



### **Best of 2021 Fine Art Student exhibition**

**Lebohang Radebe: Fine Art first year coordinator**



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It has become a tradition that at the beginning of each year, the Fine Art students at the Vaal University of Technology in the Visual Arts and Design Department work as a collective in organizing an art exhibition which consists of the best art works of the previous year. This initiative is part of the Art Management module offered from first year to third year of the Diploma in Fine art. The purpose of this module is to introduce basic concepts and application of art management and entrepreneurial skills in Visual Arts/Fine Art setting/related field of study. The initial stages of this exhibition involved the first-year students collaborating with the second and third-year students in planning this art exhibition at the university's Bodutu Art Gallery. This annual Fine Art student exhibition is carried out to prepare students for the Visual Arts industry as part of the Art Management module. The process involved third year

students applying and attending interviews according to the different job titles that were advertised, for example curatorship and technical operators amongst others. On the other hand, this assisted newly registered first year students to adapt and learn more about professional practice in Fine Art.

The best art works of the previous year are selected by the lecturers with the assistance of the students during the final evaluations from the previous year. The selection criteria are based on presentation, the level of innovative techniques utilized, portrayal of professionalism and diligence. The art works displayed are both two-dimensional (drawings, paintings and surface prints) and three-dimensional (sculpture, ceramics and product design). The revolving themes throughout the exhibited works are centered around identity, cultural, political themes etc. This annual exhibition has been a success since 2013 and expected to improve every year.