



MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF TWO DISTINGUISHED ACTORS

Johannesburg – Sunday 14 March 2021 - The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has learnt with shock and sadness of the passing of veteran South African actor Menzi Ngubane and distinguished actress, Noxolo Maqashalala.

Mr. Ngubane was a legend in the arts industry, whose many memorable performances endeared him to audiences, not only for the characters he portrayed, but the person he was in reality. He appeared in numerous SABC productions such as *'Ubambo Lwami'*, where he portrayed the character Mazwi. He also starred in *'Kwakhala Nyonini'*, *'37 Honey street'*, *'Yizo Yizo'*, *'Gaz'lam'*, *'Family Secrets'* and famously as 'Sibusiso Dlomo' on SABC1's *'Generations'*.

Having been recognized for his exceptional talent, Ngubane was a nominee of multiple SAFTA golden horns for his role on *Generations* and the recipient of the Stars of Mzansi award, hosted by SABC 1 in 2008.

Ms. Maqashalala, a veteran in her own right, will be remembered for her vibrant energy and performances, which gained her many fans. She starred in a leading role on *'Tsha Tsha'* as 'Viwe' a youth educational drama on SABC 1. She also appeared on *'Intersexions'*, *'Gauteng Maboneng'* and recently *'Diamond City'*.

The entertainment industry has lost two giant whose gap will be felt by the industry and fans alike. They both leave a formidable legacy that upcoming actors and actresses can access for years to come.

The public broadcaster offers its sincere condolences to the Ngubane and Maqashalala families on their loss.

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