Friends of LALELA

It gives me great pleasure to share with you what we have been up to this term! It certainly has been an eventful year so far!

We kickstarted 2017 with our Lalela Leadership Camp in January and our new LalelaLive! Music programme.

In February, we launched our 2017 Female Empowerment programme with inspirational female role models and were actively involved in the Cape Town Art Fair hosting the #Artoflistening workshops. We ran our first National Arts Council training workshop where we will be rolling out our Heart Map curriculum across schools nationwide over the next 2 years. We also had the opportunity to be involved in most of the spin-off events at the Cape Town International Jazz Festival again.

March saw us host our first successful holiday programme for the year and celebrate Human Rights Day on the 21st by painting murals nationally, which also coincided with the launch of our ‘Sponsor a Class’ Campaign.

We hope you enjoy reading all the action in this issue!

Best wishes,

Cat Rieper, COO

Cape Town Art Fair 2017

Lalela participated in the 2017 Cape Town Art Fair for the fourth consecutive year and our interactive stand, themed The Art of Listening, stood out with its vibrant artwork and bright, colourful Lalela scarves. During the fair, Lalela invited attendees to listen to music and to then create clay sculptures inspired by what they heard.

The many sculptures bear testimony to the great amount of visitors attracted to the Lalela stand. Lending further vibrancy, was renowned artist and Lalela Ambassador, Tony Gum who officially took over all of Lalela’s social media for the event.

“I volunteer every year to work at the Lalela stand at the art fair as it is such a phenomenal experience – one gets to see the art world come alive and meet amazing artists from around the world”.

Melikhaya Mdubeke – Lalela graduate

Below: World renowned artist, Zanele Muholi donning a Lalela scarf

Left: Tony Gum, one of the exhibited artists at the Cape Town Art Fair, listening to music and creating her sculpture.
Lalela December Holiday Programme

Every December Lalela hosts summer holiday programmes and this past December saw hundreds of children join the programme not only in Cape Town but across our communities in South Africa. Lalela uses this opportunity to teach the art of gift giving and the learners each create gifts they exchange with another child as well as some they can share at home. Our December 2016 curriculum was inspired by the work of British artist and designer, Camille Walala, and the learners decorated pencil cases and class bottle jars with vibrant patterns and designs.

What I loved most about the holiday programme is that I made a present to give my grandmother for Christmas and we got the new stationery for school.

Ayanda, Grade 3, Sentinel Primary

Female Empowerment Launch at the Claycafé

The Lalela Female Empowerment programme is a 6-month programme that engages young women entering high school and gives them the confidence to excel in academics and to have the courage to dream beyond what’s expected of them.

On the 6th of February Lalela launched the 2017 programme for the grade 8 girls from Silikamva High School with a small event at Clay Cafe in Hout Bay. Guest speakers Nwabisa Mayema and Yonela Gaga shared their life journeys with the girls and encouraged them to dream big.

“It was amazing! We got to interact with the 2016 Female Empowerment girls and I was inspired when they shared their experiences of the programme and how it changed their lives. My highlight was when the guest speaker, Nwabisa Mayema, re-enforced the importance of having values, morals and a clear vision as a young woman.” Zikhona Msaba, Grade 8

LalelaLive! at WAM

Lalela is very proud to partner with the Woodstock Academy of Music (WAM) to bring quality music programmes to the Lalela grade 8 & 9 learners from Hout Bay High and Silikamva High Schools. Through the partnership we aim to improve their talent and appreciation for music.

The first term set off to an amazing start with the learners beginning instruction in instruments of their choice ranging from piano and guitar to drums as well as the option of vocal coaching. During the April holidays, the LalelaLive! learners came together to record 3 original tracks, Click here to listen to their first recorded tracks!
Free Up & Dream up Exhibition 15 Jan, 2017

Lalela launched our ‘Free Up...Dream Up’ Exhibition at the Lalela Gallery at the One&Only Cape Town in January. The afternoon tea, hosted by the One&Only Cape Town celebrated the “best of” artwork from our Cape Town programmes for 2016.

Our CEO and founder, Andrea Kerzner welcomed guests to view the large variety of colour works on display.

Human Rights Day 21 March

In celebration of Human Rights Day on 21 March, Lalela reimagined spaces in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Our Cape Town team created a mural at Masiphumelele High School designed by the Lalela learners from the school & inspired by their right to education. The day saw learners from Hout Bay, Silikamva and Masiphumelele High Schools working together to complete the mural, followed by a slam poetry competition. The poetry session focused on the rights and responsibilities of our youth towards education in South Africa today. Our team in Johannesburg created colourful murals at the Rhema Children’s Home in Brahms. Lalela wishes to thank all the wonderful sponsors who came on board to make this day a success!

When the learner becomes the Teacher/Facilitator – Selina, 2017 Lalela Intern

Working as an intern at Lalela is an exciting experience, and being given the opportunity to be part of it is amazing. I joined Lalela as a learner in primary school, and had strong role models from the programme who have shaped my life. As a facilitator, I now have the opportunity to be a role model, to help nurture young lives, and this is a proud moment for me and my family. Lalela taught me to be responsible, punctual, professional, how to interact with my colleagues and people from all walks of life.

I have learned to love myself and the kids I work with. I would like to thank Lalela for this opportunity.”
The Cape Town International Jazz Festival (CTIJF)

The Cape Town International Jazz Festival (CTIJF) offers many exciting opportunities for Lalela learners to excel and show off their talents. We were fortunate to have an opportunity to be involved in most of the spin-off events, including the Gigs-for-kids, Free Concert and the Golf Day. We were also privileged to have one of our graduates intern for two weeks during the buildup to the event.

“I was invited to join the ESPAfrika team as an intern this year following my attendance to the Skills Development workshops in 2016, made possible through Lalela’s partnership with ESPAfrika. The ESPAfrika Corporate team taught me so much about the importance of communication, being accountable, reliable and responsible. Pulling off a two-day event is hard work and planning starts a full year in advance. It was an incredible opportunity and I wish to thank Lalela and Billy Domingo for this amazing opportunity.”

Zimashile Sibobotobo

Hout Bay Fires – 11 March 2017

A horrific fire blazed through the township of Imizamo Yethu in March this year, destroying about 6000 homes and leaving more than 13,000 people homeless. Our team mobilized immediately, assisting with relief efforts by handing out food parcels, toiletries and clothing. Many of our older learners assisted at production lines, packing food parcels, clothing packs and playing with the children. This gave them a strong sense of community and achievement. We suspended our regular classes for a week and when we resumed we focused on offering psycho-social support to all children affected by the fire, using our Heart Map curriculum.

From the Classroom

Hout Bay High Grade 8’s proudly show their Jazzy Kadinsky artworks

High School learners from Shlyane High in Borke’s Drift share their collaborative artwork

Art of Oditha - Oranjekloof learners proudly show their colourful creations

“Wow it was horrible and devastating and left so many people homeless and in need. But at the same time, it brought the Hout Bay community together. Amazing partnerships took place to help the victims. Full recovery from it will take time, but we are hoping for the best for our people.”

Shile Krishe, Grade 12
Sijkana
Term 1 Highlights

Lalela learners overcoming the giant obstacle course during the annual Lalela Leadership Camp.

Lalela team exhibiting at the Game Changers Conference in February, hosted by the Western Cape Department of Education.

Youth Board Chairperson, Siyu Ngcaba joined Lalela team for Human Rights Day in Johannesburg.

Grade 12 outing to the Lalela gallery.

Lalela summer interns attending a thank you tea hosted at the One&Only Cape Town.

Lalela artwork hanging in the Saatchi Abel Board Room.

Lalela leaders taking part in the annual sand castle competition in Hout Bay.