

Art v politics for CAP debate

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DIRECTOR-ACTOR Marthinus Basson and writers Rushdy Siers and Maxwell Mokgale are to debate the issue of "Art, Democracy and Political Alignment" at the Community Arts Project (CAP), 106 Chapel Street, Woodstock, at 8pm on Tuesday, May 22.

Basson, who is employed by Capab Drama, will argue that it is in the best interests of art and democracy that artists or cultural workers are never aligned with any political party.

Siers of the Congress of SA Writers (Cosaw) will argue that artists should sometimes be aligned with the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), under certain conditions and for a specific period.

Mokgale of the UCT-based Creative Arts Group will argue that artists should always align themselves with the MDM.

The debate forms part of CAP's monthly debate series on issues affecting the arts in South Africa.

Details: ☎ 45-3689 or 45-3648.

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