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Big line-up for public art festival

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ORGANISERS of the third annual International Public Art Festival (IPAF 2019) have been overwhelmed by the volume of interested artists from home and afar.

Non-governmental organisation Baz-Art announced the line-up of street artists participating in this year's festival in Salt River between February 9 and the 17 under the theme: "Generation next: educate, collaborate, empower."

The participating artists are from Spain, France, Mexico and the US, alongside local artists.

Ukrainian artist Waone, who has hosted numerous solo exhibitions in Italy, Spain, the US, Netherlands, France and many more countries, tops the list of international artists at the festival.

He started painting in 1999 and considers his work visual storytelling, usually depicting fantasy and surrealism.

South African artist Dbongz will feature at the festival, and has been doing incredible works with organisations such as "Global Citizen Foundation" and the Embassy of Belgium, among others.

Festival visitors may join a walkabout of Salt River featuring live art and more than 80 murals.

Ipaf 2019 will feature Aida Gomez (Spain), Zola (South Africa), Said Dokins (Mexico), Skubalisto (South Africa), Urban Khoi (South Africa), Kiper Millsap (US), Mernette Swarts (South Africa), Aleksandro Reis (Brazil), Dekor (South Africa), Maye (France), Sara Erenthal (Israel), Tim Marsh (France), Ryan Allan (South Africa), Shinji (South Africa), Jono Hornby (South Africa), Seth Pimenthel (South Africa).

Each artist is to create a culturally unique visual story on walls and in public spaces in Salt River for communities, the public, businesses and visitors to enjoy.

Baz-Art plans to host numerous other activities such as street art tours, spray-can workshops and educational art programmes.

For more information on the festival visit www.baz-art.co.za