

**21 January 2019**

**ENTRIES TO STANDARD BANK SIKUVILE AWARDS 2019 OPEN!**

21 January 2019 – Johannesburg. The day has finally arrived - entries to the 2019 Standard Bank Sikuvile Awards are officially open.

This year's theme is Pure truth. Pure Sikuvile. It focuses on the importance of the traditional newsroom and journalism as the lines between and fake news become increasingly blurred.

The Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards recognise excellence in journalism this and strive to reward journalists for publishing the truth under difficult, and at times threatening, conditions.

Last year’s Journalist of the Year, Bongani Fuzile of Daily Dispatch, is a prime example of excellence in journalism, with his story “We found them” about miners who were sent home to the Eastern Cape following years of working in the mines without a proper retirement package.  It was his investigation and story that saw the miners receiving some compensation.

**Frewin, McCAll and Joel Mervis Awards 2019 open**

Together with the Standard Bank Sikuvile Awards, the Frewin, McCall and Joel Mervis Awards 2019 are also open. These Awards recognise newspaper excellence in advertising, printing and production, layout and typography as well as the balanced use of pictures and graphics. The 2018 Frewin Award winner was Die Burger, while *Mail and Guardian* was awarded the McCall Award and a joint award went to *Rapport* and *City Press for the* Joel Mervis Award.

This year the Awards will take place on the 12th September at The Venue, Melrose Arch.

All the winners received R15 000, a trophy and a certiﬁcate while all finalists received certiﬁcates. Commendation Certiﬁcates are awarded at the judges’ discretion. Convening Judge this year is Mathatha Tsedu, who also oversaw the judging panel and process last year.

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