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Phindile Sithole-Spong: Portrait

In her portrait for 21 Icons Series III, HIV advocate Phindile Sithole-Spong is shown against a moody red backdrop.

21 Icons photographer Gary van Wyk describes the visual elements of the image: "Phindile is photographed in front of a red backdrop, seemingly naked above the waist - acknowledging her birth with the virus and her shunning of stereotypes. With a vibrant energy and natural smile on her face, the portrait challenges what the world has been taught HIV looks like, and instead captures her innate joy,

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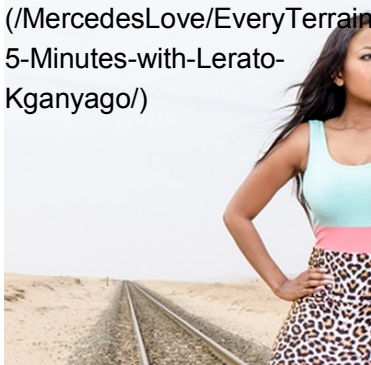
sincerity and vulnerability."

Watch Phindile's interview [here](#).



Phindile Sithole-Spong, shot by Gary Van Wyk

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