

21 ICONS - Pregs Govender

Pregs Govender: “I think that the ability of each of us is enriched by one another and the best collective comes when you have strength in each person that belongs to that group. It’s the idea of human dignity and the belief that humanity is inherent.”

21 ICONS is a showcase for the South African spirit; a tribute to the men and women who have helped to shape our country and, indeed, our world. It featured the twelfth icon of its second season: Preggs Govender, human rights and gender activist who is widely respected as an individual deeply committed to the development of South Africa as a fair and humane democracy. Her 30-year career has been devoted to women’s emancipation and equality and to the human rights of the poverty-stricken in our society. Govender is a brave woman who has triumphed in a political and social climate that once undermined South African Indian women and she continually fights against racism, the ills of capitalism, prejudice and gender inequality.

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