

Mbokodo Awards 2014 announces winners

Mafikizolo's Nhlanhla Nciza has been honoured with an award for her work in the music industry. Nciza was the winner of the 2014 Mbokodo Awards in the music category, which honours musicians who show deep commitment to Africa and its traditions. She was one of the 19 winners at awards that were recently held at the Kyalami Theatre in Midrand.

The awards, which are a collaborative effort between the Department of Arts and Culture and Carol Bouwer Productions, are held every year in honour of women who have made outstanding contribution in the arts industry.



Other winners included well-known South African actress Florence Masebe, who was the winner in the Women in Film category. She was honoured for her contribution to the production and development of films in the country. Masebe has acted in many South African TV productions, but in the past few years has been more involved in work done behind the camera. She was the lead actress and executive producer of the first Tshivenda film, Elelwani.

Sbongile Mngoma won an award for the work she has done in the field of opera. Mngoma released her second album, which she also produced last year. She has also performed on many national and international stages including performances at the Tel Aviv Opera House.

Under-used languages

Poet and writer Antjie Krog was the winner of the promotion of Language and Storytelling Award. The award honours efforts to promote and develop languages in artistic ways, giving exposure to under-used languages. Her book, *Country Of My Skull*, was dramatised for the big screen with Samuel L Jackson as one of the leading actors.

One of the biggest awards of the night, The Mariam Makeba Award, went to the Mahotella Queens. The group has been captivating nationally and international audiences with their music since 1964. Like Makeba the Mahotella Queens have through their art, advanced the plight of African people across the world, particularly during apartheid.

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List of Winners per category	
Women in Indigenous Art	Lobolile Ximba
Promotion 01 Language and Story Telling	Antie Krog
Creative Writing	Mmatshilo Matsei
Poetry	Nokuthula Zuma
Creative Photography	Marlene Neumann
Painting	Tracey Rose
Sculpture	Jane Alexander
Architecture	Trudi Groenewald and Debbie Peller
Creative Design	Lisebo Mokhesi
Fashion Design and Innovation	Palesa Mokubung
Dance	Burnise Silvius
Opera	Sibongile Mngoma
Theatre	Marlene le Roux
Comedy	Celeste Ntuli
Women in Film	Florence Masebe
Women in Jazz	Lindiwe Maxolo
Music	Nhlanhla Nciza
Promotion of Arts in the Media	Vanessa Perumal
Arts Ambassador	Miriam Tladi
Miriam Makeba Achievement Award	Mahotella Queens

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