

ANELE ZIKALALA: Winner of the 2011 National Grahamstown Music Competition



Grahamstown: Anele Zikalala, a student in the music department at the University of Fort Hare was declared the winner of the 2011 National Grahamstown Music Competition on Saturday 18th June 2011. The prize involved a handsome cash prize and an award for complementary fees for UNISA examinations. He has been studying music at the University of Fort Hare since 2008. His lyric tenor voice has immediate audience appeal and is carried beautifully by his natural phrasing and musicianship. He has consistently achieved first class results for his singing subjects and has become a tutor and choral leader in Fort Hare Vocal Ensemble. From his first year he became a member of the EastCape Opera Company and toured the province in *Mikado* and *Opera Divertissements* as well as the lighter music of *In the Mood*. These programmes offered him the opportunity to sing major tenor solos like *Una furtiva lagrima* and ensembles like *Torna mi a dir*. In addition he is a leading light in the *Singing Waiters* which is a male voice octet of Fort Hare singers who entertain at private functions, international conferences and public concerts. He has studied classical vocal technique with Gwyneth Lloyd and is becoming a very effective singing teacher in the process.