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Artists of determination bid farewell to Dubai's Mawaheb studio with stirring final exhibition

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Mawaheb from Beautiful People, a non-profit art studio for young people with disabilities, will mark its final moments in Dubai with a group exhibition.

Mawaheb's founder Wemmy de Maaker announced the art studio's closure last month, citing the coronavirus pandemic as the reason. "The implications surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic have unfortunately forced Mawaheb to close its doors. Mawaheb was supposed to celebrate its 10-year anniversary in October, but instead of a celebration we had to make this difficult decision," she wrote on Facebook.

She told The National in October that she hopes the community and corporate businesses will continue to support people of determination. "We hope they continue to integrate and include them, whether in motivational talks, art exhibitions or jobs. Work can still be commissioned from the artists even though Mawaheb is not there."