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# 21 Icons: Behind the Scenes with Thulani Madondo

How photographer Gary Van Wyk captured community activist Thulani Madondo for 21 Icons.

In his 21 Icons portrait, Thulani is depicted as an energetic dynamo. "He is photographed in Mandela Park, a township in Cape Town's Hout Bay," Gary explains. "Wearing the gumboots that he uses to teach local Kiptown kids traditional gumboot dancing, he is pictured leaping above the roof of a shack. Emphasising his humble

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beginnings, the portrait imagines him literally rising above his circumstances - a feat he believes is possible for anyone through education."

Take a behind-the-scenes look at Thulani's shoot with Gary Van Wyk.



Photographer Gary Van Wyk meets Thulani Madondo, in costume, and gets straight to work sharing his idea for the portrait – gumbboot dancing. Shot in Cape Town as part of Adrian Steirn's 21 Icons South Africa Project.



Gary Van Wyk captures the moment from the rooftops.



Thulani Madondo leaps into action for the camera. Shot in Cape Town as part of Adrian Steirn's 21 Icons South Africa Project.

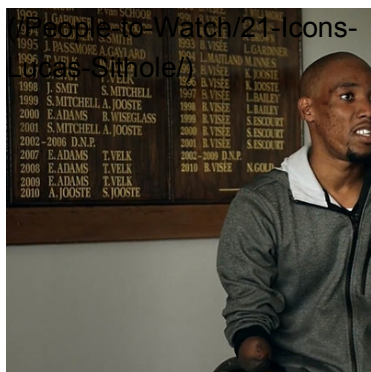


And there it is. Photographer Gary Van Wyk shares the final portrait shot with Thulani Madondo. Shot in Cape Town as part of Adrian Steirn's 21 Icons South Africa Project.



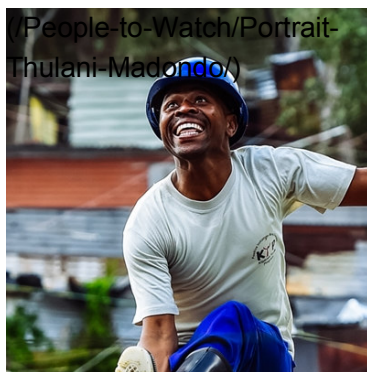
Thulani Madondo's on-camera moment. Shot in Cape Town as part of Adrian Steirn's 21 Icons South Africa Project.

*Behind the Scenes images by Andy Ellis.*



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