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POET

Thandiwe Nqanda is an internationally acclaimed South African poet, MC, author and performer, known for her powerful storytelling and ability to merge poetry with music. Her debut collection, *No, Time To Mourn* (2023), marked a significant milestone in her literary career. She has participated in local and international initiatives, including the 16DaysOfActivism16Poets project, and performed on Totally Radio in Brighton, UK.

In 2022, she represented the People's Voice as Guest Poet for the State of the Nation Address (SONA). Thandiwe's poem *the mourners* was published in the South African journal *New Contrast* (Issue 207, 2024). She has participated in festivals such as the Open Book Festival, National Arts Festival, The Folklore Festival, Victory Song Foundation and Dapper Travel's Winter Soiree. In theatre, she co-wrote "*Grieve, That Is How You Survive*" (premiered at the National Arts Festival (2023) and created "*IT IS TIME*," a musical poetry show blending jazz and verse, collaborating with musicians such as the multi-award winning Kujenga and the Guftahs.

Performer: Yes

Language: English and isiXhosa

Workshop Facilitation: Yes

Commission Writing: Yes

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