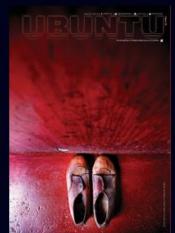
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ON THE COVER

The image, Two Red Shoes, by Clint Strydom is part of the solo exhibition, Hidden Shadows and Silent Voices of Prison Number 4, which is on show until 27 August 2017 at Constitution Hill, Johannesburg (see page 100). The prisoners incarcerated at Constitution Hill only received shoes after spending a year in the prison. These shoes were something of value, a powerful visual representation of the conditions that the prisoners had to endure and a reminder of the person who used them. A total of 156 people, including South Africa's first democratically elected President, Nelson Mandela, and the country's pioneer diplomat, Oliver Reginald (OR) Tambo, were arrested and held at the prison complex before the historic Treason Trial in 1956. Two years later, 2 000 women were detained after protesting the pass laws. Today, South Africa's highest court, the Constitutional Court, is situated at Constitution Hill. It is a living museum that tells the story of South Africa's journey to democracy. Between 1994 and 1996, South Africa's first fully democratic Parliament, sitting as the Constitutional Assembly, drew up South Africa's new Constitution, which took effect on 4 February 1997. This year, Parliament celebrates the 20th anniversary of South Africa's Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land. It is one of the most progressive in the world and enjoys high acclaim internationally. 2017 also marks the centenary of OR Tambo.

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co-curator, powerful new body of dirt and the cold. Prison Section in May 2017.

Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Robert Sobukwe, the thick musty air. Oliver Tambo and thousands of other people

Strydom, in atrocities that happened within the Old Fort Strydom's work, using the high-res technology Sathekge, released a the naked prisoners, the food deprivation, the through the thick walls of incarceration.

cells are now empty, the doors lie open and the Sathekge. The exhibition, titled: Hidden Shadows and prisoners are free. However, the silent voices The Number 4 Prison Section was restricted and never go back. As one walks through the so long.

"The Old Fort Prison is a powerful place permanent collection," said Strydom. who were incarcerated here. This infamous of history - storied with a complex painful section is notorious for some of the worst narrative of South Africa's brutal past. on 18 May and will run until 27 August. U

Prison. Few know about the long tunnels and of a Hasselblad camera, captures the tiny cells that lie beneath the streets of the essence of the prison, portraying the shadows Gaisang City of Johannesburg, the punishment racks, and recording the silent cries that once roared

"It's a spirit-evoking body of photographs, contemporary photographs on the Number 4 The exhibition speaks to the fact that the accentuating the history of the prison," says

Hidden Shadows and Silent Voices of Silent Voices of Prison Number 4, narrates hidden in the shadows remain custodians of Prison Number 4 will help to give a voice to the fascinating story of this nefarious prison. ... the memories, ensuring that we never forget ... those shadows who have remained silent for

to male prisoners and was home to Nelson empty cells, the haunting presence hovers in "For this reason, I have agreed to donate several of the works to Constitution Hill's

The exhibition launched at Constitution Hill



This year, Constitution Hill is launching the We the People Campaign, a nationwide advocacy programme designed to promote the Constitution and the values it represents. It will encourage public participation and ownership of the Constitution by the citizens of our

The campaign invites South Africans to contribute their stories (past), their reflections (present), their hopes and aspirations (future). The campaign focusses on bringing out the voices of ordinary people. It is an invitation to all South Africans to take a pledge for the Constitution and support the rights enshrined therein.

It is aimed towards creating awareness and dialogue around the highest law of the land to ensure that all citizens can enjoy the liberty and protection espoused in the Constitution.







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