



Some of the many fascinating images featured in *Seedtime: A Retrospective of Omar Badsha*, an exhibition now at the Durban Art Gallery in the city centre.

The exhibition covers work from the 1960s and includes Badsha's early prints and drawings, as well as his now-celebrated photographic essays. Clockwise, from left, are photographs of a teacher in Inanda in 1983; a candid shot of a woman in a canteen; Dorothy Nyembe in 1983, celebrating her release after 15 years in prison; and a candid shot in KwaZulu-Natal in 1983.



BADSHA BRILLIANCE

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ART NOTES

I was not aware of Badsha, the artist, and only knew him as a photographer. His art works are sensitive and highly personal, sensuous and made with great passion. In the late 1970s, Badsha began taking photographs as part of his work as a trade union activist. This eventually led to him taking up photography, focusing on a number of long-term photographic essays that make up the major part of this exhibition.

AN EXHIBITION spanning 50 years, and one that is well worth seeing, is now being presented at the Durban Art Gallery in the city hall building.

It's *Seedtime: A Retrospective of Omar Badsha*, spanning work from the 1960s and including the great Badsha's early prints and drawings, as well as his now-celebrated photographic essays. It is the strength of his work that speaks to a large public – and that is certainly so for the people who lived here under the apartheid regime.

Prof Ahmed Bawa, a theoretical physicist and current vice-chancellor of Durban University of Technology, in his opening address, said: "There is not a single picture here that I don't resonate with... and my response happens on multiple levels."

This will be true for most people who see this fine exhibition. Badsha was born in Durban in 1945, to Miriam and Ebrahim Badsha, and grew up in a large extended Gujarati Muslim family.

His father was a pioneer artist in 1950s Durban and had a major influence on his son's art and political activism. It is thanks to his father, who kept his son's work, that Badsha's exhibition is possible.

The extended family lived at 7 Douglas Lane in downtown Durban, from 1919 until their forcible removal in 1972 under the apartheid government's Group Areas Act.

Generations of Badshas were born in this home and grew up under the shade of the uMdoni tree.

It was a bustling family home which served as a centre for gatherings and discussions about art and politics, and where most of this art work was created.

The tree became a resonant symbol of the family's struggle to establish roots and community in southern Africa.

Despite critical acclaim for his drawings and sculptures, Badsha chose politics over his artistic career.

His photographs, all black and white, tell a story that should never be forgotten. They are dramatic and their content is masterly as well as spectacular. The photographic essays are a continuation of the themes which Badsha began to explore in his early artistic work, as well as his activities as a political activist.

Together with Fatima Meer, Badsha published his first book of photographic essays, and at a later stage worked as a documentary photographer and political activist in the Inanda area, which resulted in his second book, *Imijondolo* (1984).

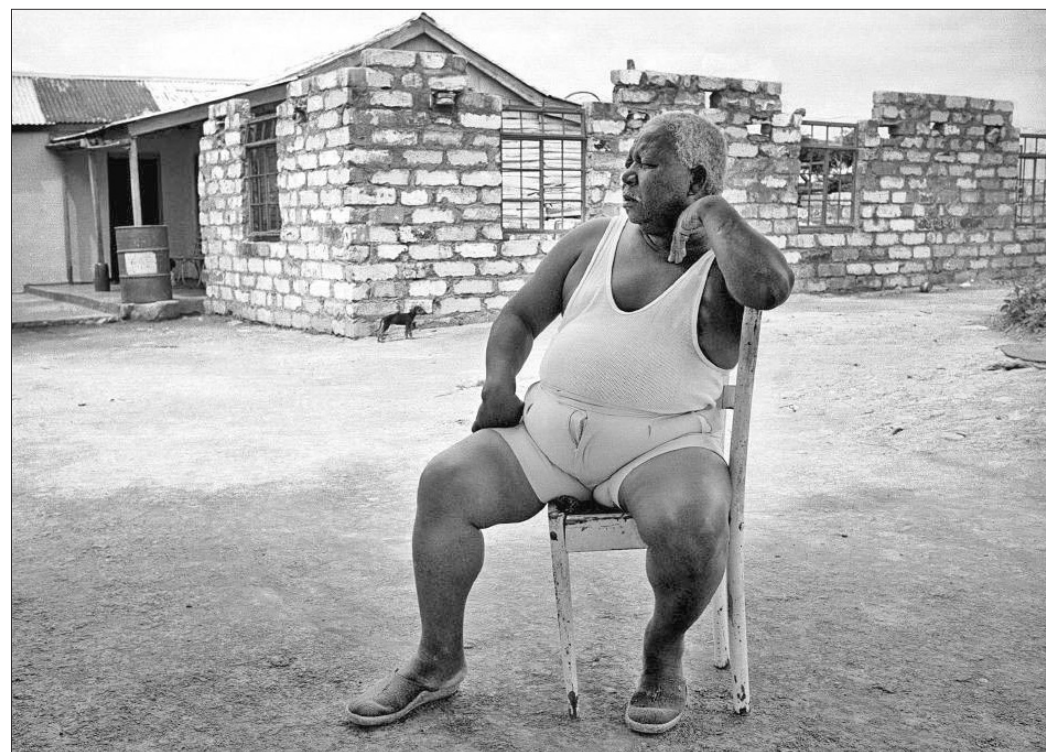
Badsha was a founder member of Afrapix, the independent photographic agency and collective that played a leading role in shaping social documentary photography in South Africa, and in documenting the popular struggles of the 1980s.

In 1987 he established the Centre of Documentary Photography at the University of Cape Town, where he was a leading cultural activist in the United Democratic Front.

The early 1990s saw Badsha working as a key member of the ANC and mass democratic movement in the Western Cape.

After the 1995 elections Badsha went back to working in civil society. In 1999 he established South African History Online (SAHO), a non-profit history project which runs the largest history website on the continent.

He continues to run SAHO and exhibit his work at home and internationally. His exhibition is a treat.



When Sizwe meets AKA

SIZWE Dhlomo, popular video jockey on DSTV's MTV Base (channel 322), is to host a two-part, exclusive and candid interview with hot hip hop artist AKA in *Behind the Story*.

The first part of *Behind the Story* will be shown on MTV Base at 5pm tomorrow, with part two scheduled for 11am on Saturday.

To the public he is AKA, the controversial and award-winning artist, but to those who know him

he is Kiernan Forbes – a father and businessman who will give his all for his music.

"AKA will speak openly on a range of issues following a media frenzy about revelations in his personal life," says a DSTV spokesman.

"We will find out about the break-up with his baby mama, DJ Zinhle; his life as father of 2-month-old daughter Kairo, and his feud with Cassper Nyovest."

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