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## **SHELDON ART GALLERIES CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT INCLUDES VIBRANT AND PERSONAL DEPICTIONS OF MOZAMBIQUE**

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon Art Galleries presents *Melodies from Mozambique*, November 6, 2020 – January 30, 2021 in the AT&T Gallery of Children's Art. A free public opening will be held **Friday, November 6 from 12 - 9 p.m.** Visitor capacity for the opening will be limited to 10 visitors per 15-minute time slot. Advanced registration is required at [TheSheldon.org/events/fallopening/](https://TheSheldon.org/events/fallopening/). *Registration ends at 10 a.m. on November 6.* Gallery hours are Tuesdays – Fridays, Noon – 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is free. Visitor capacity will be limited to 25% or less of full capacity. Reservations are not required or accepted for regular public hours. All staff and visitors age 9 and older will be required to wear masks while visiting the galleries. For more information on exhibitions and health and safety guidelines, visit [TheSheldon.org](https://TheSheldon.org).



The Sheldon Art Galleries funded and sent five cameras along with a mission team to Malema, Mozambique in March 2020. The mission team worked with the youth choir from the Malema evangelical station of the United Methodist Church, who produced the photography included in this exhibit. The children's work includes vibrant, colorful and often personal depictions of the landscape, people and everyday life in this beautiful region in northeastern Mozambique. The team was also able to

fund the making of a music video featuring the youth choir, to be shown in the exhibit as well. The prints in the exhibit will be available for sale.

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Proceeds from the print sale will be sent to the Youth Choir in Malema to help them continue their musical ministry and will help fund The Sheldon's education programs. The Sheldon thanks the youth choir members and Pastor José Paulo Vilanculos for their time and effort with this project. Youth choir members include: Ernesto Gabriel Albino, Elias Silvério, José Paulo Artemisia, Maria La Lordes Paulo, Expernanca Mário, Angelica Alfem, Mariana Valentim, Marta Valentim, Biatriz Aly, Gustino Samuel, Arrabia Samuel, Larida Samuel, Adolfo António, Silva António, Argentina Charles Witness, Hoctávio Manuel Aly and Pastor José Paulo Vilanculos. The mission team members are part of The Gathering United Methodist Church, a local church which funds the drilling of freshwater wells in Mozambique and has also funded the building of a primary school in Malema.

*Thank you to those who sponsored cameras: Anonymous, James Agnew, Becky Gunter, Chris Peimann and Mike Rosenthal.*

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Image caption: *Untitled*, image from *Melodies from Mozambique*, March 2020. 16" x 20," inkjet print.