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**Reconciliation Award
2013**

The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
proudly presents the

2013 Reconciliation Award

to



*for enlivening reconciliation by helping to bridge
the social, economic and geographical divides between
the business and education sectors.*

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Steenberg High School, Cape Town

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The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) was launched in the year 2000, in the aftermath of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The aim was to ensure that lessons learnt from South Africa's transition from apartheid to democracy were taken into account as the nation moved ahead. Today, the Institute helps to build fair, democratic and inclusive societies across the African continent, through carefully selected engagements and interventions.

About the IJR Reconciliation Award

Each year the IJR confers the Reconciliation Award to an individual or organisation that has outstandingly contributed to nation-building and reconciliation in South Africa. The Award is intended to highlight and celebrate recipients' approaches to enabling reconciliation, while inspiring others to play their part in helping to build a reconciled country.

In commemoration of Nelson Mandela's legacy, the **Living Reconciliation** theme of this year's Award aims to celebrate the progress and deepening of reconciliation in South Africa over the past 20 years. To this end, the IJR issued a public call for nominations in June 2014, which set out to identify individuals and organisations that worked to unite people from different backgrounds, by creating spaces for dialogue and sharing.

The broad concept of reconciliation is defined as follows for the context of the Award:

Reconciliation strives to go beyond the normal, recognising that a failure to set in motion programmes to address sources of conflict which include the demand for retribution, acknowledgement, reparations, poverty relief and access to land will result in little more than delayed violence. It therefore involves taking the first steps to achieving the higher goal of sustainable peace. Reconciliation requires restraint, generosity of spirit, empathy and perseverance. This difficult task is sustained and energised by concrete goals, and a shared vision of what can and might yet be accomplished.

2013 RECONCILIATION AWARD RECIPIENT

Partners for Possibility (PfP) is the flagship programme of Symphonia for South Africa – a national non-profit organisation, based in Bellville, Cape Town, with the bold vision of realising quality education for all children in South Africa by 2022.

PfP was founded in 2010, when founder and director of Symphonia for South Africa, Louise van Rhyn, became the first business leader to partner with a school principal, in an effort to improve the school's education outcomes.

PfP is driven by the idea that enhancing the quality of education, improving the school environment and encouraging engagement between parents and teachers are attainable goals towards meaningful societal development. By placing the school at the centre of community, PfP believes that a radical transformation can be achieved in the education sector.

To date, the PfP model has been implemented in 180 schools nationwide. Over 6 800 teachers, 140 000 parents and 136 000 learners have been impacted. The programme has been supported by over 100 South African corporate and medium-sized enterprises.



In the spirit of this year's Reconciliation Award theme of *living reconciliation*, Partners for Possibility is recognised for enlivening reconciliation by helping to bridge the social, economic and geographical divides between the business and education sectors.



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I subconsciously assumed that there was a correlation between poverty and lack of goodwill. I did not realise I carried this prejudice until confronted with the reality of my peers in the Partners for Possibility Programme. My social interactions assumed that principals, teachers and pupils were destroying books and not attending school because somehow they didn't care. I feel honoured to have had my unspoken assumptions obliterated. I have never come across such commitment, goodwill and effort by people to build their communities. I realise that my own commitment to my country has been weak – not theirs.

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Partners for Possibility business leader participant



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There used to be a line that existed in my life that determined which communities I engaged with and where I went. Ingrained belief systems and lack of understanding caused me to be extremely fearful of crossing this line. Reflecting on my experience with Mike and the Partners for Possibility programme, I am more comfortable, gratified and integrated into the broader South African community, which now includes the community of Iphutheng in Alexandra township.

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Chantal Du Chenne, business leader, Vodacom

PROGRAMME

Welcome

Living Reconciliation

Stan Henkeman, Head of the Building an Inclusive Society Programme, IJR

Musical Item

Big Band, Steenberg High School

Short films about Symphonia for South Africa and Partners for Possibility

About Partners for Possibilities

Andre Kraak, Principal of Steenberg High School

About the Reconciliation Award

Fanie du Toit, Executive Director, IJR

Handing over of the 2013 Reconciliation Award

Archbishop Emeritus Tutu, IJR Patron

Acceptance of Award

Louise van Rhyn, Director and Founder of Symphonia for South Africa

Poem

Snalo Mbombo, Ashley Kriel Youth Leadership Development Project youth participant

Vote of thanks

Eleanor du Plooy, Project Leader of the Ashley Kriel Youth Leadership Development Project, IJR

Refreshments

FEATURING

The Steenberg High Symphonic Wind Band is made up of 50 Grade 9 pupils, and is a result of the unconditional commitment of the President of MusiquelaineSA, Madam Lainey Trequesser, and the French-based sponsors, African Artists Development (AAD). This creative programme aims to impact academic excellence and behavioural patterns of the pupils involved.



Snalo Mbombo was born and raised in the Eastern Cape and is currently studying towards a degree in English Literature and Linguistics, at the University of the Western Cape. She began writing at 15 years old, as a creative means of expressing her emotions. She is passionate about youth and community development, and is an avid reader.



PREVIOUS RECONCILIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS



2012

The Socio-Economic Rights Institute
for keeping the Marikana victims and their families on the national agenda



2011

Ms Olga Macingwane
for her continued commitment to community reconciliation



2009

Judge Albie Sachs
for realising reconciliation through his life and work



2008

Shine Centre
for helping, through volunteerism, foundation phase learners with literacy



2007

The community of Masiphumelele
for setting an example in promoting tolerance towards foreign nationals, and in striving to ensure dignity and justice for all in their community



2006

Ouma Grietjie Adams
for holding the community together in mourning, conflict and celebration



2005

Brigalia Bam
for her role in enabling
peaceful democratic
elections



2004

Mary Burton
for her work in the Black
Sash and elsewhere



2003

Dullah and Farieda Omar
for their contribution to the
TRC process



2002

**PJ Powers and
Sibongile Khumalo**
for singing one
another's songs



2001

Pieter Dirk Uys
for enabling us to
laugh at ourselves



2000

Tim Modise
for getting the
nation talking

A HEARTFELT *THANK YOU* FROM IJR!

To everyone who participated in the nomination process for the 2013 Reconciliation Award, thank you for highlighting the outstanding work of so many individuals and organisations who are working towards justice and reconciliation in South Africa.

To the 2013 Reconciliation Award selection panellists – Louise Asmal, Bonita Bennet, Carolin Gomulia, Patrick Hajayandi, Jan Hofmeyr, Elizabeth Lacey, Kenneth Lukuko, Thozama Mabusela, Nomathemba Ndlela and Glenda Wildschut – thank you for helping to ensure a meticulous and informed process.

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