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## SPORTS, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE ART GALLERY COMMITTEE 95-08-25 & 95-10-06

JOHANNESBURG ADMINISTRATION (CULTURE AND RECREATION DIRECTORATE) (Libraries and Museums)

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	The ark	linocut
	Vision for a new world	linocut
	The stranger (Greeting a stranger)	linocut
Melliar, Pamela	Self-portrait as a Mannequin	ceramic, paint, hair, stone
Northern Nguni	necklace	beads and fibre
	belt	beads, fabric and fibre
Southern Nguni	tobacco bag	beads and fabric
unknown (southern Africa)	apron/waistband	beads and mixed media
	gourd rattle	gourd, beads and fibre
	skirt	fabric and beads
	2 x snuff containers	gourd, beads and fibre
	snuff container	seeds, horn, fibre and beads

Azaria Mbatha (b 1941, Mabeka, KwaZulu/Natal) studied at the Evangelical Lutheran Church Art and Craft Centre at Rorke's Drift from 1962 to 1964. He won a scholarship and studied at the Konst Fack Art School, Sweden, from 1965 to 1967. Mbatha taught at Rorke's Drift in 1967 and 1968 and returned to Sweden in 1970 where he has lived since. He studied at the University of Lund, Sweden, from 1977 to 1980. Mbatha is represented in major public collections in

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The southern African works of art represent a selection of the finest pieces from a larger collection. All the objects are rare examples of southern African beadwork and are not usually offered for sale. They are pieces collected in England, probably having been taken out of South Africa in the late 19th and early 20th century. These pieces are important to the Johannesburg Art Gallery in that its holdings of beadwork consist largely of contemporary pieces. These older examples provide a valuable addition to the collection and their repatriation back to South Africa is in line with the Gallery's policy of building areas of the collection previously neglected.

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JOHANNESBURG ADMINISTRATION (CULTURE AND RECREATION DIRECTORATE) (Libraries and Museums)

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(AG 2/96)

**Approved** 

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Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council 96-02-15

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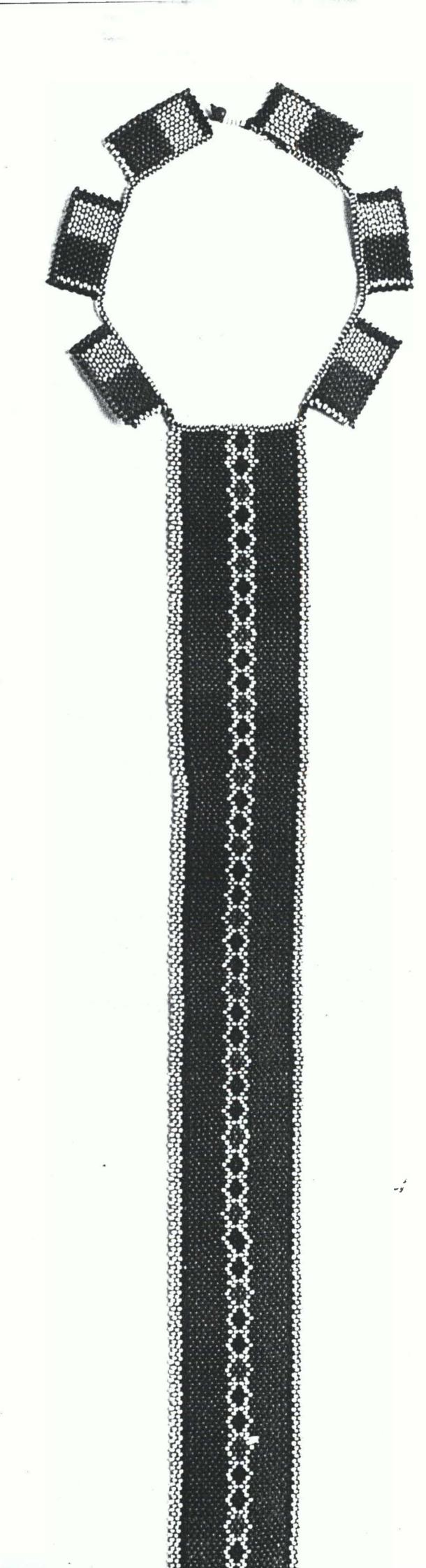
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### MICHAEL GRAHAM-STEWART

173 New Bond Street London WIY 9PB

NESSA LIEBHAMMER Johannesburg Art Gallery Dear Nessa. 20 Sept. 95

Thank you for your fax of September 15th of Course I will reserve the Hens for you. I had priced the Individual precess as follows;

1. apron/waistband. 900

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UK \$ 4.300.

Discount; 400

Total: £ 3.900.

hope thy makes sense. I am delighted you are coming over for Africa 95. It will be a pleasure to see you again. My office is just around the corner from the Royal Academy. The jamboree how already started with the textile exhibit and then there is the african "prom" at the Albert Hall this friday which I am really looking forward to -

regards

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17 August 1995

Michael Graham-Stewart 173 New Bond Street London W1 Y 9PB England

TO FAX NO. 0944 171 629 4602

Dear Michael

The parcel DID finally arrive but was held up by the post office, which was hoping to extract some customs duty out of us.

Rochelle and I have discussed the purchasing of your collection at some length. Given the quality and extent of our collection, we are reluctant to purchase objects which duplicate our holdings or which we are unlikely to display. As an art gallery, it has always been our policy not to keep multiples of objects and to acquire only the finest examples available.

A number of objects in your collection duplicate our holdings but there are also some very fine pieces which do not and which we would be interested in acquiring. These are:

Item 1 - apron/waistband 5000 000

2 - Xhosa beaded bag

8 - Northern Nguni beaded necklace

14 - seven core belt

21 - horn snuff container with pod ends

23 - spherical snuff gourd, beaded

24 - gourd rattle

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25 - pear shaped snuff container

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26 - thin fabric beaded skirt

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We would therefore like to have the prices on individual items or a sum for the ones listed above.

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Although the album is particularly interesting and is something I would very much like to acquire, we are not geared for this kind of collecting and do not have proper conservation facilities for it. I have offered it to our sister institution, MuseumAfrica, who would like to know how much you are asking for it.

We look forward to hearing from you so that we may take the matter further.

Yours sincerely

Nessa Leibhammer (Ms)

Curator: Traditional southern African art

## MICHAEL GRAHAM-STEWART

173 NEW BOND STREET LONDON WIY 9PB

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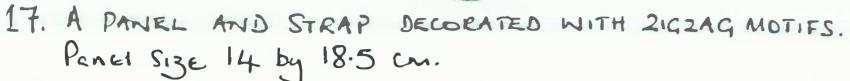
A COLLECTION OF ANTIQUE SOUTHERN AFRICAN BEADWORK.

> UK £ 3,900. (three thousand nine hundred pounds).

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18. A WOOD PIPE WITH BRADED STEM. Length 13 cm.

19. (Two BEADED NECKLACES. Lengths 33 and 34 cm.

21. A HORN SNUFF CONTAINER TIED TO A CLUSTER OF BEADED CORDS WITH POD ENDS. Length 28 cm.

22. A GOURD SNUFF BOTTLE ENCLOSED IN A BEADED LEATHER COVER AND HANDLE BRACELET. Leight 17.5 cm.

23. A SPHERICAL SNUFF GOURD ENTIRELY COVERED WITH BEADS, WITH ELABORATE STRAP. Height 8.5 cm.

24. A GOURD RATTLE, THE SURFACE ENTIRELY COVERED WITH TRIANGULAR MOTIFS OF BLUE AND PINK BEADS. Height 13 cm.

25. A PRAR SHAPED SNUFF GOURD WITH ALTERNATE PANELS OF BLUE AND PINK BEADS. Height 12 cm.

26. A THIN FABRIC AND BEADED SKIRT WITH TWO POCKETS AND ELABORATE MULTICOLOUR FRINGE. 78 by 86 cm.

27. TWO ORIGINAL COLOURED LITHOGRAPHS BY G.F. ANGAS BEING PLATE XIX OF "THE KAFFIRS ILLUSTRATED" 1849. Each 29 by 20 cm.

28. AN ALBUM OF ALBUMEN PHOTOGRAPHS TITLED "PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS OF CAPE TOWN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD" BUT IN FACT COMPRISINGLY OF APPROX GO IMAGES OF PEOPLE FOCUSSING ON THEIR BEADWORK COSTUME. CITCA 1895. Album Size 22.5 by 29.5. Image Size C. 15×10 cm.

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### BEADWORK FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA





- 1. AN APRON/WAISTBAND, THE LARGE CENTRAL FRONT PANEL WITH BEADED AND BRASS BUTTON DECORATION AND TWO LONG SIDE ELEMENTS ATTACHED. SIZE 97 by 45 cm.
- 2. A XHOSA BEADED BAG, WITH BEADED STRAP. BAG SIZE 25 by 19cm.
- 3. A BRADED BELT WITH LEATHER BACKING, WITH ORNATE EUROPEAN BUCKLE AT EITHER END. Leigh 71 cm.
- 4. A BEADED FIVE CORE WAISTBAND WITH A RECTANGULAR PANEL TO ONE END. Leigh 84 cm.
- 5. A BELT WITH CLOTH BACKING WITH RED AND BLUE ELEMENTS ENCIRCLING A CENTRAL WHITE STRIP. Length 77.5 cm.
- 6. A BELT WITH LEATHER BACKING, FIXE BRASS BUTTONS AT EITHER END. Length 85 cm.
- 7. A BELT WITH LEATHER BACK, TWO ROWS OF BRASS BUTTONS AT RITHER END. Length 63 cm.
- 8. A (?) NORTHERN NGUNI, NATAL CHIEFDOM BRADED NECKLACE WITH A LONG CENTRAL SUSPENDED PANEL-. Length 63.5 cm.
- 9. (A PAIR OF BRADED ARMLETS, EACH WITH SEVEN CORES AND 10.) BRASS BUTTONS. Size 7 by 23 cm.
- 11. A RAFFIA HAT WITH ELABORATE BEADED EMBELLISHMENTS. Diameter. 12:5 cm. (I have an 1890's photograph of one being worn)
- 12. A NECKLACE, THE FRONT WITH THICK SECTION OF SUSPENDED BEADS. Length 57 cm. (open).
- 13. A CHILDS BEADED NECKLACE, LABELLED MRS COATES. Leigh 34 cm. (open).
- 14. A SEVEN CORE BELT, A SMALL APRON ATTACHED AND WITH A FRINGE OF LARGE RED BEADS. Leigth. 90cm. Dianeto 30cm.
- 15. A NECKLACE OF RED BEADS AND MATCH-LIKE WOOD RLEMENTS, LABELLED "MRS COATES". Leigh 41 cm.
- 16. A LONG NECKLACE MADE UP WITH A SINGLE STRAND OF RED. BLUE AND CLEAR GLASS BEADS. Leigh 178 cm.

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