

THENJIWE PRETTY CHINEDO

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Languages

English

Ndebele

Zulu

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Summary

Thenjiwe comes from the Ndebele Tribe of Mpumalanga Province in Southern Africa. The Ndebele Tribe are world renowned for their extremely fine needle point bead work. Thenjiwe has a life long passion for the beading traditions handed down by her mother and grandmother. She is fully dedicated to keeping the art of beading alive.

Thenjiwe is the founder of Anointed Hands, a collective of like minded and highly skilled women devoted to the art of fine bead work.

Experience

From 1989 until the present day Thenjiwe and Adorned hands have done numerous projects and commissions for a variety of South African and international fashion designers and companies such as David Tlale and Nike.

She has also done a lot of work for different NGOs and private companies. This has allowed Thenjiwe to travel beyond the South African borders to other African nations, as well, internationally to Europe. Her travels have included her giving seminars and teaching about her work and culture. She was also involved in the wardrobe for the Winnie Mandela movie.

Thenjiwe also owns and runs a line stores across South Africa selling her work and beaded designs.

There is no one more skilled and knowledgeable in traditional Ndebele bead craft alive today.

Press

Hyperallergic, Artists of the African Diaspora Cast Off the Legacy of Displacement

The Guardian, 'Dangerous yet beautiful': South Africa's fascination with the AK-47

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Voa News, Ndebele Dollmaker Bedazzles with Beadwork