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## Opportunity Art 2

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As a result of the resounding success of “Opportunity Art” in January 2011, the Overstrand Hospice has decided to host a similar event on the 24<sup>th</sup> March this year. The event will consist of an Art & Music Demonstration by Dale Elliot, an *ArtBazaar* or sale of paintings, the installation of our collage of artists’ canvases, and ultimately the auction of paintings, and artworks in bronze and ceramics by a reputable auctioneer. At last year’s event an incredible amount of R195 000 was raised.

This year the Overstrand Hospice is introducing another new and exciting element to Opportunity Art by inviting 21 local artists to participate in painting a piece of a collage puzzle – each in their own, unique style. Each artist will be given a blank canvas which will form part of the bigger picture – a beautiful scenic photograph by Ken Moore. Each artist will be given a blank canvas and together they will make up a collage painting of 2100mm x 1200mm. The installation of this collage will then take place during Opportunity Art 2.

The Overstrand Hospice cannot however hope to achieve this, without the generosity of the local art community and the willing volunteers offering their services and time free of charge. The aim of Opportunity Art 2 is to raise much-needed funds for the Hospice, but also to support a wider campaign of art education and appreciation within the Overstrand. In this manner all primary schools in the Overstrand will have the opportunity to participate in this year’s Opportunity Art. The art classes of each school have been provided with a photo relating to their particular area, for example the schools in Kleinmond will be painting a collage of an African penguin and those in Gansbaai will paint a shark. These paintings will be on display at the local tourism offices along the Cape Whale Coast and also on the evening of Opportunity Art 2.

However, to achieve the wonderful results of last year, the Overstrand Hospice is asking all artists (professional and amateur) to donate painting(s) to Opportunity Art 2. Anybody for that matter (any household as such) is encouraged to donate any painting - whether it's one that has been stored away in an attic or garage for many years or maybe even one you are no longer fond of. At the *ArtBazaar*, from 4pm to 6pm, every artwork can find a new home – almost like an *ArtsExchange*.

Donated paintings can be dropped off at the offices of the Overstrand Hospice at 10 Hope Street or at the Hospice shop next to the Hermanus Times. Personnel from the Overstrand Hospice can also collect paintings. The list of paintings to be auctioned on 24 March will be made public closer to the event. All paintings on the auction list will be displayed at Bellini for viewing purposes a week before Opportunity Art 2.

## **Opportunity Art 2:**

**DATE:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**VENUE:** Hermanus Civic Centre and Auditorium

**TIMES:** 3pm - Art & Music Demonstration by Dale Elliot

4pm - Art Sale

6pm for 6:30pm - Art Auction

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