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MARLENE le Roux, theatre fundi

This theatre fundi is the director of audience development at Artscape, and takes responsibility for important functions at the venue, including the Youth Jazz Festival, the Women's Humanity Arts Festival and the Schools' Arts Festival. She is a Shoprite/Checkers Woman of the Year 1998 recipient in the arts category, and received a Western Cape Provincial Award for Arts and Culture in 2005. She conceptualised and edited a book on women with disability, called *Look at Me*.

MAMELA Nyamza, dancer

She is described as a dancer, choreographer, teacher and activist. Nyamza is known for her autobiographical solo performance *Hatched*, which tracks her journey from marriage to sexual liberation. Last year, she performed this piece as part of the South African Season in France. Nyamza was born in Gugulethu and trained at the ZAMA Dance School, where she later taught. She is an alumna of the Tshwane University of Technology, where she completed a National Diploma in Ballet. Nyamza was named the 2011 Standard Bank Young Artist Award Winner for Dance. She will show her new work at the Baxter Dance Festival in October.

ERNESTINE White, curator

She is the curator of contemporary art at the Iziko South African National Gallery. White obtained her initial curatorial experience working as the exhibitions and senior projects co-ordinator for Parliament's nation-building initiative, the Parliamentary Millennium Programme, and as a collections manager at the national gallery. She is also an independent artist exhibiting in national and international exhibitions. White has had her artwork included in New York's Museum of Modern Art's permanent collection. She holds an Honours degree in curatorship.

MELANIE Scholtz, singer

One of this jazz vocalist's biggest achievements was recording *Freedom's Child* with poet James Matthews. It is an album of jazz adaptations of his poems that was launched last year. Scholtz is probably one of the busiest jazz singers in Cape Town, also releasing a solo album, *Our Time*, last year. Having come in through the Eoan group where she learnt piano, Scholtz later earned a Performers' Diploma in Opera (Cum Laude). Scholtz was the 2010 Standard Bank Young Artist for Jazz. In 2012 Scholtz won all three prizes in the Jazz Revelations competition as part of the Jazz a Juan Festival held in Nice, France.



Constitutional Development. Schafer is one of two women on Helen Zille's team running the province. Schafer's already using her new role to encourage pupils to read, and improving literacy is one of her main goals: "Literacy is the foundation upon which all further learning is built."

Science and health

ANUSUYA Chinsamy-Turan, dinosaur expert

Chinsamy-Turan is a paleobiologist and head of UCT's Biological Sciences Department, who has played an important role in improving the popularity of science through a series of books on dinosaurs for both adults and children. Acclaimed for her scientific work, she won the Woman of the Year Award in 2005 and was also awarded the Distinguished Women Scientist Award from the Department of Science and Technology.

VANESSA Lynch, DNA expert

Lynch's father John was shot and killed defending his wife and Johannesburg home in 2004. All evidence was lost during the investigation. Since then Lynch has spearheaded a campaign to educate the public about the importance of DNA evidence, and to ensure a DNA database is set up to apprehend criminals through her organisation, the DNA Project.

PROFESSOR Linda-Gail Bekker, TB and HIV specialist

Bekker qualified as a medical doctor at UCT in 1987. She worked briefly in KwaZulu-Natal before returning to UCT in 1993 to specialise in internal medicine. Her PhD examined the effects of HIV and TB on the body. Bekker was a founding member of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre and serves as its deputy director. Her work has played a major role in several programmes, including the roll-out of antiretrovirals.

