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*Vrije Universiteit Brussel
jointly with
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*following the initiative of the academic authorities,
in consideration of his influential role as an outstanding artist,
as a committed humanist, drawing our attention to the impact of images
on society and therefore giving us a better understanding of the world,*

confers upon

William Kentridge

the title of

Doctor Honoris Causa

*in recognition of his endless humanistic and artistic quest for reconciling
peoples through continuously reinventing draftsmanship and pursuing
the idea of the Gesamtkunstwerk by using all mechanics of vision.
His artistic work creates a forever evolving flow of images and narratives
in motion that triggers reflection on how transformation and interpretation
processes of power, society and the world are constructed through visuals.*

Brussels, 17 November 2021

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