



The Market Photo Workshop would like to invite you to the opening of

Portfolio 09

6pm Wednesday 9 December 2009
The Photo Workshop Gallery



A young boy flees tear gas fired by police who are attempting to restore calm in Sakhile, located in the town of Standerton, in Mpumalanga, South Africa. The police action came in the wake of protests to demand improved delivery of social services and the resignation of officials accused of corruption. © Madoda Mkhobeni, 2009.

Twelve students and a myriad of photographic opportunities: this sums up the essence of the 2009 Photojournalism and Documentary Photography Programme (PDP), a course run annually by the Market Photo Workshop that prepares young photographers for the ever-more demanding world of photojournalism.

Portfolio 09, the culmination of this year's PDP, brings together the most vibrant images of a group of learners that spans the continent in terms of nationality. It celebrates their success in recording news events – wage strikes, service delivery protests – that proved a challenge even to seasoned professionals, and showcases photo essays in which the students explored social trends in greater depth. En route, *Portfolio 09* also provides a thought-provoking view of Johannesburg as it nears the end of the first decade of our new century. Seen through lens of the 2009 PDP, this city strains at the seams with poverty even as it bursts with creativity.

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