



Brand South Africa & South African Women's Alliance

Celebrate
6th Annual Women's Day
&
25 years of
South African Democracy

Saturday 24 August, 2019

6:00 pm VIP Reception

7:00 pm Program

Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center
246 Perimeter Center Pkwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30346

Commemoration Souvenir Program

Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Gala Committee, partners, sponsors, and the entire support team at South African Women's Alliance (SAWA), I would like to thank you for joining us as we celebrate SAWA's 6th Anniversary and commemorate 25 years of democratic progress in South Africa.



SAWA was created in 2014 from my vision to enlighten the world of the strength and determination of South African women in every facet of life, and acknowledge the continued contributions and legacy of those whose shoulders we stand. Since then, SAWA's vision has evolved to include:

- ▶ Scholarships for students exploring South African development studies;
- ▶ Leadership training and intercultural exchanges designed for global entrepreneurship; and
- ▶ Facilitate programming to bridge the gap between South African women entrepreneurs and the world.

This Gala is a true celebration of our resilient past, present, and bright future.

To our faithful partner, *Brand South Africa*, we say thank you for your continued support. I am proud of the accomplishments of SAWA over the past 6 years and recognize that we could not have delivered on our mission without you. I also extend special thanks to all our sponsors which include Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center, South African Tourism, Africa-USA Ensemble Events, Andrew Young Foundation, UPS, and all others listed in the "Sponsors" section of this commemoration book.

As SAWA grows, we need you all. Your contributions are invaluable and we look forward to continued support as we expand our dynamic vision and growth well into the future.

Wathint' abafazi, wathint' imbokodo' | you strike a woman, you strike a rock

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mogodi".

Maloase Mogodi

Founder, South African Women's Alliance

Program



Invocation

Reverend Mokgabo Senatle

Master of Ceremonies

Felicia Mabuza-Suttle

Talkshow Host & Businesswoman

Welcome

Felicia A. Moore

President, Atlanta City Council

Sponsor Remarks

Mudunwazi Baloyi

US Manager, Brand South Africa

Entertainment

Africa-USA Unity Ensemble

~ Dinner is Served ~

Remarks

Maloase Mogodi

Founder, SAWA



Scholarship Presentation

Remarks

Atandwa Kani

South African Actor

Award Ceremony

 After Gala Concert 
Africa-USA Unity Ensemble

SAWA thanks you for your support and love.

~ Honorees ~

Abigail Kubeka SAWA Legacy Award



Born in Orlando East, Soweto, Abigail Kubeka attended a missionary boarding school in Kilnerton. From a young age, Kubeka showed an interest in singing and eventually won the award called Wamela, for lifetime achievement and for the pride and honor she represents for the country. Kubeka was also nominated at the Durban Film Festival along with Thuso Mbedu, Connie Ferguson, Leleti Khumalo and Sihle Ndaba.

- ▶ Wamela Music Awards (Won - Lifetime Achievement Award 2001)
- ▶ Durban Film Festival (Nominated - Actress In Supporting Role 2014)
- ▶ *South African Film and Television Award (Won - Best Actress, The Long Run 2015)*
- ▶ SAMAwards (Singer of the Year - Nominated 2017)



Leleti Khumalo SAWA Trailblazer Award

Leleti Khumalo was born in KwaMashu township, north of Durban, South Africa. In 1985 she auditioned for the Mbongeni Ngema musical which was to become the international blockbuster *Sarafina!*; Ngema wrote the lead character of Sarafina for Khumalo.

Khumalo performed the role of Sarafina on stages in South Africa and on Broadway, where she received a 1988 Tony Award nomination for Best Actress in a Musical. *Sarafina!* had a Broadway run lasting two years, after which the production embarked on a worldwide tour. In 1987 Khumalo received an NAACP Image Award for Best Stage Actress. In 1992, she starred alongside Whoopi Goldberg, Miriam Makeba and John Kani in Darrell James Roodt's film version of *Sarafina!*, which had a worldwide distribution, and became the biggest film production to be released on the African continent.

Khumalo was nominated for an Image Award, together with Angela Bassett, Whoopi Goldberg and Janet Jackson. Based on the 1976 Soweto youth uprisings, *Sarafina!* tells the story of a young schoolgirl who is not afraid to fight for her rights and inspires her peers to rise in protest, especially after her inspirational teacher, Mary Masombuka (Goldberg) is imprisoned and murdered.

~ Honorees ~



Martha "Macape" Mokgoatsane SAWA Ambassadorship Award

Martha "Macape" Mokgoatsane was born and raised in Pretoria, South Africa on Christmas Day. She is a sibling to 6 Sisters and 3 Brothers. Martha came to America in December 1982 to join her then late Husband, Greg, and is an amazing mother of 2, Mosepelo and Shoki.

Martha has been employed at A.G Rhodes Rehabilitation and Health Home for 30 years and her love and dedication for her patients, is felt even by her South African community. Martha Meets No Stranger.

Martha has been very instrumental in recruiting guests to this event since its beginning. Being a Christmas Baby, she follows in the footsteps of our Lord and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, displaying the Love of CHRIST everywhere she goes.

Martha is being awarded the SAWA Ambassadorship Award because she has been dedicated to both being a glue that holds our community together, as well as, building the South African community here in Metro Atlanta.



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South African Women's Alliance (SAWA) creates a friendly and comfortable environment for leadership training, economic empowerment and cultural exchanges.

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~ Speakers ~

Felicia Mabuza-Suttle **Talkshow Host & Businesswoman**



International award-winning entrepreneur, an inspirational speaker, an author, and a philanthropist, Felicia Mabuza-Suttle is President and co-owner of Leadership Success International, LLC, an organization that specializes in executive leadership training and business communications.

Mabuza-Suttle is one of the founding members and shareholders of Pamodzi Investment Holdings. The South African Broadcast Corporation (SABC) also named her among the "100 Great South Africans." Felicia, as she is known on television, is the host of *Conversations with Felicia*, a talk show on The Africa Channel in the US. In South Africa, she hosted the popular *The Felicia Show*.



Felicia A. Moore **President, Atlanta City Council**

Felicia is all about the people. She has spent nearly three decades as a public servant, serving communities in need. Felicia fights on behalf of Atlanta's citizens, policies, and ethics. Felicia began her community service as President of her Riverside neighborhood association. She then served as Chair of the Neighborhood Planning Unit-D, becoming a strong advocate for economic community development, which led to her election as City Councilmember for District 9, where she served 20 years before becoming President of the Atlanta City Council in January 2018.

Ms. Moore is a cum laude graduate of Central State University in Ohio and holds a Master of Science degree from Central Michigan University with a concentration in Public Administration. She is an Honor Society member, and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority. Ms. Felicia Moore is a licensed Real Estate Broker, and a proud resident of the Historic Collier Heights Community in Atlanta, GA.

~ Speakers ~

Mudunwazi Baloyi

US Manager, Brand South Africa

Mudunwazi Baloyi, US Head, Brand South Africa- Began his career, as a Chief of Economics for the department of National Treasury in South Africa. He went on to join Department of Trade and Industry as Chief Director: Global Bilateral Economic Relations. During his time with the Embassy of South Africa, he was deployed at the Embassy of South Africa serving as an Economic Minister. Upon his return to South Africa, he joined the Gauteng Economic Developing Agency (GEDA) Bank of South as a General Manager: Investment Trade and Project Facilitation. He also represented South Africa as Programme Manager for Mozambique Regional Gateway Programme. Mr. Baloyi, is currently serving as a US Head of Brand South Africa and has been a stunt supporter of South African Women's Day celebration in Atlanta for several years and under his leadership Brand South Africa partnered with SAWA since 2016 to produce one of the biggest South African events on South Eastern region, USA.



Atandwa Kani **South African Actor**

Atandwa Kani was born in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He was exposed to the entertainment industry at a young age by observing and learning from his father (John Kani), who studied scripts for his own acting roles and took his son to theatre performances.

Kani has been featured in the *TrueLove* magazine, in 2010 he was a regular in the SABC TV series *Soul Buddyz*, and in 2011 became a regular on the SABC 2 political series, *90 Plein Street* in its third season, directed by Khalo Matabane. He also served as Master of Ceremonies for the *46664 "Legacy" Bangle*, alongside Tokyo Sexwale and Hlubi Mboya.

Other pieces include *Kowethu*, an SABC 1 drama directed by Rolie Nikiwe, the international BET series *The Book of Negroes* alongside Cuba Gooding Jr., and young Nelson Mandela in the movie *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*, directed by Justin Chadwick, acting alongside Idris Elba and Naomie Harris

In 2018, Kani portrayed the younger King T'Chaka, a dual part shared with his father, in the comic book film *Black Panther*.

Performances by...



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