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**EXHIBITION: ROSEMARIE MARRIOTT
WHERE: ATHERSTONE (KIMBERLEY) ROOM, 1820'S SETTLERS NATIONAL MONUMENT BUILDING, GUNFIRE HILL, GRAHAMSTOWN
WHEN: 20 JUNE 2010 TO 4 JULY 2010**

We are pleased to announce the launch of Rosemarie Marriott's solo touring museum exhibition 'relaas....' at the annual National Arts Festival Grahamstown 2010 on 20 June.

Titled 'relaas....' (Afrikaans for a narrative story) it's an exhibition that displays Marriott's intuitively manipulated material to create forms which reference children's nursery rhymes and stories. Marriott's new body of works are sophisticated sculptures that are conceptually married with indigenous South African mediums and found objects.

A paramount force in her art making practice is the combined act of collecting material such as animal skin or parts (from taxidermists and local farms) and the visceral transformation of that material into often tender or startling new forms.

Marriott states that she "attempts to capture how a child might envisage and interpret children's parables and nursery rhymes". Some of the larger pieces of this body of work use a combination of bronze and animal skin. Her work is meticulously rendered. Her materials reference her early childhood spent on a farm in the dry Kuruman area.

"The works aims to give new life to dead and discarded objects. Marriott is an intuitive artist that creates tender and startling new forms" says Les Cohn of Art Source South Africa.

The Grahamstown National Arts Festival, now in its 36th year has grown to be one of the leading arts festivals in Southern Africa. It aims to deliver excellence; courage and innovation and development in the arts by providing a platform for both established and emerging South African artists.

The works to be exhibited will be discussed in walkabouts by the artist. The walkabouts will allow Marriott a chance to invite people to engage with her world, and give them the opportunity to see things from a different perspective. The walkabouts will be held on Monday 21st June, Tuesday 22nd June and Wednesday 23rd June by the artist.

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BOILER PLATE:

'relaas.....' is a touring museum exhibition which will tour over the next year, 2011. It will be shown at amongst others, the Oliewenhuis Art Museum in Bloemfontein and William Humphrey's Art Gallery in Kimberley.