



**ORIGINAL WORKS FROM ICONIC ARTISTS SHOWCASED AT VICTORIA
MIRO GALLERY CHARITY FIRST**

Gormley, Kapoor and Chapman Brothers partner with African children's charity, Dramatic Need, to launch new creative art initiative, ARTiculate



Jake and Dinos Chapman
*Photogravure on 300gsm Somerset Tub sized
paper with chine colle
45.5 x 56cms
Artist's Proof (customised)
© the artists*



Antony Gormley
FOR AFRICA, 2013
Carbon and casein on paper
112 x 75.8cm
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Children's Charity, **Dramatic Need** has galvanized leading lights from the contemporary art world, to create original pieces which will be exhibited and auctioned on **27th November**. The original works are inspired by the real life experiences of children in Rwanda and South Africa, grappling with the aftermath of war, violence and poverty.

The works will be previewed by auction partner, **Paddle 8** and include original work from artists including **Antony Gormley, Anish Kapoor, Jake and Dinos Chapman** and Turner Prize winner **Rachel Whiteread**.

Each artist has been moved and inspired by the personal stories of children to create unique sculptures, drawings, photographs and paintings. The artworks will be auctioned at the esteemed **Victoria Miro Gallery** on **Wednesday 27th November**. Guests at the exhibition will view the artwork whilst listening to recordings of the children's stories.*

In total eleven celebrated artists, who also include **Whitney McVeigh, Tom Gallant** and **Stuart Semple**, were given audio recordings and transcripts of a number children telling their personal stories and have used these as an inspiration for the various modern artworks and canvases. As well as the live auction on Wednesday 27th November, Paddle 8, the online auction house, will

be hosting an online auction featuring the **ARTiculate** works. Artwork will be on display on Paddle 8 from 1st November.



Whitney McVeigh,
Lerato II, 2013
Ink and acrylic on paper
150cm x 105cm
2013
© the artist

"I sometimes ask my mother about my father, but she just keeps on telling me that my father was a dog, that she never loved him, she just wanted his money because he was a police....She keeps on telling me that I am a dog, just like my father. Those words hurt me because I am nearly 15."
Lerato Tomai, 14, South Africa

The **ARTiculate** project is one in a series of children's charity, Dramatic Need's initiatives to provide applied arts education to children in rural South Africa and Rwanda, giving these children the chance to change their lives through dance, drama, art, music, film and photography. Through the arts, the charity helps children to deal with trauma and conflict while also helping them to confront community-held 'taboo' subjects such as HIV awareness, ethnic violence and gender inequality.

The children involved in the project were invited to talk about their experiences and challenges of daily life in their home country. Their personal accounts were recorded in English as well as their native Sesotho, Tswana, Xhosa or Kinyarwanda, which were then translated into English.

Amber Sainsbury, founder of Dramatic Need, said: "We are incredibly honoured to have had some of the world's most exciting living artists devote the time and creative energy to producing such powerful work for this event – work that is not only impressive in its own right, but also serves to take these children's stories and turn the volume up – so that we can't help but listen. And of course this is the unique power of art – to bring us closer to understanding issues that defy words, but which urgently need our collective action."



From left to right: Benedict Cumberbatch at Dramatic Need's *The Children's Monologues*; Dramatic Need Trustee Danny Boyle; Eddie Redmayne at *The Children's Monologues*

ARTiculate follows the success of a similar project in 2010, *The Children's Monologues*. The Monologues saw actors including **Sir Ben Kingsley**, **Benedict Cumberbatch**, **Eddie Redmayne** and **Gemma Arterton**, soliloquizing personal stories from African children. *The Children's Monologues* were adapted from personal accounts into dramatic monologues by a BAFTA and Pulitzer prize-winning team of writers and were directed by **Dramatic Need trustee and Academy award-winning director Danny Boyle**. The Monologues were performed at the Old Vic theatre in a one-off, sell out play.

The London auction will be echoed in New York simultaneously with artists including **Milton Glaser**, **Dan Park** and **Andrea d'Aquino**.

Funds raised from the **ARTiculate** auction will go to support a new children's arts centre in rural South Africa.

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Notes to editors:

ARTiculate London will take place at the Victoria Miro Gallery on Wharf Road, London on Wednesday 27th November 2013 from 6.30-9.30pm.

Online bidding begins on November 1st at www.paddle8.com/auctions/articulate

* The sound equipment for the exhibition has been kindly donated by Apple

About Dramatic Need

Dramatic Need is a ground-breaking charity that uses the creative arts as a non-threatening method to address development issues and trauma in children. Working in some of the most deprived South African and Rwandan rural communities, Dramatic Need volunteers use tools such as drama, art and film-making and music to encourage dialogue within the community on 'taboo' subjects such as HIV awareness, ethnic violence and gender disparity, as well as fostering and long term creative partnerships between local schools and the visiting volunteers. Dramatic Need has worked with 32 crèche, primary and high schools across Sub-Saharan Africa, providing training, volunteers and equipment to over 5000 school-aged children. In addition, the charity runs a full-time, applied arts community centre in rural South Africa, which runs six children's art

workshops a week, as well as youth leadership programmes, gender equality workshops, and a highly successful teacher-training programme for disadvantaged youth.

Registered charity in England and Wales 1119443

www.dramaticneed.org

About the Articulate artists

Artists include:

Antony Gormley

Anish Kapoor

Jake and Dinos Chapman

Rachel Whiteread

Whitney McVeigh

Tom Gallant

Stuart Semple

Adeline Monseignat

Tom Price

Jillian Edelstein

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