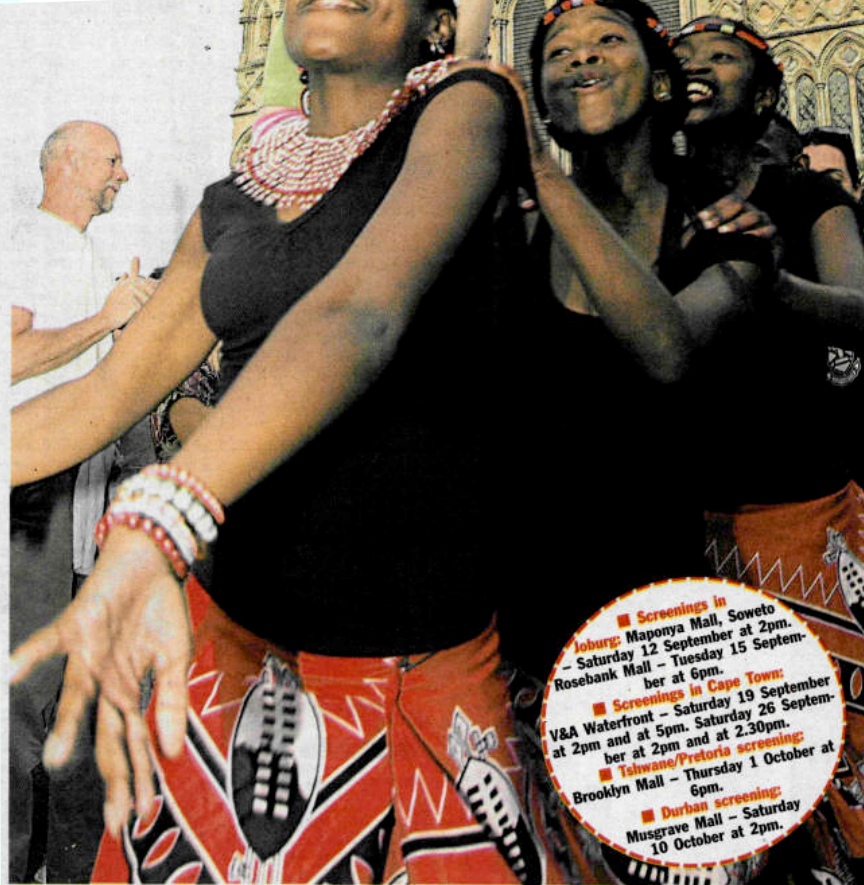


# VOICES FROM A CHOIR

A scene from *Fezeka's Voice* which will be shown at the Tri-Continental Film Festival. Don't miss it!



**A film about a local school choir is making waves here and overseas!**

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**A** FEATURE film about one man's mission to spread hope and confidence among township children, will have its world premiere next week.

*Fezeka's Voice* will be shown at the Tri-Continental Film Festival. It runs from 11 September to 12 October at certain Ster-Kinekor and Cinema Nouveau cinemas across the country.

*Fezeka's Voice* tells the true story of choirmaster Phumi Tsewu and his dedication to his township, his school and his choir.

For 12 years he has been teaching the children at Fezeka High School in Gugulethu not just how to sing, but how to live.

The film follows Phumi's as he teaches the students everything from manners to Mozart, giving them focus, pride and joy.

Alongside its premiere at the Tri Continental Film Festival, *Fezeka's Voice* will form part of the 50th Anniversary cultural celebrations of Gugulethu in October.

"In spite of there being 77 of them, when I first heard the choir sing in their tiny classroom in Gugulethu, I booked them on the spot to come to the UK," said Jo Metcalf, former director of The Salisbury International Arts Festival.

"They are a baby Soweto Gospel Choir waiting to happen."

As a result of Fezeka High School's performance at the Salisbury International Arts Festival in Britain last year, around R380 000 was raised by the local community for a scholarship fund for the Fezeka High students.

This amount will put seven of the students through four years of university.

To build on this further, the filmmakers have dedicated 50% of the profits from the film to The Fezeka Scholarship Fund, which will help pupils the opportunity to pursue further education.

A further 20% will be put towards outreach and community projects in South Africa.

Produced by Ciel Productions and All Living Things, a London based organisation who raise awareness and provoke social change, through media projects, *Fezeka's Voice* will premiere alongside five other world premieres, 19 African first showings and 22 South African films. Screenings of the film along side concert performances by the choir are being planned for South Africa and Britain.

■ Screenings in Joburg: Maponya Mall, Soweto - Saturday 12 September at 2pm. Rosebank Mall - Tuesday 15 September at 6pm.  
■ Screenings in Cape Town: V&A Waterfront - Saturday 19 September at 2pm and at 5pm. Saturday 26 September at 2pm and at 2.30pm.  
■ Tshwane/Pretoria screening: Brooklyn Mall - Thursday 1 October at 6pm.  
■ Durban screening: Musgrave Mall - Saturday 10 October at 2pm.

