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21 Icons: Thato Kgathanye

The seventh short film in the multimedia series 21 Icons Season III celebrates social entrepreneur Thato Kgathanye.

She's an advocate for creating something out of nothing. Through the establishment of the non-profit organisation Repurpose Schoolbags, Thato has made a sustainable contribution to the environment by using reinforced plastic shopping bags to create recycled school bags for disadvantaged learners.

This a collaborative project, with private schools collecting plastic bags on their behalf while other partners go to landfill sites and collect plastic from waste.

Aimed at children in rural communities, the bags serve to waterproof their books during the rainy seasons. The bags are fitted with retro-reflective material that improves the bag's visibility, ensuring child safety. They also have a solar power point that enables schoolchildren living in households with limited access to electricity to use the bags as an energy source to read, study and do their homework. This reduces the danger of shack fires caused by paraffin lamps.

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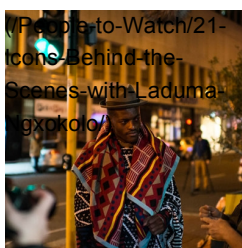
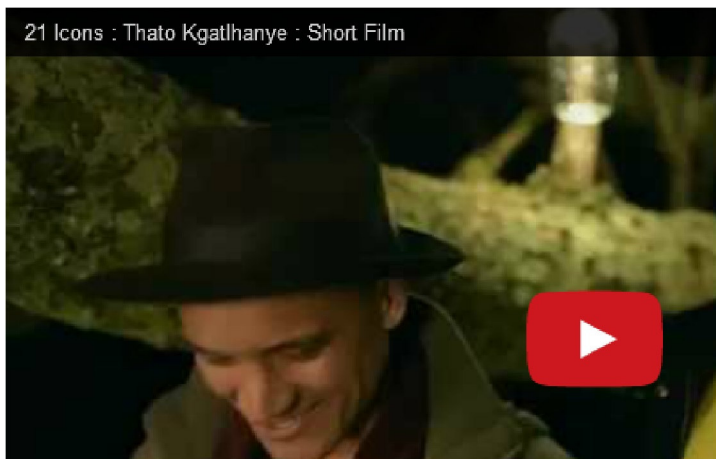
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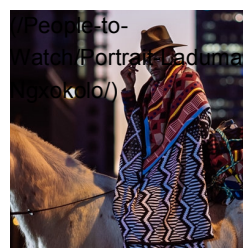
As Thato says, "When you walk a journey there are always people around you, and embracing that sense of community is how you get far."

Catch *21 Icons* Season III every Sunday on SABC 3 at 19h27.
Watch Thato's video here.



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Portrait:
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21 Icons Season III
photographer Gary
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