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**DOMINIC BENHURA EXHIBIT TO DEBUT  
AT EL PEDREGAL'S ZUVA GALLERY**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (October 13, 2009) – Zuva Gallery is showcasing brand new art work by Zimbabwean sculptor and artist, Dominic Benhura throughout the months of November and December. Benhura is one of Africa's greatest contributions to the world of contemporary art, developing a timeless and universal contemporary style that captures in stone the essence of human movement, form and emotion awarding him many prominent honors including "Lifetime Achievement" from the National Arts Council of Zimbabwe, among others.

Benhura derives endless inspiration from his five young children after sketching forms and movement that capture his eye. He searches for the perfect stones that will help bring these images to life primarily constructing pieces of artwork using Zimbabwean Springstone; applying traditional hand tools to sculpt and shape the stone. Benhura often leaves large portions of his sculptures "raw" revealing the stone's natural texture and beauty. He relies on motion, posture and negative space to make his deceptively "simple" pieces come to life.

Benhura has become a permanent fixture on the international art scene only choosing a few elite international galleries to feature his work. His exhibits have been displayed in Hamburg, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Singapore, Auckland, Cape Town, New York, Atlanta, Denver, Santa Fe and Miami. Zuva Gallery is the only local art gallery to exhibit his works of art, in 2006, hosting a World Aids Day Benefit Exhibition generating \$17,000 for the library in

Zimbabwe. Benhura's work stands in many important collections including that of the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the United Nations.

The "Dominic Benhura" art exhibit will be on display at Zuva Gallery throughout the months of November to December. The Gallery is open seven days a week from 10:00am-5:30pm Monday through Thursday; Friday, from 10:00am-8:00pm; Saturday from 10:00am to 5:30pm and Sunday from 12:00pm -5:00pm.

### **ABOUT ZUVA GALLERY**

Zuva Gallery, an award-winning destination for contemporary art, has one of the largest collections of contemporary stone sculpture from Africa in the United States. All works are originals that were sculpted with hand tools by emerging and internationally recognized artists. With sculpture ranging from 5 pounds to over 2.5 tons, Zuva Gallery also features original paintings that range from abstract to representational, limited edition photography, hand crafts and art accessories. Art consulting services are also available. For more information about Zuva Gallery please call 480-488-6000 or visit the website at [www.zuvagallery.com](http://www.zuvagallery.com)

### **ABOUT EL PEDREGAL**

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