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Sophie Lalonde Art Gallery Opens New Exhibition

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Sophie Lalonde Art Gallery

In late 2013 Sophie Lalonde Art Gallery introduced itself to marvelled art lovers when it opened its doors on the 19th floor of the exclusive i-towers. Sophie Lalonde Art Gallery lets you view not only local art works but international artworks while enjoying a cocktail or glass of wine at the private Sky Lounge with the remarkable view of Gaborone's view.

On Thursday the 13th of February, Sophie Lalonde opened to exhibit local artist Nicola Holgate's "I know you, you know him, he knows her whom I know too". Nicola is a South African resident of Botswana, whose latest collection is off faces in Botswana. Nicola explains that when she first arrived in Botswana in 2000 her opinion of Botswana's landscape was of its physical landscape but has since grown to include its people; which is of course apparent when one can recognise at least 75% of the faces in her latest

exhibition.

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exhibition.

Acrylic paintings include faces that are house hold names like Aldo Brincat and Boy, but also other faces that should be house hold names like fashion Designer Aobakwe Molosiwa of Gilded Sands. They're also paintings of Batswana she interacts with on a daily with some entitled "Taxi Man" as well as one of her son Alex.

Of course in the true style of Sophie Lalonde, the exhibition begins on the ground floor where attendees are welcome to fill in a wall on what Botswana means to them before exploring the rest of the exhibition. While some of the paintings are spectacular to look at some are subtle in their simplicity. While the water paintings bring an eerie feeling to the subjects, the acrylics bring them to life.

A favourite with many was the painting of Aobakwe Molosiwa in a bright orange dress, a painting that explores the gender stereotypes of Botswana as well as its growing take on Fashion as an expression. Something that Aobakwe's fashion sense constantly challenges, as he attended the exhibition drabbed in a black number. The exhibition can be seen from 14 February - 13 March 2014 at Sophie Lalonde Art Gallery. The Gallery without a doubt bridges the gap between the art lover, purchaser and artist as a pleasant number of people were in attendance of the exhibition launch.

Purchases can be made by visiting the offices during Tuesday to Friday in between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Prepare your pockets appropriately because the unique artwork pieces range from between P2600 and P4000.

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