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**PRESS RELEASE:**

**ANNOUNCING THE JOHANNESBURG DEVELOPMENT AGENCY’S APPOINTMENT OF THE TRINITY SESSION TO EMBARK ON PLACEMAKING THROUGH LOCAL ART FOR STRATEGIC NODES ALONG TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT CORRIDORS 2017-2020**

The Johannesburg Development Agency, as lead implementing agent of the City of Johannesburg, has appointed the Trinity Session as curator/co-ordinator for all place making processes: emphasising collective community oriented artistic projects for the next three years.

With an emphasis on community level co-production and collective participatory design processes, the artworks programme seeks to enliven the streets of Johannesburg with a refreshed approach to place making in the city and its neighbourhoods.

The programme for 2017-2018 looks at the diverse and layered socio-cultural interrelationships of the Empire/Perth and Louis Botha Development Corridors and their respective upgrade sites, which include: the Noordgesig, Brixton and Paterson Park social clusters, and the Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transit Stations along the Louis Botha Corridor.

Through actively engaging with local communities and building on the heritage impact assessments conducted in the Development Corridors, the artworks programme will draw out individual and collective narratives over the coming months, through multi disciplinary workshops, public space activations and exhibitions. These findings will then be developed as final designs for implementation during the construction phases in each of the upgrade areas mentioned.

This place making process will take a fine-grained approach to celebrating the city and its local communities, where the creative process works to intensify the experience of community and place. This is not about artwork for large-scale iconic monuments but rather about local people co-producing special places through functional and creative installations in the public realm.

In this sense, a local community street parade, coupled with a mural painting programme intersecting with sidewalk furniture providing shade and free Wi-Fi access potentially enhances the logics of connectivity and place-making along the corridors.

To the creative thinkers and change makers out there, we look forward to your involvement!

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