NEW SCULPTURES AT BRAHMAN HILLS GARDENS

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The award-winning Brahman Hills gardens now feature six new sculptures created by some of South Africa's most promising artists. According to Orrin Cottle, CEO of Brahman Hills, the inclusion of these sculptures reflects the venue's commitment to supporting local artists and celebrating the creative spirit that defines South Africa.

He says, "We believe in the transformative power of art and its ability to connect people with nature. These sculptures, crafted by the talented Sandro Trapani, Joyce Carreira, Ben Tuge, and Louis van den Heever, are not just beautiful additions to our gardens; they are powerful narratives that speak to the resilience, heritage, and dreams of our artists and our community."

Medusa Sandro Trapani

Explore the gardens

Visitors are invited to stop in and explore the Brahman Hills gardens, reflect on the narratives behind each piece, and find inspiration in the beauty of their surroundings.

"Art has the unique ability to evoke emotion, provoke thought, and inspire change. At Brahman Hills, we hope each visit to our gardens will leave you with a sense of wonder and a deeper connection to the world around you," Cottle concludes.

Tyron Selmon-Butler, from Art Eye Gallery and curator of the Braham Hills sculpture garden, says that each piece spans themes of mythology, human strength, childhood wonder, and environmental reflection. "They're more than just art, they are stories waiting to be discovered. As you explore the sculptures, you can't help but find inspiration and a renewed appreciation for the beauty that surrounds us and the stories that connect us all."

Here's the new additions:

Hanneke (Grace and Favour) by Sandro Trapan

Towering at 4.5 meters near the dam, 'Hanneke' stands as a symbol of environmental preservation, with water flowing from her hands into the dam. This masterpiece by Potchefstroom-based artist Sandro Trapani invites visitors to contemplate their relationship with nature.

Medusa by Sandro Trapani

Hidden in a grotto, this captivating bronze sculpture dares you to meet Medusa's gaze. Sandro Trapani explores the themes of human resilience and the complexities of relationships through this work, challenging visitors to confront the unknown.

Leda and the Signet by Joyce Carreira

This bronze sculpture reinterprets the mythological story of Leda, capturing the bond between humans and nature. Pretoria-born artist Joyce Carreira's work emphasises the beauty and sensuality of the female form.

Strike a Woman, Strike a Rock by Ben Tuge

This powerful sculpture pays homage to the resilience of African women. Positioned prominently near the hill from the lake, Ben Tuge's work symbolises the strength carried through generations and the enduring power of women.

Stargazer by Louis van den Heever

Positioned at the dam, this 2-meter-tall sculpture extends a hand to the sky, capturing the innocence and curiosity of childhood dreams. Louis van den Heever invites viewers to reconnect with their inner child and the wonder of nature.

Giant by Louis van den Heever

Composed of 5 tons of concrete and steel, 'The Giant' had tongues wagging earlier this year and has quickly become a landmark on the N3, captivating visitors, motorists and tourists alike. This masterpiece, completed over the course of four months, features an ominous giant head emerging from the earth. The angry visage serves as a stark warning: disrespect for our earth may lead to catastrophic consequences.

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