



# LUTHULI MUSEUM



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LUTHULI SPEAK TO ALL

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Fiction writer, intellectual and literary critic Professor Njabulo Ndebele held the attention of a 100-strong audience of high school learner's captive during the Luthuli Museum's Time of the Writer programme on March 16.

Reading an excerpt from a story entitled 'Uncle', Professor Ndebele's description of the return of a little boy and friends from school had the learners spell bound. The event is part of the outreach programme of the 14<sup>th</sup> Time of the Writer Festival at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. It is organized every year by the Centre for Creative Arts.

Using simple language, attention to detail, Prof Ndebele described how the friends made a pact to kick an object home, the different kinds of objects chosen and the feet of his friend who never wore shoes.

He was joined on the stage by Nigeria playwright and novelist Biyi Bandele who read from his story entitled 'Burma Boy'. Bandele studied drama at university and went on to become a Judith E Wilson Fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge, London.

He is recognized as one of the most versatile contemporary UK-based Nigerian writers.

Zambian born writer Ellen Banda-Aaku also participated in the event. She has lived, studied and worked in Ghana, South Africa, the United Kingdom and Zambia. She has published three books for children and her short stories have appeared in anthologies published in Australia, South Africa and the United States.

After all three writers finished reading, the learners were given the opportunity to ask relevant questions and engage in discussion with the writers. Questions ranged from what age they started writing and why they started writing.

The festival runs from March 14 – 19. For further information go to [www.cca.ukzn.ac.za](http://www.cca.ukzn.ac.za)

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