



Zolani Mahola

Zolani, well-known and respected for bringing South Africa and its people together across social, racial and cultural divides through her work as a musician. Quoted to say, “our individual stories are unique and there is value in examining one's personal history, and to being curious about those around us ... that we help each other move toward our fullest expression as human beings”.

Zolani is passionate to share her own personal experience of growing up in a divided South Africa, speaking intimately about the coping mechanisms she developed as a child and what impact they had on her both positively and negatively grow from a township girl to an international superstar.

Freshlyground was formed in 2002 and has become a household name as one of South Africa's most acclaimed and successful bands. Capturing the heart of South Africa and claimed global recognition. One of Zolani's highlights, a collaboration with pop superstar Shakira with whom Freshlyground recorded the official song for the FIFA World Cup 2010, performing at the closing ceremony to a global audience of over a billion people.

After an unbelievable 17 years with the band, we know as ‘The One Who Sings’ to spread her wings and fully commit to her new venture as a solo artist and inspirational speaker.

Interesting Facts about Zolani

- Studied Theatre and Performance at the University of Cape Town where she met and formed the band Freshlyground
- Sung with legends, such as Stevie Wonder, Hugh Masekela and Miriam Makeba
- Staged a tribute show for the great Ella Fitzgerald
- Recognised for her portrayal of “Boniswa” the popular character in the inspirational SABC drama series Tsha Tsha
- Stared in the feature film, Cold Harbour
- A judge on the a’capella show, and a guest judge on Idols

Areas of Expertise

- a. Singer Songwriter
- b. Inspirational Speaker