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Athi-Patra Ruga: Portrait

21 Icons Season III photographer Gary Van Wyk conceptualised and shot this arresting portrait.

"The body is all you have; it's the first point of call. You can take it down the streets and do whatever you want to do. I think that is something that runs through the veins of South Africans when it comes to performing." -Athi-Patra Ruga

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Athi-Patra Ruga, shot by Gary Van Wyk.

Ruga stands upright, shirtless, with his hand pressed to his chest. An image from his 'Azania' series is projected directly onto his bare torso, illuminating a look of strength in his face and immersing him in his own art.

Highlighting Ruga's utilisation of his own body as one of his primary mediums of expression, the portrait constructs an increased intimacy between the artist and his art.

Watch his interview here. (<http://www.mblife.co.za/People-to-Watch/21-Icons-Athi-Patra-Ruga/>)



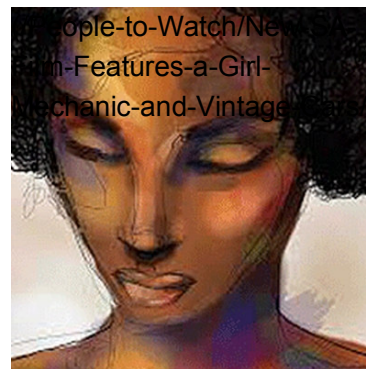
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