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## **UCT Art students host annual silent auction to help fundraise graduate exhibition and bursary fund**

This year's graduating class of the Michaelis School of Fine Art at the University of Cape Town (UCT) are hosting the [annual silent auction](#) fundraiser event, from 14 to 16 September.

This auction, a longstanding tradition of the school, aids the costs of the large graduate show exhibition held at the end of the year, including a professionally produced catalogue, and funds the Materials Bursary Fund, which provides disadvantaged students with financial assistance towards art supplies.

This fundraising effort enables the graduating class an opportunity to give back to the school, and to frame their work within a broader context of professional art practice. Both of these fundraising efforts are important elements in the development of socially connected, resourceful young artists.

The silent auction is particularly important this year, as it is essentially the only source of fundraising available due to pandemic restrictions.

The auction will take place on the [bidding platform Bidpro](#), where prospective buyers place 'silent' anonymous bids on a bidding sheet, using a bidding number. The artwork is then sold to the highest bidder.

This year, the bidding process will be set over three days, on 14, 15 and 16 September. Bidding will be open throughout the three-day window, until the event closes at midnight on 16 September.

For further information, please contact the Silent Auction Student Committee:

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