

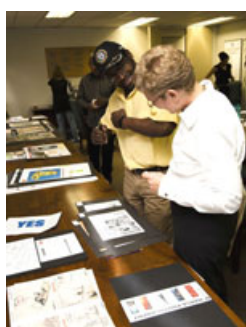
# Mondi Shanduka Newspaper Awards: record entries, "superb" standards

The shortlist for the 10th Mondi Shanduka Newspaper Awards were released this morning, Thursday, 17 March 2011 by the Newspaper Association of South Africa and Mondi Shanduka Newsprint. This followed an intense judging session, convened by Prof Guy Berger of Rhodes University, of 760 entries - a new record - up from 601 last year.



Some of the entries in this year's Mondi Shanduka Newspaper Awards.

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Mathatha Tsedu, former *City Press* editor in chief and manager of Media24's Journalism Academy, with fellow judge Liesl Louw Vaudran, Institute for Security Studies' (ISS) publication editor.

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Commented Berger: "It was a happy group of assessors at the end of our two-day judging process. We had worked through a very large sample of South African newspaper journalism, and were able to conclude that the best entries were of superb standard. Over the decade of this competition, it's clear that the best of the country's journalism just keeps getting better."

According to the organisers, this year's contest shows that increasing numbers of South African journalists are taking serious pride in their work. The entries represent 37 newspapers from across all nine provinces and include the community press. News Photography was the most popular category, with a total of 125 entries, while the Feature Photography and Feature Writing categories each attracted 105.

The judging panel included Pippa Green, Jodi Bieber, Joe Latakomo, Tyrone August, David Wightman, Juby Mayet, Liesl Louw, Mathatha Tsedu, Tumi Makgabo, Paula Fray, Peter Sullivan, Mike Siluma, Adrienne Sichel and Arrie Rossouw.

## Finalists and commended

Category	Status	Journalist(s)	Entry title	Newspaper(s)
Hard news	Finalist	Gloria Edwards	'Panjo' series	Beeld
Hard news	Finalist	Omphit'hetse Mooki	'Tale of SA's underworld - Agliotti hitman hated him' series	The Star
Hard news	Finalist	Angelique Serrao	'Lifestyle Audit'	The Star
Hard news	Finalist	Mzilikazi wa Afrika & Stefan Hofstatter	'Cele lied, say his generals' and others	Sunday Times
Hard news	Commended	Adriaan Basson, Babalwa Shota & Julian Jansen	'The Dewani Dossier'	City Press
Hard news	Commended	Kathryn Kimberley & Xolisa Mgwatyu	'In God's name'	Daily Dispatch
Hard news	Commended	Fanie van Rooyen	'Sywou Blou Bull vermoor'	Beeld
Analysis & commentary	Finalist	Samantha Reinders & Mara Kardas-Nelson	'Blood, sweat and water'. Save us from Seepage: acid mine drainage series	Mail & Guardian
Analysis & commentary	Finalist	Ingi Salgado	'Umgeni' and others	Business Report
Feature writing	Finalist	Charl Blignaut	'Yum yum, bubblegum'	Sunday Times
Feature writing	Finalist	Willemien Brummer	'Waar jou naelstring lê'	Die Burger

Feature writing	Finalist	Dana Snyman	'Ons roep hom Sello'	Beeld, Die Burger & Volksblad
Feature writing	Finalist	Niren Tolsi	'Fear and loathing in Obamaland'	Mail & Guardian
Feature writing	Commended	Murrayla Vta	'Kuns=lewe=kuns'	Die Burger
Feature writing	Commended	Beauregard Tromp	'10 today... 'Miracle' Rosita is still a ray of hope'	The Star
Feature writing	Commended	Shaun Smillie	'Astory of two boys'	The Star
Investigative journalism	Finalist	Amabhungane team	Zuma Inc series	Mail & Guardian
Investigative journalism	Finalist	Matuma Letsoalo	'Company hit by new scandal'; Mrs Vavi, the pension fund and the R40 000 bribe (series)	Mail & Guardian
Investigative journalism	Finalist	Jacques Pauw	'We bust a human trafficking ring'	City Press
Investigative journalism	Finalist	Herman Scholtz	'Frozen Chicken Horror' (various articles)	Rapport & City Press
Investigative journalism	Finalist	Mzilikazi wa Afrika & Stephan Hofstatter	'Cele lied, say his generals' and others	Sunday Times
Investigative journalism	Commended	Julian Rademeyer, Jacques Pauw & Andrew Trench	'ANC's mines grab'	City Press
Investigative journalism	Commended	Antoinette Pienaar	'Simply Slim' series of investigations into Simply Slim products	Beeld
Investigative journalism	Commended	Craig McKune	'Gaston Savoi and government officials corruption probe'	Cape Times
Creative journalism	Finalist	Nikiwe Bikitsha	'Hanging up my wig'	Mail & Guardian
Creative journalism	Finalist	Willem Kempen	'Sewe dae by die Kunenes: Aand 1'	Beeld
Creative journalism	Finalist	Willem Kempen & Louis Kruger	'As Mv. Ples of FB was...'	Beeld, Burger & Volksblad
Creative journalism	Commended	Phumla Matjila	'Big pimpin' in the township'	The Times
Creative journalism	Commended	Katy Chance	'Pornography of poverty isn't pretty' and others	Business Day
Editorial cartoons	Finalist	Bethuel Mangena	'The Cape Town toilet controversy' and others	Sunday World
Editorial cartoons	Finalist	Wilson Mgbhozi	'4 million babies!'; 'Self demolition' and others	The Star
Editorial cartoons	Finalist	Jonathan Shapiro	'Zumaglue'; 'Feel it...it is here!' and others	The Times and Mail & Guardian
Graphical journalism	Finalist	Rudi Louw	'2010 - All the newsmakers'	City Press
Graphical journalism	Finalist	John McCann	'Cronin' and others	Mail & Guardian
Graphical journalism	Finalist	Morne Schaap	Various	Media24
Popular journalism	Finalist	Yolanda Barnard	'Leifdeskind' about Charlize Theron	Sondag Son
Popular journalism	Finalist	Prince Chauke	'Redi: my secret pain'	Sunday Sun
News photographs	Finalist	Judy de Vega	'Pensioners caught in protest crossfire chaos'	The Herald
News photographs	Finalist	Felix Dlangamandla	'Delivery'	Beeld & Rapport
News photographs	Commended	Paballo Thekiso	'Rescued babies'	Saturday Star
News photographs	Commended	Cornel van Heerden	Panjo'	Foto24
News photographs	Commended	James Oatway	'Haiti'	Sunday Times
Feature photographs	Finalist	Theana Breugem	'Ratte'	Beeld
Feature photographs	Finalist	Phill Magakoe	'Knights of the city - Pretoria's heroes in blue'	Pretoria News
Feature photographs	Finalist	Alon Skuy	'Back to nature'	The Times

Feature photographs	Finalist	Cornel van Heerden	'Hier is ET doodgekap'	Foto24
Feature photographs	Finalist	Herman Verwey	'Piet se laaste dossier'	Beeld
Feature photographs	Finalist	Deaan Vivier	'JZ moes dalk sy kantoor soek in die mis'	Foto24
Feature photographs	Commended	Cornel van Heerden	'SA Rodeo'	Foto24
Feature photographs	Commended	Alet Pretorius	'Mnr & Mj Dwerגיעfees'	Foto24
Sports photographs	Finalist	Antoine de Ras	'Just for kicks'	The Star
Sports photographs	Finalist	Alon Skuy	'Hand of devil'	The Times
Sports photographs	Finalist	Herman Verwey	'Rand van ewigheid'	Rapport
Sports photographs	Finalist	Deaan Vivier	'Totaal verslae'	Foto24, Beeld, Die Burger, Volksblad & Rapport
Presentation	Finalist	Nina Clark	'How Australopithecus Sediba fits in'	The Star
Presentation	Finalist	Andries Gouws	'Bafana at the World Cup' and others	Beeld
Presentation	Finalist	Debbie van der Merwe	'Student word Mëester' and others	Rapport-Mytyd
Journalism twenty-ten	Finalist	Sameer Naik	'The best World Cup ever'	Saturday Star
Journalism twenty-ten	Finalist	Niren Tolsi	'Field of shattered dreams' and others	Mail & Guardian



Judges share a light moment (L-R): Paula Fray, Liesl Louw and Guy Berger.

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L-R Tyrone August, David Wightman,  
Liesl Louw, Mke Siluma, Paula Fray,  
Adrienne Sichel and Peter Sullivan.

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L-R Joe Letakgomo, Jodi Bieber,  
Mathatha Tsedu, Arrie Rossouw, Pippa  
Green, Guy Berger and Juby Mayet.

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Turbine Hall will be the venue for this year's awards ceremony on Tuesday 10 May in Johannesburg. Winners will receive a Mondi Shanduka Premier Award and a R15 000 cash prize.

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