**Gogo Mahlangu bags an Ubuntu Award**

Culture, Sport and Recreation MEC, Norah Mahlangu has heaped praise on Gogo Esther Mahlangu for bagging an Ubuntu Award.

“As a department, we are delighted that one of our favourite daughters of Mpumalanga has once again been recognized for her talent and also her role in promoting and preserving Ndebele culture,” explains the MEC. Gogo Mahlangu was bestowed with the Ubuntu Award under the arts and cultural diplomacy category on Saturday, February 11 in Cape Town.

According to the organizers, the department of International Relations and Cooperation, the awards are aimed at recognizing and honouring South African industry leaders, organizations and extraordinary citizens for their distinguished service and contribution to promoting South Africa’s national interests and values throughout the world.

“Gogo Mahlangu is a true symbol of a South African, who has put the country on the map the world over with her work,” adds the MEC.

Gogo Mahlangu is an artist known for colourful Ndebele paintings.

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