

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH, PINETOWN, PRESENTS  
GCINA MHLOPE,  
WORLD-RENOWNED WRITER AND STORYTELLER.**

Hear original stories and songs by the legendary Gcina Mhlope in the theme  
"SPIRIT OF GROWTH"

**Date:** 12 February 2010

**Time:** 19:00

**Venue:** Church of St John the Baptist, 5 Payne St., Pinetown

**Cost:** R100 pp.

**Bring a picnic supper to enjoy "Barnyard style".  
Wine and soft drinks for sale.**

**Bookings:** Contact the parish office:  
phone 031 702 0712 (08:00 – 12:00, Mon - Fri)  
or e-mail [church@stjohnbaptist.co.za](mailto:church@stjohnbaptist.co.za).

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**ABOUT THE ARTIST**



Gcina Mhlope was born in Hammarsdale, KwaZulu-Natal and now lives in Durban. She has been writing and performing on stage and screen for over 20 years. She has written many children's books as well as poetry, short stories and plays for adult audiences. She has produced and performed a CD for children and adults with Ladysmith Black Mambazo and has written both story and music in collaboration with guitarist Bheki Khoza, for the *Animated Tales of the World* TV series. Her CD "Songs and Stories of Africa", also co-produced with Bheki Khoza, is currently available at Musica stores nationwide. She has written music for the SABCTV series *Gcina & Friends* where she performed her own stories for television audiences. Her work has received awards from BBC Africa

Service for Radio Drama, The Fringe First Award in the Edinburgh Festival, the Josef Jefferson Award in Chicago, and OBBIE in New York. She has received Honorary Doctorates from the London Open University, the University of Natal, Fort Hare and the University of Pretoria. Her books have been translated into many languages worldwide, Swahili, Portugese, Italian, German and Japanese, to name a few.

Gcina currently does motivational speaking for large companies all around South Africa. Her work has contributed to preserving our heritage of storytelling as a means of keeping history alive and has encouraged South African children to read.

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