

# Coming Home: Exhibition of SA struggle art in London

From 18 to 21 October a very special art exhibition comes to the Menier Gallery In London.

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"For the Children" by Dumile Feni (1942-1991)

*Coming Home: An exhibition of South African Art* repatriated by the Ifa Lethu Foundation features 44 artworks created during the apartheid years of 1948 to 1990.

During this period works by black artists and artists who expressed critique of the regime were not considered worthy of inclusion into South African public or private collections. This resulted in the purchase of the works by individuals residing outside the country.

The Ifa Lethu Foundation was formed in 2005 with the aim of repatriating these artworks to their country of origin where they could take their rightful place as heritage objects. Last year marked the beginning of a series of exhibitions travelling around the globe with the aim of making this lost heritage available to a wider public.

This will be the first time that *Coming Home* has been shown in the UK. The exhibition consists of approximately 50 works and also includes some resistance posters from the era. Embedded in the show are issues of Black Consciousness, oppression and deprivation, as well as township culture and the human capacity to rise above its circumstances. Artists include Dumile Feni, Motshile wa Nthodi, David Mothabeng Phoshoko, Melissa Becker and Victor Gordon.

The South African curator, Carol Brown, will be available throughout the exhibition to discuss the artworks and artists featured.

The exhibition runs from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 October from 11am – 6pm on Tues/ Wed, 11am to 8pm Thur/ Fri. Entrance is free.

The Menier Gallery is at 51 Southwark Street, SE1 1RU.

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From 22 to 27 October 15 selected works from the exhibition move to Bonhams to coincide with its annual South African Art sale. The struggle art from *Coming Home* will not be for sale.



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