

Welgemeend Art Month opens in August

Welgemeend August Art Month is an annual event that aims to promote the appreciation of art and culture in the greater Cape Town community.



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The event is hosted by collectors Frank and Lizelle Kilbourn and auction house Strauss & Co, in collaboration with the Friends of Welgemeend. The month-long celebration of the visual arts is hosted in the historic manor house of Welgemeend and involves a themed art exhibition featuring works from private collections. The convivial programme features walkabouts, lectures and other social events.

This year's exhibition is titled *Homage: Erken/Verken* and pays homage to the founders of Die Kunsamer, a Cape Town art gallery established in 1971 by art market pioneer Louis Schachat and his wife Charlotte.



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Louis passed away in 2013 and Charlotte has kindly agreed to the collaboration for 2022 August Art Month and will play an active role by lending key artworks to the exhibition and providing valuable information and archival material about Die Kunsamer and the artists it represented over the years.

Louis and Charlotte, through Die Kunsamer, created a platform for the marketing and sale of works by the very best South African artists of their time. In addition, they regarded it as their duty to enlighten the public about the value and the beauty of works of developing artists. Many of these artists became well-known and are today recognised as being amongst the top artists our country has produced.

The 2022 August Art Month pays homage to Die Kunsamer, the late Louis Schachat and to Charlotte Schachat, as well as to the artists and artworks (many now iconic) that passed through Die Kunsamer's hands over the years.



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Louis, or “Oom Louis” as he was affectionately known, always emphasised that the decision to buy any artwork should be based on the buyer’s affection for a particular painting or sculpture, not on its perceived investment value.

Works by, amongst others, Irma Stern, J. H. Pierneef, Alexis Preller, Deborah Poynton, Kenneth Bakker and many others, will be on display.

Welgemeend Art Month 2022 will open on 5 August and closes on 31 August.

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