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AN ART school offering specialised training in cartooning was launched in Durban this week.

Brainchild of Durban cartoonist Nanda Sooben, the Centre for Fine Art and Design in Victoria Street is the first of its kind in South Africa.

The intensive, one year course offers fine art and graphic design training, aimed specifically at developing cartooning skills.

Mr Sooben said the idea for the school came while he was working as a cartoonist in the United States where state-subsidised colleges training cartoonists were plentiful.

This was reinforced by the lack of courses in South Africa aimed specifically at this field.

An exciting feature of the course, Mr Sooben said, was broadcast design, which opened doors to a career in television animation and advertising.

The course is registered with Technikon SA through the Natal Computer College.

Mr Sooben said cartoonists employed by local newspapers would head sessions in the various subjects.

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