

Media Statement

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MEC THANDI MORAKA STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF MR. MUTODI NESHEHE AND DR. STEVE KEKANA.

Limpopo MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms. Thandi Moraka is deeply saddened by the passing on of legendary well know actor Mr. Mutodi Neshehe. Mutodi's roots can be traced back to Tshitereke Village, Thulamela Municipality, in Vhembe District Municipality where his parents were born. He was born in Soweto in 1975 and started acting when he was four years old with the guidance of his mother Thelma Neshehe, who starred in several movies and soaps. His father, Joseph Neshehe, is a businessman who moved to Gauteng and started a business in the early '80s.

When Mutodi was 14 years old, he was sent to school in America because of the constant threats to his family by organizations from the previous government. Mutodi graduated from high school and university in America. He studied Environmental Science, Computer Programming and has a Business Administration degree. He is a fan of the arts and loves performing. He also participated in interim drama projects in high school. Professionally, he modelled for RBA Studios in North Carolina and Worldwide Modelling Group in Atlanta, Georgia. He Spent 15 years in America and returned home to South Africa in 2004 and has made a great impact on the acting industry. In the short time he has been in the country, he has been in 8 films, 7 TV shows and over 50 commercials both local and international. He has also solidified himself roles in hit TV shows such as "Muvhango, Generations, Jacob's Cross, Skwizas," and more.

"This is sad for the arts fraternity in the province, the country and the world. Mutodi made a huge contribution in the performing arts fraternity and made a huge contribution by helping to nurture and develop young and upcoming artists from poor communities. We are equally sending our condolences to the family of the late legendary musician Dr. Steve Kekana who passed on yesterday. This is a big loss to the music industry for the province, the country, and the world at large. His contribution and guidance in the LACC structure will sorely be missed and we were still looking at working with him soon" MEC Moraka.

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