

Different But One-18

Every year in February Israeli artist Rebeka Uziel comes to Kampala and organizes this unique display of new works by lecturers from Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts at Makerere University. This year's opening was held on Friday, 7th February, 2014 at 6 pm at Makerere Art Gallery/IHCR.

"We celebrate the 18th anniversary of Different But One. In people's lives, 18 often symbolizes maturity. In Hebrew, 18 stands for "life". And indeed Different But One has "long-lived" and matured as a highly welcomed tradition that brings together different branches of artistic activity under one roof." Rebeka Uziel.

Rebeka told of how the idea of holding this exhibition came to be. "I am not aware of an artistic tradition that is as extensive and persistent as Different But One. It had all started with an idea that occurred to us by chance while we were sitting and chatting on the staircase of the gallery. Some of us were skeptical about the prospect of the endeavor, but with vigor, persistence, and a will to display and share our passion for art, we did it and keep the tradition to this day," she said. "My wish is that we continue at the same pace, with the same joy of creation and enthusiasm that have characterized us all along."

During the exhibition, different artists put forward the fruits of their work, and as a whole the exhibition showcases joint maturation.

Life brings with it many changes and developments, and artists share the desire to express these changes in creative ways. The present exhibition includes a wide variety of artistic expressions - painting, sculpting, ceramics, jewelry, video art, drawing, and more. The exhibition offers an elaborate overview of the activities taking place at the school.

Story by Rebeka Uziel