Guguletu sculptor to study in Italy

A SECOND STUDENT with the Community Arts Project (CAP) in Mowbray will shortly make his way to Italy on a year-long study trip.

He is Hamilton Budaza, 23, a sculptor from Guguletu. The first recipient from CAP of the Italian Government scholarship was Bongani Shange.

Mr Budaza leaves South Africa at the end of August and will be based in Rome, where he will further his knowledge and skill in graphics, etching and sculpture.

Before he leaves he will take part in a nine-person exhibition at the Gwollel Gallery in Cape Town. Five of the artists are from Transvaal and six from the Cape.

This will be Mr Budaza's first exhibition after finishing his first sculpture in 1978.

Before that, Mr Budaza, a born-and-bred Cape-Townian, concentrated on graphics and etchings — having been introduced to these mediums by his elder brother, who also provided much of his earlier inspiration.

In 1978 the young artist, aged 20 at the time, joined CAP.

Mr Budaza today teaches art to children at CAP. He also conducts classes twice a week in Guguletu.

And now the trip to Italy, home of some of the world's finest sculptures.

'I am terribly excited about going over and I am sure there is lots to learn,' Mr Budaza said.

UPGRADE

Besides improving his own lot he intends using his increased knowledge to upgrade his classes.

Mrs Derek Joubert, the CAP organiser, said the organisation was 'very proud' of Mr Budaza. He described the sculptor as someone who is more than willing to share his knowledge with others.

'He is most deserving of the scholarship,' Mr Joubert said.