

## Gcina Mhlophe

### Poet, Storyteller and Motivational Speaker



**Gcina Mhlophe** is South Africa's favourite story-teller. Storytelling has become a popular business medium for conferences and seminars and Gcina is a master at creating stories to complement business themes. Gcina maintains storytelling is the information technology of yesteryear. "For as long as there have been people in the world, there have been stories – long before all the great respectable sciences were known to us".

Gcina has been writing and performing on stage and screen for the past 23 years. Encouraged during her childhood by her grandmother to let her imagination run wild, Gcina started writing and telling her stories. She produced and performed in the collaborative CD for children with Ladysmith Black Mambazo in 1993, and has written the music and stories for the SABC TV series, *Gcina & Friends*. In 2000 she released an award-winning storytelling CD entitled *Fudukazi's Magic* for German audiences, which was also produced for video in collaboration with Anant Singh of VideoVision Entertainment.

In 2001 her CD and book, *Nozincwadi Mother of Books*, was produced as part of her nationwide reading road show to South African rural schools. Gcina feels that the well-known traditional tales of Africa have worldwide appeal, as they recur in different versions in many other parts of the world. Gcina's writings have been translated into German, French, Italian, Swahili and Japanese.

Her honours include: BBC Africa Service Award for Radio Drama, The Fringe First Award at Edinburgh Festival, Joseph Jefferson Award in Chicago, OBBIE in New York, Sony Award for Best Actress, Britain, for the play *Have You Seen Zandile?* and Honorary Doctorates from London Open University and the former University of Natal. The play, *Have You Seen Zandile?* was first performed at the Market Theatre, Johannesburg, in 1986, with Gcina as Zandile. In *Love Child*, a fascinating retrospective collection of stories, Gcina shares her personal journey through the social and political landscapes of the 1980s.



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Celebrating Women's Month with

**Ms Gcina Mhlophe**  
**Poet, Storyteller and Motivational Speaker**



**Date:**  
Thursday, 25 August 2011

**Time:**  
11:30 to 14:00

**Venue:**  
GSB Auditorium, Graduate School of Business  
Westville Campus, University of KwaZulu-Natal



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