

South African artists to display works at VCUQ gallery

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DOHA: Eight artists from South Africa will exhibit their artworks at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQ), gallery from today.

'Crossing Boundaries: Contemporary Art and Artists from South Africa', initiated by VCUQatar gallery director Jochen Sokoly and South African gallerist Ortrud Mulder will open today.

"We usually focus on the Arab region only and fail to talk about the Islamic artists in the other part of the world. This exhibition will also showcase works of the South African Islamic art," said Sokoly.

The opening reception will be preceded by a lecture entitled "A Fresh Look at a Century of South African Art" by Riason Naidoo, director of the South African National Gallery, at 6pm at the atrium in VCUQatar. The event is open to the public.

"A whole lot of interest in South African political context is given in artist's work. South Africa has technology and history results in great art work," said Naidoo.



Visiting South African artists who will exhibit their artworks at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQ), gallery from today talking to media.

In his lecture, Naidoo focuses on modern and contemporary artists in South Africa with a particular reference to its post colonial and apartheid context, the subject of a recent exhibition at the National Gallery of South Africa in Cape Town.

The exhibition, 'Crossing Boundaries: Contemporary Art and Artists from South Africa', brings together a diverse group of contemporary artists - Lien Botha, Nadja Daehnke, Hasan and Husain Essop, Svea Josephy, Sharlene Khan, Nomthunzi

Mashalaba - whose work represents artistic practice in photography, mixed media, print, installation and text.

It reflects discourses with culture, environment, society and self and provides an insight into contemporary post-Apartheid

South Africa. The exhibition will be opened by the director of the South African National Gallery in Cape Town, Naidoo following his opening lecture.

The exhibition is scheduled from today till 5 March, 2011 at The Gallery at Virginia

Commonwealth University in Qatar and is open Sundays to Thursdays, from 9 am to 5 pm, or by prior appointment. A reception will be held at the gallery today which is open to the public.

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