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**UCT presents Spring Queen exhibition at District Six Museum
19 Jan-26 Feb, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm, District Six Museum Home Coming
Centre**

The Centre for Curating the Archive, University of Cape Town will launch an exhibition of the annual Spring Queen Competition.

The exhibition will showcase the on-going story of the Spring Queen which is now in its 31st year. Through a series of images, texts, dresses and crowns, the exhibition will tell stories of what it is like to be a factory worker in South Africa. The material dates back to apartheid days and with its modern day take asks questions around gender, urbanisms, power, freedom and belonging.

The Spring Queen beauty contest has been held since the late 1970s - Cape Town garment and textile factory workers from the Cape Flats to Atlantis have participated in the fashion competition, representing their respective factories.

The exhibition pays tribute to women's struggle to employment equity and their ability to be resilient in the clothing industry which has faced several economic challenges over the past decades.

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