Dear Friends of Lalela

2016 was a year filled with remarkable developments for Lalela which would not have been possible without our partners and supporters. Thank you, all of you, for your ongoing commitment to Lalela. We would also like to thank our newest partners who have enabled us to grow into new schools and communities to reach more and more at-risk youth. These include:

• Keep a Child Alive, together with Zoe-Life at the Blue Roof Life Space, Wentworth, Durban to reach youth affected by HIV/AIDS.

• Our partnership with Mellon Educate through which we entered Happy Valley Primary School in Blue Downs and began working with 900 new learners.

• The FNB Joburg Art Fair for which we were the education partner. This greatly expanded our visibility in Johannesburg as well as in the international art world as our students lead guided tours of the exhibitions.

• This Holiday Season, we have had the wonderful opportunity through our partner Elbi for sponsorship from David Yurman. Throughout December all transactions on the David Yurman website will support Lalela or one of six other charities!

We look forward to 2017 as Lalela has been awarded a grant of R1 889 285 from the National Arts Council in South Africa to roll out our Heart Map curriculum across South Africa as a social cohesion project. We cannot wait to share the year ahead with you.

Thanks to our passionate team and committed Boards! It is with their help that we continue providing arts education to more and more at-risk youth!

Warmest wishes to you and your families for the New Year!

ANDREA KERZNER, CEO

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FNB Joburg Art Fair

September 2016 saw our inaugural involvement at the FNB Joburg Art Fair. Lalela was project partner and the sole Art Education organization involved at the ArtFair. We created a custom designed guided tour for school groups to engage with the artists and artworks at the ArtFair in an innovative and meaningful way.

It is near impossible to overstate the positive responses to the Lalela Education Programme that saw children from various locations and regions of Gauteng visit the fair to join the guided tours and interact with the Lalela team.

FNB JOBURG ART FAIR DIRECTOR, MANDLA SIBEKO

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Featured artist Wangechi Mutu at the FNB Joburg Art Fair with Lalela student tour guides

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Co-Directors Lucy MacGarry & Mandla Sibeko

Artist Zanele Muholi at Lalela's booth
Student Successes

I was part of the team that lead the tours during the Joburg ArtFair. My best moment was when I got to see the artists and experience how art makes people express emotion. This tour made me realise what an important impact art has on people and in our society.

OPRAH MAECHELA, CHANGEMAKER OF THE YEAR, GRADE 8

The art I was able to see was amazing. It was incredible and my first time seeing artwork like that. I also enjoyed guiding tours. I led individuals and groups of children, all getting to know each and learn about art. I hope that we will have another trip like this again!

SHAKINA KASEKE, GRADE 8

A note left on the board at the Centre for Arts & Innovation by one of the Lalela Maboneng learners after one of the workshops:

"Art has saved me from the emotional pain from which almost destroyed my life, and that’s how powerful art is. It’s a life-changing element that can save a lot of people so let Lalela and the team help you discover your dreams. I DID."

PRINCETON NDLOVU, AGED 15, SINGER, DANCER RAPPER AND LALELA STUDENT

Our annual Peace Poster competition took place in October this year with high excitement from all artists involved. It was a great event organised and sponsored by the Hout Bay Lion’s Club. They asked artists to creatively depict how they can celebrate peace and perpetuate it in the world. All artists received a certificate while we had three overall winners on the night! The winners were Shawn Ingwane, Thando Sigwebo and Arnique van Schalkwyk.

2016 saw the launch of LalelaLive!, a weekly rollout of theoretical and practical music tuition under the guidance of Leon Visser.
Every year we celebrate the end of the academic year by hosting community exhibitions and award-giving evenings for the learners and parents in our communities. Here we acknowledge and award every learner in our program. We are proud to have celebrated in Hout Bay (Sentinel & Oranjekloof Primary and Silikamva & Hout Bay High Schools) and Happy Valley, Cape Town, Maboneng Precinct, Tomorrow Trust Johannesburg, Durban, and Rorke’s Drift, KZN.

Lalela Learners excelling at school

Lalela learners continue to achieve each year and 2016 was no different with many of our learners achieving top academic accolades. Here are some of our learners’ awards:

**Silikamva High**

- **Top Academic Achiever in grade 11**: Sibongiseni Mkiva
- **Principals Award**: Elie Mabunda and Tedious Foroma
- **Head Boy**: Elie Mabunda
- **Head Girl**: Yolanda Mhaga
- **Deputy Head Girl**: Sinethemba Mabusela

**Hout Bay High**

- **Top Academic Achiever in Grade 12 for isiXhosa**: Siyanda Ndude
- **Top Academic Achiever for Geography, Natural Science and English**: Nicole de Bruin
- **Top Academic Achiever in Grade 10**: Bertha Mazhirikawu

Your partnership has meant an immense amount to the children and staff of Silikamva over the last few years.

MR DUFFET, PRINCIPAL OF SILIKAMVA HIGH

**Post-Matric News**

- Pozisa and Apendule awarded Rotary Scholarships.
- Theo was awarded with the Motspe Foundation Scholarship.
- Siyolisi Bani recently graduated with a National Diploma in graphic design. Siyolisi joined Lalela as a learner when he was in grade 11 and his growth has been incredible to watch. We are so proud have him join our team as a full time facilitator in 2017.
Lalela Maboneng were delighted to welcome a delegation of European and African travel operators who were being hosted by ArtLogic. Vika Mjoka, Programme Coordinator and Senior Facilitator, presented the group with an overview of Lalela, as well as the gift of a Heart Map artwork created by Lalela student artists.

Lalela has grown from strength to strength since 2010 and we hope to continue to do so through collaborative partnerships over the next few years.

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We had two Lalela graduates join us as interns for 2016. Hard work, passion and dedication are words which come to mind when describing Sammy & Siphe. We wish them the very best for their future careers.

Lalela is proud to announce our partnership with the National Arts Council to roll out one of our flagship curriculums, the Heart Map, as a social cohesion project across South Africa over the next 3 years. Heart Maps were designed to connect two people on a meaningful heart to heart artful journey. Heart Maps have been shown to cross demographic and psychographic lines including barriers of culture, xenophobia, gender, race and economics. They have connected people with meaningful dialogue and benefits of empowerment, mentoring, self and mutual respect.

My experience with Lalela as an intern taught me so much. With art you can always find new meaning and try to experience life from a different and more meaningful perspective. SAMMY

When I think of myself as a lalela intern, this quote comes to mind: “a positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results.” I discovered my capabilities this year, and that with the tools that I have gained from Lalela I can take on any job.

SIPHE
Volunteers' Voice

What is most exciting and inspiring about Lalela students is a vibrant energy that can't quite be captured with words.

I assisted with classes during the “Dream Mapping” curriculum. My relationship with the artists went from: “Who is this stranger from California and what is she doing in my classroom?” to “I love you Clancy! What are your hopes and dreams?” Every day each class was a unique mixture of the energies we all brought to the room. The curriculum we worked with was designed to get the kids thinking about their dream selves, their hopes and aspirations for the future, while at the same time creating beautiful compositions. It was a cool project that enabled the students to seriously think about their futures, their skills, and talents. After just a few days, the benefit of the safe space Lalela provides (which extends well beyond the classroom) became very clear.

It was an incredible two weeks and I look forward to coming back!

CLANCEY, LALELA VOLUNTEER

Lalela Facilitator workshop

This September Lalela facilitators from Cape Town, Durban, Rorkes Drift and Johannesburg came together to plan for the year ahead; and revitalise and strengthen their skills in the beautiful process of facilitation that is the Lalela way. What was most inspiring was to witness the passion and energy that every facilitator brings to their work every day. Through implementing the vision of Lalela, our facilitators witness the impact our programmes have on the children we work with. This experience inspires them to push the boundaries of what art can achieve, it inspires them to change lives.

The weekend was a reminder that art and creativity can truly transform the way in which we see the world and that together we can achieve positive change.

FIRDOS HENDRICKS, HEAD FACILITATOR

Well done Lalela leaders!

I had the privilege and honour to interview the amazingly talented Lalela Students the other day. I can honestly say that I would hire them all at the drop of a hat but I know we can only hire ten students this season. Their stories and personalities are sensational. It was truly inspiring and through the work and projects of Lalela they all can look forward to a bright future.

TARYN-LEIGH NIEDERMAYER, ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN
South African artist Tony Gum visited Oranjekloof Primary with the CNN Africa crew for African Voices.

Lalela learners participated in the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Baxter Theatre in Cape Town.

Lalela high school learners at the Cape Town Jazz Festival free concert.

Our Maboneng team were interviewed on Cliff Central during the FNB Joburg ArtFair.

Interior Designer and Fashion Icon Iris Apfel received a Lalela Heart Map Award at Women’s Entrepreneurship Day at the UN.

Lalela interns ready to inspire at this year’s Cape Town Art Fair.

Lalela partnered with Relate Bracelets for their #my67 campaign at the V&A waterfront and created a beaded mural for Mandela Day.

Mandela Day Career Day at the O&O Cape Town.

Lalela kickstarted the partnership with Keep a Child Alive and Zoe Life with our holiday program at the Blue Roof Centre in Wentworth, Durban.

Mr South Africa, Armand du Plessis visited some of our Lalela learners.

Actor Ethan Hawke and his family joined us at Hout Bay high on Mandela day and helped with our school beautification project.

Mark Coetzee, Executive Director and Chief Curator of Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (Zeitz MOCAA) and Elana Brundyn, Director of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs came to visit Lalela.

Lalela Project would like to thank the following for their continued support: