

ALL THINGS QUEER

FIRST EDITION

BEYOND FREEDOM

FEATHERS NEWSROOM

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AND THE
CATEGORY IS...

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FEATHERS IS UNDERGOING A FACELIFT!

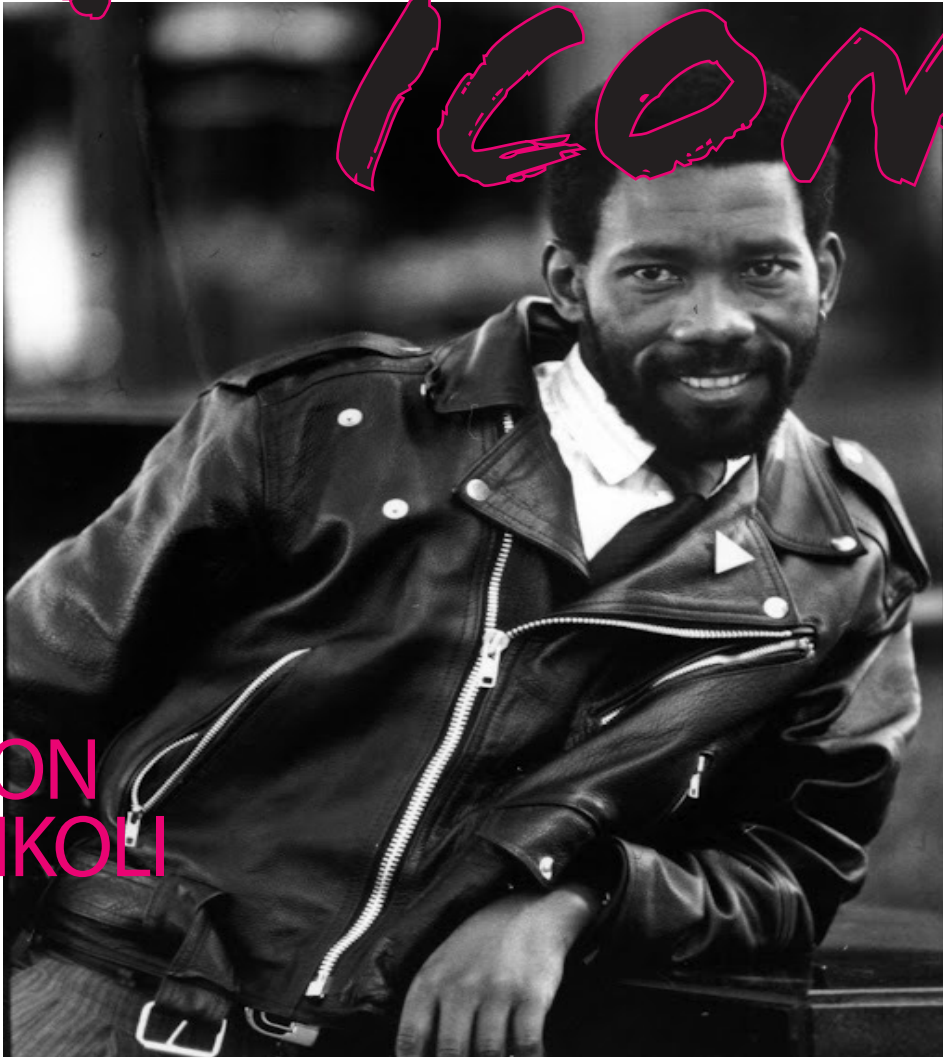
Feathers is about confronting the negative and imbalanced portrayals of the LGBTQI+ community and striving to re-emphasise that LGBTQI+ people are human beings who are decision makers, whose opinions matter, who influence thinking and who deserve the same respect every Human enjoys. In doing, so we hope that creating an inclusive space for queer humans achieves this goal.

In 2023 and in future, The Feathers will be hosted as a multi-event campaign, allowing us to provide a more comprehensive platform to Gauteng's LGBTQI+ Community and our allies! This year feathers will be expanding its reach by introducing two more platforms to the brand, and they are :



GOOD THINGS COME IN **FOUR** ■

GAY ICONS



SIMON
NKOLI

A gay icon is acknowledged to be a historical or public figure celebrated by many in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. The featured icons, all of whom have had a direct positive on the Queer community .



ZANELE MUHOLI

SOUTH AFRICAN ARTIST
AND VISUAL ACTIVIST



GLORIA BOSMAN

SOUTH AFRICAN MUSICIAN

DION CHANG

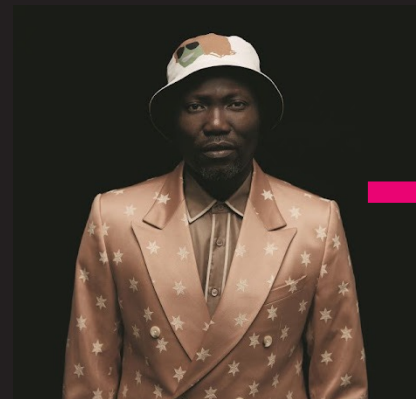
FOUNDER OF FLUX TRENDS
AND TRENDS COLUMNIST



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GREGORY MAQOMA

CREATIVE DIRECTOR,
PRDUCER AND DANCER



JUDGE EDWIN CAMERON

RETIRED JUSTICE OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL COURT



BEV DITSIE

SOUTH AFRICAN LESBIAN
ACTIVIST, ARTIST, AND
FILMMAKER

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OH SO ICONIC

ITS NOT EVERYDAY
THAT ONE MAKES
HISTORY.

EXCUSE US WHILE WE BRAG FOR A MOMENT!

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OUR RIGHTS

- SOUTH AFRICA HOST ITS FIRST LGBTQIA+ SOCCER TOURNAMENT
- FEATHERS HOSTS ITS FIRST GLOBAL CONFERENCE
- FIRST EVER MZANZI GAY CHOIR
- FORMER MISS UNIVERSE, CATRION GRAY GIVES SPEECH AT FEATHERS 11
- GAUTENG PRIDE PICNIC

ICONIC GAY MOMENTS

- CIVIL HUMAN RIGHTS
- ALTERATION OF SEX DESCRIPTION AND SEX STATUS ACT
- SECTION 9.3 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- THAMI DISH FOUNDATION HOIST PRIDE FLAG AT CON HILL
- THE FIRST PRIDE PARADE IN SOUTH AFRICA - 1990
- NATIONAL COALITION FOR GAY AND LESBIAN EQUALITY V MINISTER OF JUSTICE
- GAY PRIDE FLAG OF SOUTH AFRICA
- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TASK TEAM



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“UNFVCKEN APOLOGETIC”



The Feather Awards is an event to honour public figures who have captivated, inspired and empowered LGBTQIA+ people. The awards have become part of the fibre of the entertainment calendar. The awards use entertainment to highlight the challenges and issues faced by the LGBTI community. The awards recognise LGBTQIA+ people, entertainers and other public figures for their different contributions towards the community.

In November 2022 the awards celebrated their 14th year anniversary. The ceremony is presented as a theatre production, with audio visual presentations and musical entertainment provided by leading South African performers. The Feather Awards run numerous community outreach initiatives throughout the year to help educate, inform and support LGBTQIA+ communities nationally.



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DEMANDING TO BE HEARD

LGBTQIA+ DIALOGUES



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The LGBTQIA+ Dialogues are a national tour under the Feather Awards banner. Their main focus is to go into predominantly black communities to educate and discuss issues around the LGBTQIA+ community. The dialogues are about collecting data from people on the ground around issues of sexuality. The dialogues present a unique opportunity for stakeholders and service providers to hear voices and experiences of LGBTQIA+ youth and thus get first-hand knowledge on what needs to be done to better their lives.

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FEATHERS FESTIVAL





The **Feathers Festival** is a celebration of diversity and inclusivity, raising awareness about everything LGBTQIA+. The event is designed to provide a safe space for members of the community to come together, celebrate their unique identities and stories with everyone. It's an event which puts South Africa on the map profiling its cultural, political and leadership in the arena of LGBTQIA+ rights and Human Rights. Feathers Festival enjoyed the huge, positive media coverage in the Gauteng province, nationally and even internationally in its inaugural year, 2019, prior to the Covid 19 pandemic. The festival uses the creative arts to provide an accessible, friendly platform for a broader audience to gain awareness of everything LGBTQIA+ and contributes to educating society on homophobia and gender-based and intimate partner

violence and other social ills in South Africa. Through the platform to we're able to extend a year-long calendar of outreach projects through the Thami Dish Foundation. As we continue the journey, we invite all who believe in diversity and inclusion, education, raising awareness, providing a safe space, and those who are brave enough to raise the LGBTQIA+ flag up high.





LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SENSITISATION TRAININGS

The **Thami Dish Foundation** in partnership with the Department of community safety coordinate and facilitate LGBTQIA+ sensitization training for Law Enforcement Agencies. The trainings target all Social Crime Prevention coordinator, FCS officials, and CPF cluster chairpersons. The purpose of the trainings is to provide guidance to the South African Police Service (SAPS) members to treat the LGBTQIA+ persons who are victims with dignity and respect as stipulated in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

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GLOBAL LGBTIQ+ NETWORK

The **LGBTIQ+ Global Network Conference** is the only African-based collective aimed at strengthening bonds & networks among LGBTIQ+ Activists across Africa and the world. It is a chance for activists to amplify their collective voices and efforts.

The Network Conference is also an important opportunity for the community to gather and identify areas in which they can focus the efforts of their struggle. The Network Conference provides a valuable and unique opportunity for the Community to engage and find out more about health and social issues which particularly affect them and which are not adequately shared in mainstream media and publications.

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THE LIFESTYLE

Queertopia is an immersive 2 Day queer entered festival that normalises and celebrates our differences. This fictitious new world order has its own forms of expression and communities that reimagine the world we live in





KEEP THE VIBES GOING



QUEER ERTOPIA

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Vogue Nights Jozi, founded by eponymous award-winning cultural curator, Lelowhats-good, is at the forefront of reinventing and redefining South African queer culture through tastefully curated ballroom events. These are inclusive and are centred around dance, music and fashion.



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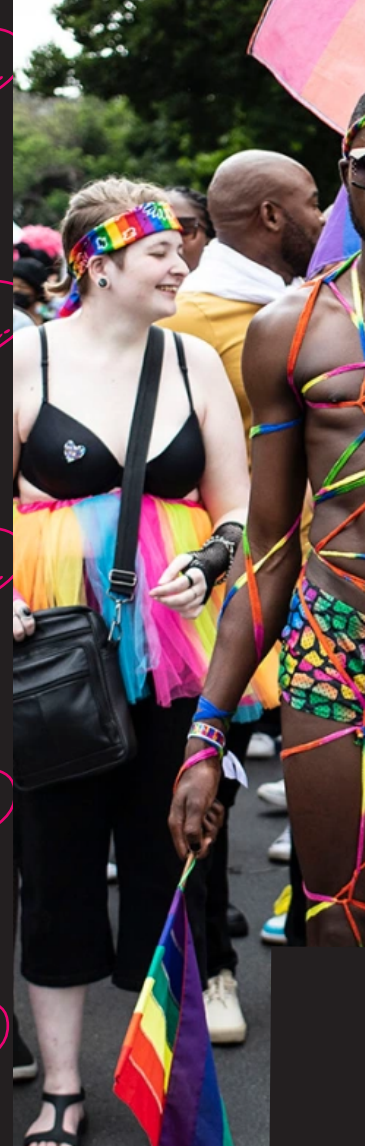
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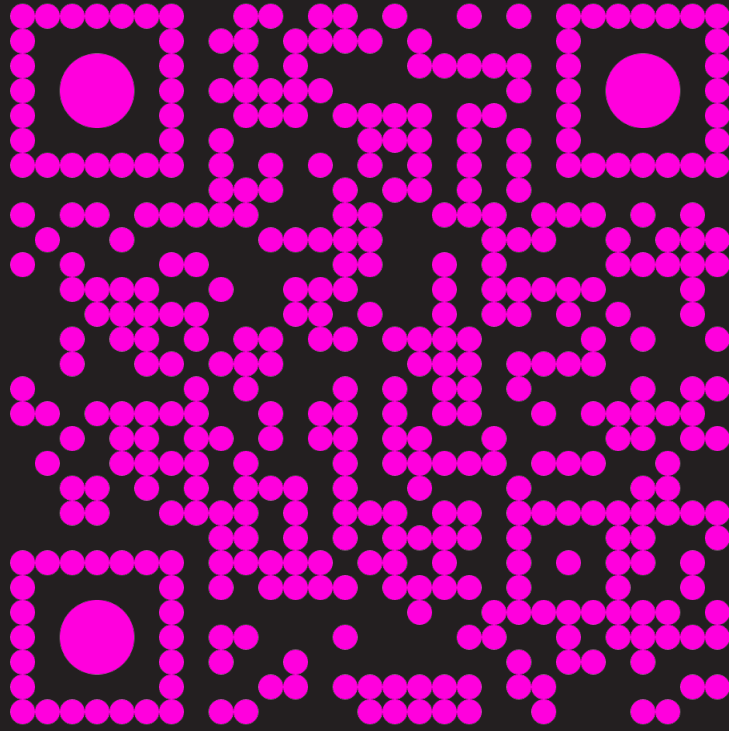
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Johannesburg Pride is an annual event that takes place in Johannesburg, South Africa, to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and promote diversity, inclusion, and equality. The event typically includes a parade, live music, performances, and various other festivities. They hope to liberate every LGBTQ+ person across Africa to live their most **AUTHENTIC** life, Disrupting the status quo through elevating and amplifying Pride from an event to an inclusive continent-wide community platform. Thus ensuring the LGBTQ+ community is included in the Global drive for equality.



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