

Artists **for a** New South Africa

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Artists for a New South Africa (ANSA) mourns the loss of our beloved Madiba. He changed the world and he changed our lives. Our hearts go out to you, to his family, friends, and comrades, and to all the people of South Africa and the world who held him dear. May you go well, Madiba. May you rest in peace.

Alfre Woodard, ANSA's cofounder, said, "I am mourning deeply the passing on of my elder and cherished friend Nelson Mandela. He is more than an icon. He was a delightful human being, with a rich sense of humor and a big generous laugh. I am recommitting my life to the insistence on justice that living in the time of Mandela has inspired in me. I will miss you, Tata."

"Like all of you and activists the world over, we've been inspired and led by Madiba, who always guided us toward a higher road. Nelson Mandela symbolized the best of humankind and now it's up to each of us to carry on his work, building a fairer society. Madiba will live on in the hearts of those who cherish his progressive values; his spirit will shine through anyone who takes brave, generous action to bring those values to life," said ANSA executive director Sharon Gelman.

Our hearts are with you, cherished ANSA friends, at this sad time.