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**SALA AWARDS 2023 EDITION CELEBRATES 18 YEARS OF ADVANCING OUR
LITERARY HERITAGE, NAMING THIRTY-FOUR WINNING AUTHORS**

SALA honoured the following 34 South Africa's authors - i.e. 25 winners and 9 runners-up - at the 18th South African Literary Awards on the 32nd International African Writers' Day, 7th November 2023, Snowflake Venue, Potchefstroom, JB Marks Local Municipality, North West Province.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AWARD

1. Claudette Browne Storrar - Nelly and Sam Thwala
2. Molebatsi Bosilong- Montsane le Motho
3. Mr Philip de Vos – Tokkelossiebossie en ander dol gedoentes
4. Sinathi Mpukwana –Unakho

YOUTH LITERATURE AWARD

1. Onke Mazibuko- The Second Verse
2. Mihlali Blackie -Ukuzazi Ukuzithemba Nokuzamkela
3. KOBATE JOHN SEKELE- MAKGOMA A DIHLONG
4. Annelie Ferreira- Dit het alles begin met 'n hond

FIRST TIME PULISHED AUTHOR AWARD

1. Shevlyn Mottai - Across the Kala Pani
2. NTLORO CHARLOTTE PEBANE - LERATO LA LEPHEKO
3. Ayanda Chris Mntwapi - BOHLULWE KUKUSA

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K. SELLO DUIKER MEMMORIAL LITERARY AWARD

1. Dimakatso David Mokwena - Here Comes the Gay King

POETRY AWARD

1. Michèle Betty - Dark Horse
2. Anelisa Thengimfene - Amajingiqhiw' entlalo
3. Kaka Mokakale - Tswina ya poko

NADINE GORDIMER SHORT STORY AWARD

1. Terry-Ann Adams - White Chalk

CREATIVE NON-FICTION LITERARY AWARD

1. Mandla J. Radebe - The Lost Prince of the ANC: The Life and Times of Jabulani Nobleman 'Mzala' Nxumalo
2. Siphwo Mahala - Can Themba: The Making and Breaking of the Intellectual Tsotsi, a Biography

NOVEL AWARD

1. Thivhusiwi Tshindane Tshivhula - Hone Hu Tshi Tea U Maliwa Nga vhugai
2. KOBATE JOHN SEKELE- RE HWILE LA PITSANA
3. Sue Nyathi - An Angel's Demise

POSTHOUOUS LITERARY AWARD

1. SEETSELE MODIRI MOLEMA - Solomon Tshekisho Plaatje - Morata Baabo

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CHAIRPERSON'S LITERARY AWARD

1. Elinor Sisulu – Body of Work

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT LITERARY AWARD

1. Pitika Ntuli – Body of Work
2. Diana Ferrus – Body of Work

The Winners List is attached.

Preceding the SALA Awards ceremony was the **11th Africa Century International African Writers Conference (ACIAWC)**, under the theme: **Decolonisation and Decoloniality: African Literary Return To The Source**

Mr Ibrahima Aya, Timbuktu-born Malian author, editor, agronomist, co-founder and director of the four-day literary festival **Rentree Litteraire du Mali**, delivered the 11th International African Writers Day Lecture. The respondents were;

- **Prof Puleng Segalo**, Professor of Psychology and Chief Albert Luthuli Chair from UNISA. Her presentation was titled; ***Reweaving our fragmented selves: towards decolonial love.***
- **Dr Aloysius Conduah**, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Studies at Unisa. His presentation was titled; ***Decolonisation and Decoloniality: Revisiting the Use of Language in African Literary Work.***
- **Prof Grace Khunou**, Acting Director, Department of Leadership and Transformation, UNISA and her response was titled; ***A reflection on the creation of credible knowers and knowledges in African Literature.***
- **Dr Monica Thuli Bhuda**, Senior Lecturer in Indigenous Knowledge Systems, from the University of Mpumalanga. Her response was titled: ***What is a decolonised Higher education? perspectives from Indigenous Knowledge Systems.***

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- **Mr Kyle Seakhoa**, Assistant Lecturer at the University of the Western Cape. His presentation was titled; ***Conceptual decolonization and African literature.***
- **Mr Radinaledi Patrick Mosiane**, a senior public servant and development practitioner with the government of the Republic of South Africa. His response was titled: **Decoloniality in African Literature within a Colonialism of a Special Type (CST) discourse: A critique of the Source.**
- **Commander Tsietsi Mokhele**, Chairperson of Maritime Heritage Institute and founding Director and Chairman of Elekhom Global and Vaal Riverway Development Agency. His response was titled; **Our maritime and maritime heritage: a source, resource and platform for Africa's advances and development in African literary and other spheres.**

Going forward, we are delighted to announce that the South African Literary Awards' **Call for Submissions 2024** will be announced on 17th November 2023, thereby giving all the writers, their peers, publishers, nominators and all ample time to submit their work for adjudication.

For more information please visit www.sala.org.za and www.africacenturyconference.co.za

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