



ARTIST PROFILE

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHY



Tshepo Molefe (pronouns: he/his/him) is a multi-award-winning performance poet, theatremaker, scriptwriter and copywriter hailing from the Vaal. With a career spanning over eight years, Molefe has graced many South African stages and worked with notable companies such as Drama for Life and Joburg Theatre.

Some of his most notable achievements include winning the 2017 WordnSound Poetry League, being published on the 7th edition of the Sol Plaatje anthology, being the 2017 Gauteng Regional Co-Ordinator of DFL Lover plus Another Poetry Competition, publishing his debut poetry anthology, The Brown Bottle series and staging it as a one-man play at the Joburg Theatre in 2023.

FEATURES

ONLINE ARTICLES

- [Tshepo Molefe Poetry Profile on www.poetrypotion.com](http://www.poetrypotion.com)
- [Tshepo Molefe CSP Winner Interview on www.naanelemoya.wordpress.com](http://www.naanelemoya.wordpress.com)
- [SAFM Mash Up Feature on brandsouthafrica.com](http://brandsouthafrica.com)

ONLINE WORK PUBLICATION

- [“iKasi: A monster at night” by Tshepo Molefe on poetrypotion.com](http://poetrypotion.com)
- [“Emptying Self” by Tshepo Molefe on poetrypotion.com](http://poetrypotion.com)
- [“Untitled” by Tshepo Molefe on poetrypotion.com](http://poetrypotion.com)
- [“Lost Kings” by Tshepo Molefe on www.naanelemoya.wordpress.com](http://www.naanelemoya.wordpress.com)

ACHIEVEMENTS

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Self-Publishing my debut poetry anthology, The Brown Bottle Series (2020)
- Performed a One-Man Poetry Play titled “The Brown Bottle Series” at Joburg Theatre (2023)
- Longlisted in the 7th edition of the Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry Award (2017)
- Published in the 7th edition of the Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry Anthology (2017)
- Winner of 2018 Current State of Poetry Gauteng Provincial Slam
- Winner of 2017 WordnSound Open Mic Poetry League
- Winner of the May 2016 Current State of Poetry Open Slam
- Winner of the first annual Say Something Poetry Slam (2017)
- Finalist in the 2015 Drama for Life Lover + Another Poetry Slam

PAST POETRY FACILITATIONS

- 2017 Drama for Life Lover plus Another Gauteng Regional Coordinator
- Facilitating poetry workshops at the University of the Witwatersrand (Feb 2016 – Oct 2016)
- Organizing the Pop Art Poetry for the Red My Lips Campaign Across the Wits Campus. (2016)
- Organising the SA Theatre Season Poetry and Music Open Session (2016)
- Organising the Write;ON Writing Sessions at Victory Yards, Johannesburg (2023)

PAST NOTABLE PERFORMANCES



- Wrote, Directed and Performed the Brown Bottle Series Poetry Play (Oct 2023)
- Main Act of the Brown Bottle Series Book Launch (Aug 2023)
- Main Act for the July 2023 Speak Child Growth Session Poetry Event
- Main Act of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Edition of Heartbeats Event (Apr 2024, Feb & Dec 2024)
- Main Act at Writer's Bloc's Voices of Freedom Poetry Event (Mar 2023)
- Main Act of the Kidz of Biko Spoken Consciousness Poetry Event (Apr 2024)

- Main Performer at Hear My Voice Con Hill Poetry History Tour (Oct 2019 & Oct 2022)
- Main headliner World of Words Poetry Event S02E04 (Apr 2018)
- Main headliner of WordnSound Poetry League S08E03 (Mar 2018)
- Headliner of the Out There sessions at The Orbit, alongside Xabiso Vili and Poet Flow Wellington, hosted by Myesha Jenkins
- Featured poet at SAFM The Mash Up with Naledi Moleo (23 Jun 2017)
- Opening act of the 2016 Drama For Life Sex Actually Festival (Sept 2016)



- One of the main acts at the Beautiful Scary Things Poetry Showcase at the Joburg Theatre alongside Dr Raphael d'Abdon & Dr Sarah Godsell (May 2016)
- Main Act of When Poetry Hits the Fan with Busisiwe Mahlangu, Katleho Shoro, Hamish Neill and Jacqlyne J. Titus directed by Bobby Gordon, an American Poet from California (May 2016)
- The opening act of the Drama for Life 2016 SA Theatre Season (Jun 2016)
- Performed on the Big Debate Season 7 Episode 2 on ETV
- Performed on the first CSP Woman Slam at the Vatiswa International Poetry Festival (Aug 2016)

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Link to Performances

<https://www.tshepomolefe.com/poetry>

Education

- 2016 | Current State of Poetry
Training in Poetry and Theatre Performance
- 2019 | Michigan State University
Short Course in Scriptwriting
- 2020 | Market Theatre
Level 1 in Theatre Performance
- 2023 | Market Theatre
Level 1 in Scriptwriting

Past Performances

- The Brown Bottle Series Play | Oct 2023**
Wrote, Directed and Performed the One-Man Poetry Play
- The Brown Bottle Series Book Launch | Aug 2023**
Main Act and Event Co-ordinator
- Hear My Voice Con Hill Poetry History Tour | Oct 2022 & Oct 2019**
One of four main acts of the tour
- Speak Child Growth Session | Jul 2023**
Main Act of the Event
- WordnSound Poetry League | Mar 2018**
Main headliner of S08E03 event
- SAFM The Mash Up with Naledi Moleo | Jun 2017**
Featured poet of the radio segment
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Featured poet of the radio segment

Past Achievements

- 2020 - 2023 | The Brown Bottle Series**
Self-Published the Anthology
Wrote, Directed and Performed the One-Man Poetry Play
- 2018 | CSP Gauteng Provincial Slam**
Winner of the Slam
- 2017 | WordnSound Poetry League**
Winner of the Slam
- 2023 | Poetry Africa Queer Slam**
Finalist of the Slam

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