

DURBAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

13 March 2017

Dear Alumni and friends,

TALK BY INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTIST MATTHEW WILLMAN

TOPIC: A Life Less Ordinary



Matthew Willman is one of South Africa's leading young independent photographic artists. He has achieved an extraordinary and diverse collection of photographic works that has found recognition internationally.

Willman has had the pleasure of working with individuals from a cross section of our global community. Commissions include: US Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, Former SA President: Nelson Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, David Beckham, Annie Lennox, 12 Presidents, 8 Nobel Laureates and a host of sports personalities, musicians, politicians and philanthropists.

Two remarkable events took place for Matthew Willman when he was 15 years old, one a devastating tragedy and the other the discovery of hope which sparked to flame his sense of adventure, a questioning mind and a curiosity for who we are. Over the past 22 years his determination has evolved into an extraordinary story of people and places that have defined who we are and the enormity that life holds for those willing to take a step outside the norm.

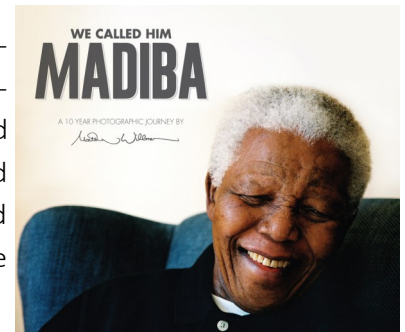
Testimony to this journey are the extraordinary images and stories Willman has documented that are intriguing, humorous and thought provoking. Wonderfully narrated '**A Life Less Ordinary**' has been received with applause from diverse audiences around the world and is currently being developed into a book.

Join us for what promises to be a most inspiring and informative evening with wine, juice, snacks and good- company afterwards!

DATE : Monday, 15 May 2017
TIME : 17h00 for 17h30
VENUE : Murray Lecture Theatre, (Centenary Building, opposite the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre entrance)
Howard College Campus, Durban
COST : R50 per person (payable on arrival)
RSVP : By Monday, 8 May 2017 to Nomcebo Msweli
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Robin Ralfe

Chairman Durban Alumni Association



More about Matthew Willman...

Matthew Willman has emerged as one of South Africa's leading young independent artists. Willman's clients include from amongst others: Oxfam International, World Health Organisation, The Nelson Mandela Foundation, Vodacom and The European Commission.

One of Willman's greatest achievements and one that plays a significant role in contributing to the recording and preservation of South Africa's democratic change is his work as commissioned photographer to the Nelson Mandela Foundation and for 10 years with Mr Mandela himself. Since 2003 Matthew was commissioned to archive and document the life and times of Nelson Mandela, which over the years afforded many incredibly intimate experiences with a man who for Willman embodies the very spirit and conviction we all possess as South Africans. His work with Mandela features prominently in 5 best-selling books on Mr Mandela, and his collection of work is now central to the Mandela Centre of Memory & Presidential Library in Johannesburg. Currently Matthew is curating the first ever permanent Museum on the life and times of Nelson Mandela at the Freedom Centre in the United States of America.

In 2011 The Matthew Willman Arts Trust was founded. This charitable organisation is committed to making a difference to individuals and communities through educational tertiary level scholarships and financial grants to young up and coming artists.

Willman is an artist unconcerned with boundaries. His photographic works are the direct product of an intense and often challenging journey to find understanding, expression and learning.

Comments on Matthew Willman:

"We believe Mr. Willman to be a world-class talent whose striking and evocative images deserve to be exhibited on the World stage."
Nelson Mandela Foundation

'I'm sure of Matthew's gift, it's not an issue...he connects with his passion...the rest just follows.'
Annie Lennox, Musician Song writer

"Matthew is a remarkably talented young man and I am thrilled to see the quality of the work he is producing. We have been enriched by many cultures, languages and faiths, it is a heritage in South Africa to be shared, experienced and celebrated as is the diversity of our landscapes, our wildlife, our villages and towns. Thank you Matthew for mediating these to us through your camera."
Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

PLEASE NOTE: Matthew will bring along copies of two of his books. These will be available for purchase on the evening. R150 for one and the other will be R300.

