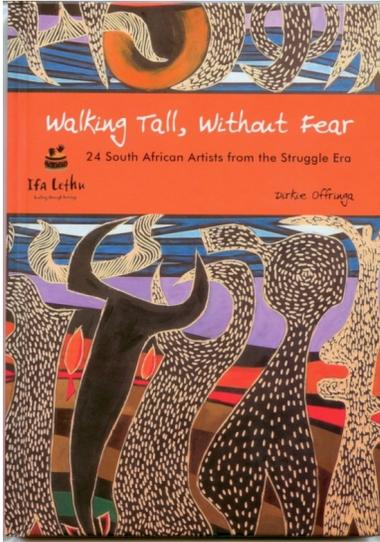


Book Launch (9 May 2007)

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Speakers: Minister Naledi Pandor (Education), Dr. Vincent Maphai, Mike Jacklin (Publisher), Narissa Ramdhani
Venue: Constitution Hill, Johannesburg.



Ifa Lethu's book - "Walking Tall, Without Fear - 24 South African Artists from the Struggle Era," by Dirkie Offringa was the first Heritage book for Youth to be published in South Africa. Officially launched by Minister of Education Naledi Pandor at a function at Constitution Hill, the book was published in association with Jacklin Enterprises. The first copy of the book was handed to the Minister by Ifa Lethu Founding Patron BHP Billiton Chairman Dr Vincent Maphai.

The book, with a foreword by Dr Z Pallo Jordan, Minister of Art and Culture and an introduction by Narissa Ramdhani, CEO Ifa Lethu, has been written to give the youth of South Africa an overview of struggle art in the dark years of apartheid.

Author Dirkie Offringa, chief curator of the Art Museum in Tshwane, has been involved with Ifa Lethu since before it was officially launched in 2005 and has assisted the Foundation with shows and articles since then.

Speaking of his work at the time, one of the artists, David Phoshoko, remarked: "Only Africans truly understood what we were saying in our art. It communicated anger, sadness and even joy that an end to apartheid would surely come."



Commenting on the book, Ms Offringa said; "We hope this book is a testament to the harsh conditions the creators endured and that it instills a sense of pride in our youth as to their own heritage. My association with Ifa lethu has brought me great pleasure as

well satisfaction that we can bring these works home where they belong and take them to the rest of South Africa.”

Jacklin Enterprises generously printed the book at cost and have distributed it to all major book sellers across the country. In addition part of the sales revenue will be given to Ifa Lethu to support their work.

