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EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR DADA MORERO TO LEAD PREVIEW LAUNCH OF THE HOMECOMING EXHIBITION AS PART OF THE G20 CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, Cllr Dada Morero, will on Thursday, 20 November 2025, lead a special preview launch of the Homecoming Exhibition, a landmark cultural showcase forming part of the official G20 Summit Cultural Programme.

The Homecoming Exhibition celebrates the return of 145 artworks from the Johannesburg Art Gallery (JAG) following an extensive international tour. It also marks a significant partnership between the Standard Bank Gallery and JAG, ensuring that Johannesburg residents continue to experience the city's world-renowned collection during the gallery's refurbishment.

The artworks were recently returned from exhibitions held in Hungary, Italy, and South Korea. In South Korea alone, the exhibition attracted almost half a million visitors, highlighting the global significance of Johannesburg's artistic heritage and strengthening the city's cultural brand.

The exhibition is co-curated by Mr Khwezi Gule, Chief Curator of JAG, and Dr Same Mdluli, Gallery Manager at Standard Bank Art Gallery, with curatorial support from Mr Bamanye Ngxale of JAG's Southern African Traditional Collection. The preview forms part of the City's broader G20 hosting programme and demonstrates Johannesburg's commitment to cultural diplomacy and creating spaces that elevate creative expression.

Media are invited as follows:

Date: Thursday, 20 November 2025

Time: 10h30 for 11h00

Venue: Standard Bank Gallery, Simmonds Street, Johannesburg

ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

IMPORTANT: Media must RSVP today to secure access.

FOR MEDIA ENQUIRIES AND RSVPS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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