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IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR 59TH ART IN THE PARK

During the 58th Art in the Park we surveyed exhibitors and their feedback was by and large positive but a few areas were raised that they felt needed attention. These are being considered as we prepare for 59th Art in the Park are underway.

It is noted though that some of the suggestions were raised before and responded to including positioning of stands (these have been altered many times by our designer Stage Group but I think they depend on individual preference on the part of exhibitors)

This year's edition is a precursor to the grand celebration of 60th anniversary in 2024. It would have been this year if it was not for losing 2020 due to the Covid Pandemic.

The Pietermaritzburg City's 185 years Commemoration this year is an exciting backdrop for 59th edition of Art in the Park hence the theme 'my city - my heritage'.

This theme will guide both the show's standard feature in the form of schools, 'through the eye of a child' competition and the commissioned art pieces by established artists. These will be expected to capture the representation of the heritage of the city and will ultimately reside at the Pietermaritzburg city hall.

Like in previously editions, visitors can look forward to a rich tapestry of art mediums and cocktail of activities that appeal to all ages.

Together with our main partner, Creative Arts College, KZN Botanical Gardens and the Witness Newspapers and Dept of Arts & Culture a lot has already been covered in preparing for the event that already promises to be a great offering and I thank them.

I am pleased to announce the additional partner, Tourism KZN, who as part of their provincial destination marketing will carry us on their platforms going forward

The show takes place from 27 April 2023 to 01 May 2023

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