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## Well-know Belgian artist to open art school in Namibia

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**W**ell-known Belgian artist, Juan Kiti, is planning to open an art school on the Epacha Game Reserve, adjacent to Etosha National Park. Together with the chairman of Leading Lodges of Namibia, Count Paul van de Vijver, the duo are planning to submit a proposal to the European Union (EU) to assist in building the school.

According to Olivier van de Vijver, Leading Lodges of Namibia Marketing Manager and son of Count Paul, the school will benefit Namibian artists greatly. It will compose a mixture of twenty upcoming and professional artists. He says that students who are admitted to the school will be awarded full scholarships which includes free lodging and tuition and they will be selected purely on talent.

Olivier revealed that the school will train students in painting, sculpture and jewellery design and they will be

awarded certificates on completion. "The idea is to make the artists self-sustainable," he said, adding that Kiti will invite galleries worldwide to come and see the students' work which will create opportunities to sell their work internationally.

Kiti visited Namibia last week on invitation of the hospitality group, Leading Lodges of Africa. The artist was so inspired by the Namibian landscapes and scenes, that he completed two paintings whilst in the country. The one painting was done of Dead Vlei in the Sossusvlei area, and the second painting in the bushveld at Epacha Game Lodge and Spa. Kiti was accompanied by a film crew and a number of journalists, who filmed and recorded the artist at work.

During his visit to Namibia, Kiti also met Esther Kauluma, the daughter of King Immanuel Kauluma Eliphas where he donated one of his paintings to King Kauluma Children's Trust, which is currently constructing an orphanage in Ondangwa.





## Kiti kuier in Namibië

'n Bekende Belgiese kunstenaar, Juan Kiti, was onlangs in Namibië op besoek op uitnodiging van Leading Lodges of Africa.

Die kunstenaar is só geïnspireer deur die Namibiese landskappe en tonele, dat hy sommer twee skilderye voltooi het terwyl hy nog hier was. Een is van Dooievlei by Sossusvlei en die tweede is van die bosveld by Epacha Lodge.

Kiti is vergesel deur 'n filmspan en verskeie joernaliste wat skietwerk en opnames gedoen het terwyl hy gewerk het.

Hy was so beïndruk met die land en sy mense, dat hy saam met die voorsitter van Leading Lodges of Africa, Paul van de Vijver, besluit het om 'n kunsskool en slypskool by die Epacha Wildreservaat langs die Etosha Nasionale Park te bou. Hier sal kontemporêre kuns bevorder word met spesiale klem op die gebruik van plaaslike materiaal.

Tydens sy besoek het Kiti die kans gekry om koning Immanuel Kauluma se dogter, Esther, te ontmoet. Hy het toe ook een van sy skilderye aan die Koning Kauluma Kindertrust geskenk. Die trust rig op die oomblik 'n weeshuis op Ondangwa op.

