

Badsha's work

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rights exhibition

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BRUCE Springsteen and company's globe-blasting Amnesty International tour is a hard act to follow ... but top local artistes will be doing their bit to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with an art exhibition.

And a number of top Durban artistes will be taking part, including Vedant Nanackchand, Andrew Verster, and Paul Sibisi.

Former Durban social documentary photographer Omar Badsha, who moved to Cape Town last year to open a documentary unit at the University of Cape Town, has also agreed to exhibit some of his work.

Any form of art can be submitted for the exhibition.

Workshop

Under the banner "Artists for Human Rights", the idea is for South African artistes to submit works for exhibition depicting the spirit of the 30 articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Besides professional artists, students and children have also been invited to participate.

A special award section has been opened for student artistes, and a children's workshop is planned



OMAR BADSHA
Photographer

where art teachers will introduce the budding artistes to some of the articles of the declaration and encourage them to express ideas they have on the declaration creatively.

One of the organisers of the exhibition, Wouter Geldenhuys, said he hoped examples of the children's art could be used for a small publication called "Two Dogs and Freedom".

An award of R500 is up for the professional work judged to best capture the spirit of the declaration, as well as a number of smaller awards for student artistes.

The exhibition starts at the Durban Exhibition Centre on December 10, and will run until December 20. Further details can be obtained from Lorna Ferguson, the curator of the Tatham Art Gallery in Maritzburg, Natal.