

CHOROMANSKI ARCHITECTURE

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COMPANY PROFILE



INTRODUCTION

Choromanski Architects was established in 1994 by Rodney 'Rod' Choromanski [1961 – 2018]. Having completed his studies in architecture at the then University of Natal (now University of KwaZulu Natal) and gaining experience at highly respected architectural practices, Rod opened Choromanski Architects. In 1996 Choromanski Architects was registered as a business in 1996 and focused on community work within the Greenwood Park area and Durban surrounds.

In conjunction with opening Choromanski Architects, Rod engaged in a partnership with two other architects to form CNN Architects in 1996. This was a larger company structured to work on large scale projects as well as qualify for government work.

In 2001 one of the partners relocated abroad, and Rod with the remaining partner continued to operate as CNN Architects gaining peer recognition in the architectural fraternity notably as design and conceptually strong practice.

In 2008 the two partners decided to pursue their architectural interests separately and Choromanski Architects was re-established now with the experience to handle larger and more complex projects.

Dhiren Ramlal (Dean) qualified from the then ML Sultan Technikon (now Durban University of Technology) in 1996 with a B.Tech degree in Architectural Technology. He served his internship in 1994 at Choromanski Architects and joined the company as an Architectural Technologist on a permanent basis.

In 2000, Dean left Choromanski Architects and joined CNN Architects working as part of Rod's team at the practice. Between 2000 and 2008, Dean became an associate with CNN Architects gaining much experience in the architectural profession. Dean joined Rod at the re-established Choromanski Architects in 2008 and worked as a partner at the practice.

Rod Choromanski passed away in October 2018 and left the company to Dean, who officially became the owner of the practice in November 2019. The company was renamed as Choromanski Architecture in 2021.

Currently we have a Pr.Arch, Tseliso 'Tside' Moahloli, who fulfils the role of Senior Architect; with Dhiren Ramlal as Owner of Choromanski Architecture and Pr.S.Arch.T – Professional Senior Architectural Technologist.



MISSION STATEMENT + VISION

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TO PROMOTE BEST PRACTICE ARCHITECTURAL SOLUTIONS WITH DESIGN, CREATIVITY AND FEASIBILITY

VISION

TO PROVIDE A RESPONSIBLE PRACTICE THAT DELIVERS THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICE, PROVIDE CREATIVE AND CONCEPT DRIVEN ARCHITECTURE, AND CONTINUOUS EDUCATION AT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

ETHOS

TO EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF AND ENHANCE LOCAL IDENTITY. INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE. DESIGN THROUGH LIGHT + SHADOW. LANDSCAPE REHABILITATION. HAND-CRAFTED DETAIL. AN AFRICAN PALETTE. ENRICHNESS THROUGH LAYERED MEANING. CATALYTIC INTERVENTIONS. TECHNICAL EXPERIMENTATION + INNOVATION. COMMUNITY INTEGRATION. HISTORIC+CULTURAL RE-INTERPRETATION. FREEDOM OF CHOICE. PROTECTION + CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Choromanski Architecture provides the following Key Services

Strong Conceptual Design and Innovation

High Standards of Design Development

3D Visualisation + computational design

Design Reports

Accurate Technical & Construction Documentation

Specialized Detailing

Value Engineering

Contract Administration + Project Management

Principal Agents

Community Engagement

Choromanski Architecture was established pre-1994 and registered as a formal business in 1996 primarily serving communities. As the practice gained recognition, we were able to attract larger and varied projects including environmentally sensitive projects. Please refer to Notable Projects earlier in the document.

We strive to provide concept-driven projects that engage the user in experiencing spatial qualities of designs with careful thought to the interaction of people with architecture.

Choromanski Architecture has achieved many distinctions in the years of practice that include :

- Winner of the Pan African Parliament, a Continent Wide Design Competition
- Winner of the Cato Manor Museum Nationwide Design Competition
- Winner of the Africa Architecture Awards: Cato Manor Museum

- Special Award winner Technical Excellence SSASA 2009, KZNIA building of Merit 2009: Timeball Tower
- Winner: Design of FIFA 2010 training Venue FIFA 2010 Legacy Project: Princess Magogo Stadium
- Durban University of Technology City Campus Award winner of the Bell- tower restoration 2010
- Award winner 2014 : Concrete Structures - New Sewer Pump Station – Durban Point
- Rod Choromanski (founder): SAIA Gold Medal Award Recipient 2019

Choromanski Architecture is a leader in the architectural profession and is recognized for its research-informed conceptual design and striking architecture. Recognizing the current economic conditions, we have found collaboration with architectural practices being of mutual benefit as practices restructured as a result of the economic condition and the impact the Covid19 has had on the industry.

Dean and Tsidi are National Board Members of the South African Institute of Building Design (SAIBD) a voluntary association recognized by the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (Government-appointed Regulatory Body for Architecture). At SAIBD we assist architectural professionals and students studying Architecture with any challenges they may face and address these with SACAP. Students can also join SAIBD at no cost.

WHY CHOOSE US

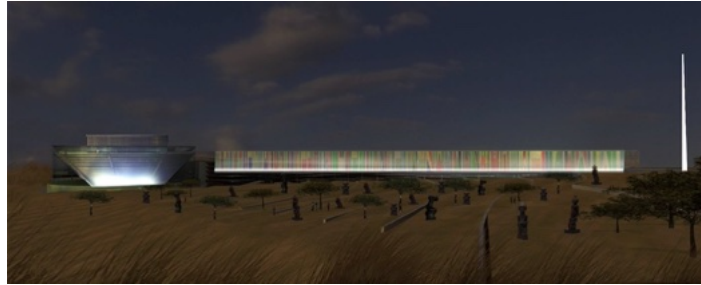
- Dedication to ensure that projects are well-managed
- Conceptual and Design Driven Architecture
- Collaboration with Built Environment Professionals
- Expertise and Experience
- Dynamic team and teamwork

By incorporating indigenous knowledge into our innovative design process, we are able to create spaces that not only celebrate local identity but also harness the wisdom and traditions of the community. We combine traditional and modern techniques to create unique environments that reflect the local culture. This encourages a sense of pride and belonging, while also providing an example for the community to express itself. Our designs are also designed to be sustainable, both economically and ecologically. This combination allows us to push the boundaries of technical experimentation while still honoring the rich heritage and cultural significance of the area. INTEGRATION. RE-INTERPRETATION. FREEDOM THROUGH CHOICE. PROTECTION + CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

NOTABLE PROJECTS

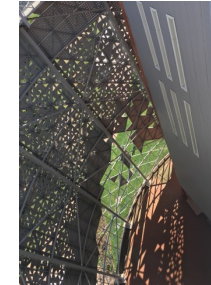
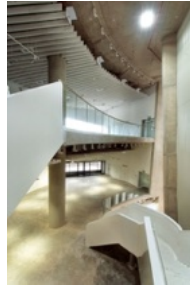
PAN AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

- Winner Continent Wide Design Competition (Africa)



CATO MANOR MUSEUM

Winner: Nationwide Wide Design Competition
Grand Prix Winner: Africa Architecture Awards



POINT SEWER PUMP STATION

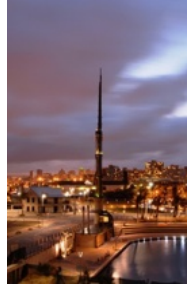
Award winner 2014 - Concrete Structures. New Pump Station from Durban Point to the Bluff treatment plant via an undersea tunnel at the Durban Port entrance.



NOTABLE PROJECTS

TIMEBALL TOWER

- Special Award Winner Stainless Steel Association of SA
- KZN Institute of Architecture Building of Merit Award



PRINCESS MAGOGO STADIUM

- Design Tender Winner FIFA 2010 Training Venue
- FIFA 2010 Legacy Project



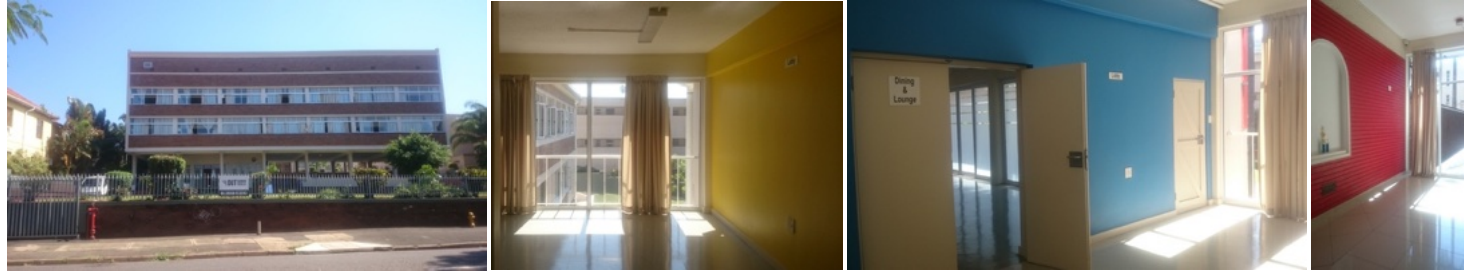
DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY CITY CAMPUS

- Award winner 'Bell Tower' restoration 2010 Audit of existing City Campus (100-year-old)

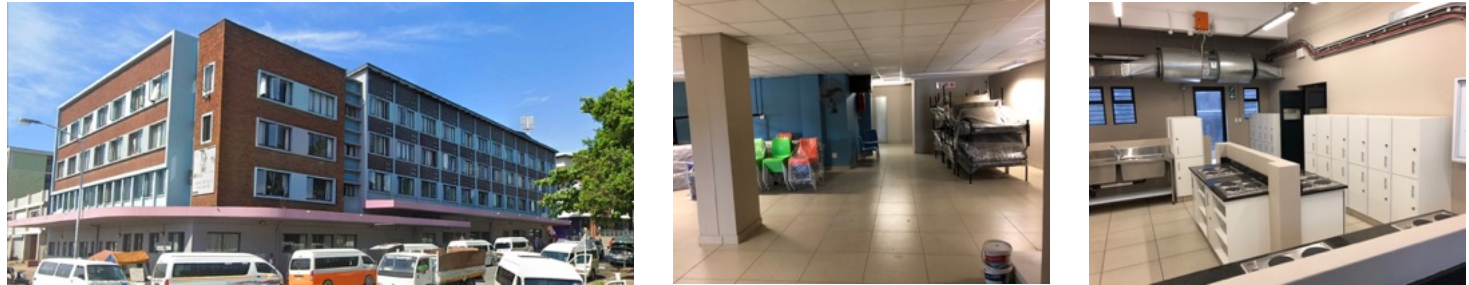


NOTABLE PROJECTS

DUT STUDENT RESIDENCE - Walsingham



DUT STUDENT RESIDENCE - Stratford



UKZN STUDENT RESIDENCE - Westville Campus



NOTABLE PROJECTS

DUT STUDENT RESIDENCE - Student Village



DUT SCALA - Student Kitchen and Dining

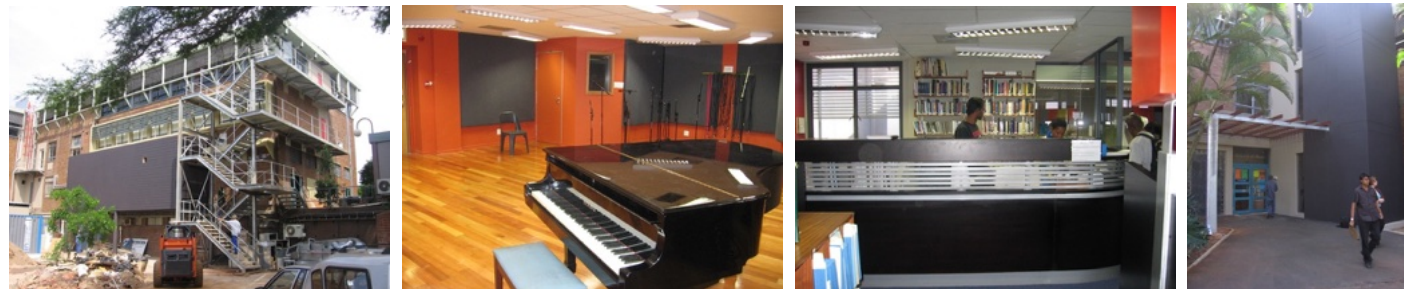


South and West facades - materials, technology and colour distinguishes old from new

DUT IWWT - New Laboratories and Offices for Institute of Water & Wastewater Technology

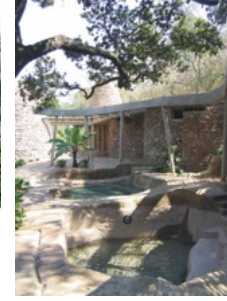


UKZN MUSIC SCHOOL - Conversion of Existing Offices to New Music School



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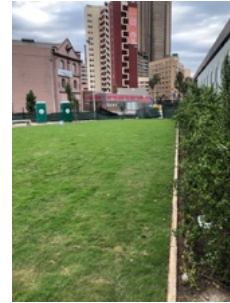
LILANI HOT SPRINGS – Natural Sulphur Pools and Tourist Accommodation, Lilani KZN



SIYABONGA TOURIST FACILITY - St Lucia Heritage Park



CARDBOARD RECYCLE CENTRE AND PUBLIC PARK - Durban City Center



DHIREN [DEAN] RAMLAL

[PROFILE]

Education

ML Sultan Technikon (now Durban University of Technology) :

N.Dip. Arch.Tech National Diploma in Architectural Technology 1995

B.Tech. Arch.Tech Bachelor of Technology in architectural Technology 1996

Membership

South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)

Pr. Snr. Arch. Tech, ST0331

South African Institute for Building Design (SAIBD)

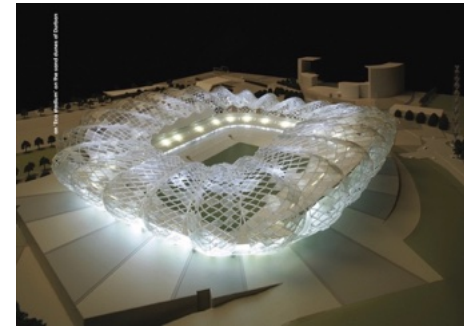
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Present Position

Owner/Member – Choromanski Architecture cc

Experience

Dean is experienced in projects that include Community, Tourism, Transport, Tertiary/Educational (laboratories/student residences), Sport, Heritage, infrastructure, Museums and Cultural Centres. He was originally employed at Choromanski Architects as a junior draftsman, and then at CNN Architects as a senior technologist, where he achieved the position of Associate. In 2008 Choromanski Architects was re-established, where he worked with Rod Choromanski, and took ownership after the passing of Rod Choromanski in 2018. He also serves as a National Board Member, Secretary and Marketing Committee chair at the South African Institute of Building Design (SAIBD) a recognized Voluntary Association by the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). In addition to Choromanski Architecture, he further consults for various Architectural practices in the Durban area gaining valuable experience in a wide range of projects. He has been involved in many design and award-winning projects such as the Umkhumbane Museum, The Pan African Parliament, Timeball Tower (Durban Point), Princess Magogo Stadium (FIFA 2010 Legacy Venue), Durban Point Sewer Pump Station, amongst others. Dean is also proficient in Construction Administration having served as chair for the Principal Agent at technical and site meetings on various projects.



A FIFA STADIUM ON DURBAN BEACH SAND DUNES
Beerhall Event space and Pop-up Restaurant for Launch of the Rivertown Precinct for the 2014 UIA - Durban
Client : eThekweni Municipality, 2014

Conversion of existing facilities into event space and gallery with pop-up restaurant for UIA 2014. Hosted a series of Cultural events ,Music, Poetry Africa, exhibitions, etc



TSELISO [TSIDI] MOAHLOLI [PROFILE]

Education

University of Cape Town - B.A.S. Bachelor of Architectural Studies 1996

University of Cape Town - BArch. Bachelor of Architecture 1999

Membership

South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)

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South African Institute for Building Design (SAIBD)

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Present Position

Associate – Choromanski Architecture cc

Experience

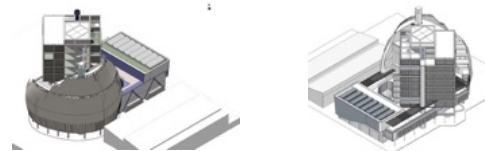
Tsidi is experienced in projects that include Community, Schools, Medical Research, Heritage, Game Lodges, Museums + Cultural Centres. He was also employed as an academic at the Durban University of Technology [DUT] for 15 years (full-time) and is currently an Academic Lecturer at the University of KwaZulu Natal (part-time). He also serves as a National Board Member and Education Committee chair at the South African Institute of Building Design (SAIBD), a recognized Voluntary Association by the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). In these roles he brings contemporary developments in the Built Environment especially in the field of architecture, ensuring that projects benefit from his interactions not only with students and academics, but the business of architecture as well. Tsidi has also successfully managed projects in a project manager capacity which is one of the strengths that Choromanski Architecture offers - Leading design capabilities with strong construction administration skills. Tsidi's philosophy is that Architecture is elegant complexity. Architecture is also the enduring and dynamic container of a community's culture, as the ritual movements through space, *of> the food> the breath> the health of the body> the motion> the making of objects in space> the place.*



educational



public



office



residential



