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Young icons depict SA legacy

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TWENTY-ONE young South Africans are proving that to be an icon no longer requires spending 27 years in prison.

Changing the myths that greatness requires Nelson Mandela-like accolades, are these 21 young people who are featured on the short film series *21 ICONS* as part of the project's third season.

The previous two seasons, inspired by Mandela, featured stalwarts like George Bizos, Nadine Gordimer, Desmond Tutu, Albie Sachs, Hugh Masekela and Sophie Williams de Bruyn, to name a few.

The film series uses photography, film and narrative to showcase the moments of South Africa's nation-building journey.

The third season is not about diminishing the legacy of the past or

the role that anti-apartheid activists played, but rather it's about looking to the hope that the future offers and the role that youth are playing.

While the previous seasons were captured in black and white, this season will be in colour and will shed light on icons under the age of 35.

Some of the icons to be featured are performing artist Athi-Patra Ruga; wheelchair tennis player Lucas Sithole; rape activist Jes Foord and Thulani Madondo, who is co-founder of the Kliptown Youth Programme.

Behind the scenes footage, which includes photoshoots which will form part of a soon-to-be released book, will air on SABC3 over the next couple of weeks.

Madondo, 33, says of his work: "We complain that we don't have money, but not everything needs money, it shouldn't be about money, it should be about passion."

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