

Mondli Mlauza
Public Relations and Communications Officer
Phone: [0711806693](tel:0711806693)
Email: mondli@mkhma.co.za

For Immediate Release
[24 June 2020](#)

**Entertainers embark on silent protest march
MKHMA says enough is enough**

Johannesburg – Due to the alarming rise of gender-based violence in South Africa, and the increasing attacks on women and children, the Mzansi Kwaito and House Music Awards, alongside prominent entertainers in the music industry, will embark on a silent march on the 30 of June 2020. The silent protest will begin at the Mary Fitzgerald Square in Newtown, and end at the Nelson Mandela Bridge in Braamfontein, before handing over a memorandum of demand to the Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele.

Over the years, musicians have not only being perpetrators of GBV, but they have also fallen victim to gender based violence. Sexual assault and harassment in the music industry is rife, and MKHMA would like to raise their voice, and inform musicians and the country at large, that enough is enough. A number of allegations being levelled against the likes of popular musicians such as Babes Wodumo, Mampintsha, Sjava, Euphonik, Arthur Mafokate and Mdu Masilela. In 2017, well known Kwaito legend, Siphosiso “Brickz” Ndlovu, was found guilty for raping an underage relative and sentenced to 15 years in prison. While Thulani Ngcobo, who is popularly known as, Pitch Black Afro, was recently sentenced to ten years imprisonment, for the murdering his wife on New Years Eve in 2018. Another Soweto born hip hop musician, Nkululeko “Flabba” Habede, who was part of the Hip Hop collective, Skwatta Kamo, also fell victim to Gender Based Violence, when he was killed by his girlfriend, in 2015. It’s becoming clearer to see, that the music industry is part of the problem, but we call on our Government, the Justice system and fellow musicians to take a stand against GBV.



Apart from gender-based violence, MKHMA is also protesting for the demise of human trafficking, which is on the increase as well. According to General Bheki Cele, the 2018/2020 stats say that 4500 women have been abducted, and majority of the cases have since gone cold. Sexual exploitation is one of the major reasons that young women are targeted and trafficked out of the country. 55% of human trafficking victims are women, while 43% of those women were used for sexual exploitation.

According to the SAPS missing persons bureau, a minimum of 2 children go missing everyday, with only 23% of the children, not being found at all. The statistics for missing children indicate that 77% of them are found, but children are the most vulnerable victims of Gender Based Violence.

Details of the silent protest march are as follows:

Date: 30 June 2020 11:00pm

Meeting point: Mary Fitzgerald Square (Newtown)

End point: Mandela Bridge (Braamfontein)

The Mzansi Kwaito and House Music Awards are celebrating women in 2020, hence why MKHMA CEO and convener of the protest, Mrs Perfecta Malinga will be leading the march alongside other women beside her. "While respecting all the social distancing regulations set forth by the Government, we urge all women to join us on the 30th of June, and help us take a stand against gender-based violence" says the MKHMA founder and CEO. "We ask for those who will join us, to come dressed in torn clothing which will be covered in red paint or blood. This is to symbolise the trauma that most victims and survivors go through"

###END###