

SENZENI-NA

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Year: 2006

Director: Portia Rankoane

Producers: Neil Brandt, Dan Jawitz

Co-Producers: ZDF /ARTE

Broadcaster: SBS

Duration: 58 min

Synopsis: Tsietsi Mashinini, the leader of the Soweto student uprising, was the apartheid government's most wanted man in 1976. Forced into exile, he died under mysterious circumstances in Guinea Conakry, never to harvest the fruits of freedom in his homeland. By means of rare archive footage and interviews with his close friends, comrades and family, the film goes beyond Tsietsi's myth to discover what really happened to him in exile in West Africa. It depicts in detail the prelude to the momentous events that led up to June 16th 1976, and the unravelling of his political and social life after his marriage to beauty queen, Welma Campbell. It is both a celebration of, and a tribute to, a great revolutionary whose actions and those of his comrades, changed the course of history forever. 2006 marks the 30th anniversary of the Soweto Uprising.

Festivals: 9th Zimbabwe International Film Festival, 2006