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## **Musaveni is "the worst curse upon Uganda": an update on the case of Dr Stella Nyanzi**

Dr Stella Nyanzi, prominent Ugandan academic, feminist and LGBTI+ campaigner, was arrested for speaking her mind. In April last year, she was detained by Ugandan authorities for a post on Facebook that called Yoweri Museveni – the President of Uganda and the world's sixth longest-ruling head of state – a "pair of buttocks". She is now free – but not out of the reaches of her government.

We were happy to read late last year that Dr Nyanzi found PEN SA's work helpful in securing her release. Speaking with our colleagues at PEN International, Dr Nyanzi

said it was "wonderful when PEN South Africa approached my sisters and legal team [and], working jointly [...] gave more visibility to the issue of my arrest and detention, and contributed towards the pressure put on government to release me and drop the charges against me."

We hope that we can contribute to the dropping of the charges against Dr Nyanzi, and secure her physical freedom as well as her freedom of speech, and her freedom to criticise her government. Just as PEN SA called for her immediate release last year, we call for the dropping of the case against her now.

**Read more**

*(Image courtesy of Stella Nyanzi's public Facebook page)*

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## **PEN SA Notes the Re-Classification of *Inxeba***

PEN SA notes with concern the re-classification by the Film and Publication Board of the film *Inxeba – The Wound* from 16LS, to X18, which serves to essentially outlaw the distribution and showing of the film in most public places, including cinemas. Notice of *Inxeba's* reclassification comes after an official PEN SA statement condemning cancellations of the film's screenings.

This reclassification is the result of appeals lodged by inter alia CONTRALESA Gauteng and The Men and Boys Foundation, largely based on "perceived cultural insensitivity and distortion and strong language" in the film.

**Read more**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Check our calendar of literary events in March – including book launches from Zukiswa Wanner and William Kentridge, and a new play by Dawn Garisch – by clicking [here](#).

*Please submit your literary events for conclusion*

### **CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS**

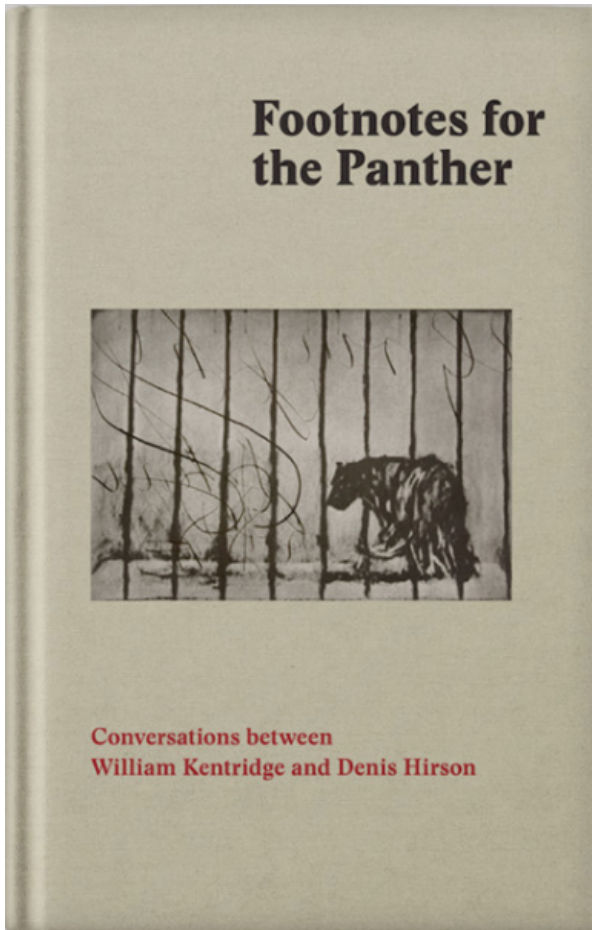
[Prairie Schooner's annual Book Prize is accepting fiction and non-fiction manuscripts](#) (US\$25; deadline 15 March)

[Type/Cast is open for submissions for its fifth issue, guest edited by Koleka](#)

on our events calendar by e-mailing  
[newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za](mailto:newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za).

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## NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



New and upcoming releases from PEN SA members include [Hardly Working: A Travel Memoir of Sorts](#) by [Zukiswa Wanner](#) and [Footnotes for the Panther: Conversations](#) by [William Kentridge and Denis Hirson](#).

Please send new releases to  
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## AWARDS NEWS

[Putuma](#) (Deadline 16 March)

[Submissions are open for 20.35 Africa: An Anthology of Contemporary Poetry](#) (Deadline 17 March)

[Ambit is accepting fiction submissions](#) (Deadline 31 March)

[Writivism Short Story Prize](#) (Deadline 31 March)

[Koffi Addo Writivism Prize for Creative Non Fiction](#) (Deadline 31 March)

[The TSSF \(The Single Story Foundation\) Journal](#) is open for [submissions](#) (Deadline 30 April)

[Click here to view all calls for submissions](#)

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to PEN SA member Max du Preez, who will receive an honorary doctorate from Stellenbosch University. [Read more](#)

Congratulations to PEN SA member Anton Krueger and co-author Prof. Megan Lewis for being awarded the Hiddingh-Currie Award for 2017. [Read more](#)

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## WELCOME

The winners of the 2018 PEN America Literary Awards [were announced](#).

The Golden Man Booker prize has [been launched](#) in order to find the award's best-ever winner in its fifty-year history.

The winner of the the 2017 Hiddingh-Currie Award [has been announced](#).

Welcome to new PEN SA Board Member Pierre de Vos! We will introduce Pierre in more depth with a special Q&A in our next newsletter.

Equally warm welcomes to our latest PEN SA Professional Members: Professor Nicky Falkof – Associate Professor at Wits Media Studies, and author of *The End of Whiteness* – and Jolyn Phillips, poet, short story writer, and author of two books, most recently *Radbraak*.

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## Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter. Please let us know if your email changes so we can update our mailing list.

**Please email your contributions**  
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