



Press Release

Portfolio 08 exhibition extended until 11 March 2009

Exhibition
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The Market Photo Workshop has decided to extend the Portfolio 08 exhibition until 11 March 2009. Showcasing work produced by ten Photojournalism and Documentary Photography students, the exhibition engages in the complexity of issues such as HIV, human rights, race, xenophobia, drug abuse, marginalisation, borders, playgrounds and train surfing.

Portfolio 08 is an honest, curious and sometimes personal look at life below the equatorial line. Unwittingly, common themes that run throughout the exhibition are: **fear, home** and **foreigner**.

Witness the desperation of township life as looting occurs after a bread truck loses its load; the brutal reality of homelessness; the trappings of hostel life through lockers and a pristine kitchen; the markings of territory; an apartheid like socio-economic existence in the copper mines of Zambia, and what was thought to become history: Zimbabwe and its political realm.

Photographers

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About the Photojournalism and Documentary Programme

The PDP Programme of the Market Photo Workshop was launched as a year long course to develop aspiring photojournalists and documentary photographers. Formulated with the support of Getty Images and Open Society Foundation for South Africa, the Programme aims at developing a new breed of informed, curious and technically excellent African photojournalists and documentary photographers from South Africa and the region.

The course focuses on developing visual and technical skills through practical training (assignments on news, sport and action, portraits, features, etc.). In addition the students work on a series of themes, personal projects, as well as collaborative projects with other organisations like the Workers Library/Khanya College, the International Organization for Migration and PlanAct. As part of their course and training, students also participate in three-month internships with various media institutions in South Africa.

About the Market Photo Workshop

The Photo Workshop has been in existence for nearly 20 years, to support aspiring photographers who were excluded from mainstream/formal education. It has since expanded into a renowned photography training and resource centre, with a variety of courses and services, as well as public programmes, with many of its alumni working in the local media and internationally.

For more information on the Market Photo Workshop please [click here](#)

This exhibition will run until 11 March 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional material.

To arrange interviews with any of the photographers, or for any media related queries, contact the Media Coordinator on 011 834 1444, email timz@marketphotoworkshop.co.za.

The Portfolio 08 exhibition is on show at The Photo Workshop Gallery.

The Market Photo Workshop is situated at 2 President Street (Bus Factory entrance) Newtown, Johannesburg. For more information contact us on 011 834 1444, or email info@marketphotoworkshop.co.za

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