



The Market Theatre presents

THE PEN

Written by Monde Mayephu

Directed by Mpho Molepo

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***When you want to find the truth and finally get it, can you handle it?
Or will it drive you over the edge?***

The Pen tells the story of a young playwright, Siphon, in the throes of writing a new play. Beset by writer's block, he is lured into a seductive journey with his Muse, Thandi. The boundaries between fantasy and reality become blurred as he begins to live in an increasingly illusionary world dominated by his sexy, assertive writing goddess. His girlfriend Pinky, innocently drawn into his passionate internal world, soon starts to suffer as she comes to understand the depths of Siphon's passion for Thandi.

Although Pinky attempts to resuscitate the romance, she is frustrated by the fact that her rival in love, Thandi, is emerging as the perfect woman, the stuff every man's dreams.... **The Pen** is a tale about the difficulties of writing and of star-crossed lovers, told with great verve by a cast of Johannesburg's finest actors, including Sello Maake ka-Ncube as Siphon in the original production.

'I believe in the slogan that every generation has its own revolution and I have noticed that there is a continual borrowing from the past in theatre. Mayephu, like me, is a man who grew up in the 1980s and he writes about present issues. I'm passionate about getting his work out there, so that the voice of our generation doesn't get lost.'

Mpho Molepo

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