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**HOMAGE: Adrian Steirn, creator and director of '21 Icons South Africa', Herman Mashaba and Judge Albie Sachs during the premiere and launch of season two of the series at Constitution Hill in Johannesburg** PHOTO: PETER MOGAKI

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**FORMER Constitutional Court judge Albie Sachs has hailed South Africa as a wonderful society.**

At the launch of the second season of *21 Icons* at Constitution Hill in Johannesburg earlier this week, Sachs said: "We wanted to change the system. We weren't fighting a race, we weren't fighting a people, we weren't in that sense fighting individuals. We were fighting to make the society a better one."

The struggle stalwart, who survived a car bomb attack in 1988 by apartheid

## Films honour 21 more SA icons

security police, said SA's democracy was solid enough that the country would never have the army overthrowing government.

Sachs was appointed to the court by Nelson Mandela in 1994, and retired in October 2009.

During his tenure, the Constitutional Court abolished the death penalty, overturned anti-homosexuality laws and legalised same-sex marriage.

*21 Icons* is an initiative by filmmaker and photogra-

pher Adrian Steirn, who celebrates the lives of extraordinary South Africans who have shaped the nation.

The icons are celebrated through a series of short films and photographic portraits.

The first season included former presidents Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk, and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

This season will feature businessman Herman Mashaba, 1995 Springbok rugby World Cup-winning

captain Francois Pienaar, former parliamentary Speaker Frene Ginwala and founder of Gift of the Givers Foundation Imtiaz Sooliman, among others.

Steirn said his intention was to inspire ordinary citizens to learn from, and emulate, the lives of remarkable South Africans.

*21 Icons* will debut with Sachs on SABC3 at 8.27pm on Sunday. It will run for 21 weeks.

The original photographs from the first series, signed by the icons, will be sold at an auction with proceeds going to their chosen charity. ■ [khumelaj@sowetan.co.za](mailto:khumelaj@sowetan.co.za)