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Miss Universe 2011: Vote for your Favourite!

Miss Universe 2011, the 60th anniversary of the dazzling Miss Universe pageant, will be held at the Credicard Hall, in São Paulo, Brazil on September 12, 2011. Ximena Navarrete of Mexico will crown her successor where 89 contestants are participating in this year's pageant, surpassing the previous record of 86 contestants in 2006. Bokang Montjane (born 1986) is the South African beauty pageant titleholder who was crowned Miss South Africa 2010, becoming the official representative of her country to the 2011 Miss Universe and Miss World pageants. She also participated in Miss International 2009 and placed in

the Top 16 at Miss Earth 2007. Montjane, who stands 1.75 m tall, competed as one of 12 finalists in her country's national beauty pageant, Miss South Africa, held in Sun City on December 12, 2010, where she became the eventual winner of the title, gaining the right to represent South Africa in Miss Universe 2011 and Miss World 2011. If this pushes through, she will be the second woman to compete in all four pageants, after Cynthia Kanema of Zambia. Good luck Bokang!



Bokang Montjane (Miss SA competing for Miss Universe)

"Women must Unite"

Rustenburg – The Premier of the North West, Thandi Modise, has encouraged all South African women to work towards achieving unity as this would go a long way towards uplifting their status in society. She made this call on Saturday, 27 August during the 2011 Premier's Women Awards at the Civic Centre in Rustenburg.

Delivering her keynote address, Premier Modise said that the challenges facing women today should make them strive to assist each other, especially in the workplace. She described it as "unfortunate" how women only unite in August during women's month and said such unity should be present throughout the year. She said, "As women we have numerous challenges

facing us daily and it is very unfortunate that we do not unite as often as we should to fight these challenges. In the workplace, women should always be looking out for each other. Instead of working against each other, we should support and encourage each other."

The Premier's Awards – which are hosted annually – recognize outstanding contributions from women in the North West. Proud, dedicated and hard-working women involved in charity work and business received certificates from the Premier.



Winners of Premier's Awards with Premier of the North West, Thandi Modise in the middle.

Swiss Ensemble Zora visits SA!

Potchefstroom – The Swiss Ensemble Zora, specialists in the performance of modern and 21st century compositions, will visit South Africa in October. Their tour will include a three-day performance workshop at the North-West University in Potchefstroom from 10-12 October.

Students who play flute, cello, percussion instruments or piano and who are interested in ensemble performance are invited to attend these workshops. Ten students will be selected and sponsored by the Arts & Culture Trust and the Information Centre for Southern African Music (ISAM) to rehearse and perform a work by the Swiss composer Michael Pelzel and a newly composed ensemble composition by the South African composer, Hannes Taljaard.

These students will also have the opportunity to play together with Ensemble Zora and receive guidance during master classes which are also open to other musicians and the general public. Students who take part in the workshops are also invited to attend public lectures by the Swiss composer, Michael Pelzel, which will alternate with the workshop sessions.

Young performers who are interested in these workshops are encouraged to contact Hannes Taljaard by Monday 5 September at hannes.taljaard@nwu.ac.za / tel. (018) 299-1692 (during office hours).

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Make-believe August Fest in Mahikeng

Mahikeng – The "Make-believe August Fest" (Kamma-Kamma Basaar) of the Nether Dutch Reformed Church in Mahikeng on 27 August 2011, had the local community and visitors in ecstasy! As promised beforehand, the organisers excellently succeeded in creating a "world of magic" with a treasure chest, helium filled balloons, dwarfs, make-up and decorations. The music, done by Lichvaal Stereo, and food of the day was excellent! Children were treated with face painting, paint ball, as well as a jumping castle and a giant slide. They

were also treated to a make-believe "hospital" specialising in a "wonder multi-purpose muti" caring for all illnesses, headaches and muscle pains; especially those resulting from the arm wrestling table...

The organisers of this splendid event would like to thank every sponsor, visitor and member of the church who contributed to the success of the event. Next year we will do it again!