaimed chefs team up with seven sommeliers and celebrity performers.

The proceeds of the auction of original pieces, donated by each of the artists, will go towards two youth development charities: Mad Charity (Make a Difference) and Laureus Sport for Good Foundation.

Well known Cape Town businessman and co-founder of the Laureus World Sports Awards and Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, Iain Banner, will be the auctioneer on the evening.

Artists on auction

- Anthea Delmotte, a Namibian born artist, has explored her interest in creating backdrops for stage décor from stage props, advertising material, shop décor to painting. Since 1998, she has focused predominantly on her painting, an art form in which she finds her biggest challenges, and where she feels she belongs. Anthea has donated "Pilletjie swaai 2", a series of 12 paintings, each 30 x 30 cm in size, depicting a municipal worker busy preparing himself a rolled cigarette.
- Anton Smith, a self taught sculptor, is fast becoming one of South Africa's more important sculptors with works permanently on display at the Pretoria and Pietersburg Art museums and major art galleries across the country. Anton has donated "Facets II," an art piece made from steel and glass reinforced plastic and mounted on a concrete base.
- Dylan Lewis is one of only a handful of living artists to have had more than one solo auction with Christie's in London. His work features in private collections throughout the UK, continental Europe, the US and Australia. He will be donating a large serigraph sketch.
- Heike Allerton-Davies has participated in numerous group shows, including Sex, Power and Money (2009), Fresh (2011) and 15 Years. She is also a regular exhibitor at the Everard Read Gallery in Cape Town. She has donated "Untitled" (2012), an ink and acrylic on canvas art piece.
- Jacqueline Crewe-Brown's work is represented in several private and public collections in South Africa and internationally. She is an England born artist who currently resides in the Franschhoek Valley in the Western Cape. Jacqueline has donated a painting, which she is producing specially for Chefs who Share.
- Jean Doyle is an internationally recognised sculptor whose trademark of the fuller female-figure offers interesting social critiques. She has produced a number of world-renowned sculptures that are located all over Africa. She has donated "La Corde Lisse" a bronze sculpture.
- Lionel Smit, known for his large canvasses and unique sculptures, has been exhibiting locally and internationally for nearly 10 years. He has donated "Accumulation #5," an oil on Belgian linen painting.
- Louis Jansen van Vuuren is a prominent Cape Town artist and cultural worker who spends a great deal of his time in France. His work has gained recognition throughout South Africa and abroad. Louis donated "The Bridge" a 1m x 1.5m oil painting framed in a solid gilt-wood.
- Russell Travers is a South African born artist who has worked extensively as art director for various advertising agencies in Sweden. In 1998, upon his return to Cape Town, he opened a daylight studio in Cape Town, using it as a base for his expanding repertoire of large format oil paintings. Since then his work output has increased steadily and he has sold extensively to art buyers through various galleries, including the Hout Bay Gallery. Russell has donated "Picasso" an 1.40m x 1.80m oil on canvas art piece.
- Ryan Hewett is renowned for his evocative portraits. Barnard Gallery hosted his first solo exhibition, entitled "Genesis" earlier this year. A promising start for this talented artist, the show was a huge success and sold out within two weeks.

'Chefs who share' is destined to become one of the most prestigious events on the Cape Town social calendar. The event enables guests to get up close and personal with South Africa's finest chefs, sommeliers and artists whilst supporting a worthy cause.

"We are delighted to be in a position to host this inaugural event in Cape Town. Together with our partners we hope to take this concept even further with similar events overseas in support of our chosen South African charities," says event organiser, Barbara Lenhard.

To get the required pre-registration form for online bidding, email office@opulentliving.co.za or call +27 (0) 21 433 1699. For more information, go to www.chefswhoshare.com or follow [#ChefsWhoShare](https://twitter.com/ChefsWhoShare) on Twitter.

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