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Sussel Gallery

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Burton D. Morgan Gallery

Gallery Walk

Thursday, January 15

Music in the Galleries

Body Maps is a series of fourteen life-size drawings that use the shape of the body to map out what it is like to live with HIV and AIDS. Body Maps grew out of the Memory Box Project in Cape Town, South Africa; and both outreach projects were initiated by the AIDS and Society Research Unit of the University of Cape Town and Médecins Sans Frontières.

Where the Memory Box project was developed to assist with the emotional devastation of those facing almost certain death from AIDS prior to the introduction of antiretroviral drugs in South Africa in 2003, Body Maps addresses the increasing number of those living with HIV and AIDS. For the first Body Maps project, Cape Town artist Jane Soloman worked with fourteen women who used contour drawings of their bodies as a way to visualize the virus and its physical and emotional effects.

These women founded the Bambanani Women's Group, the name