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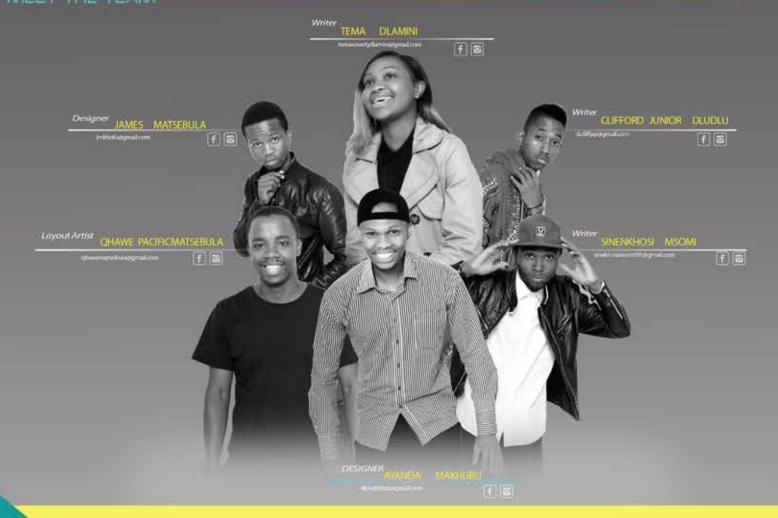


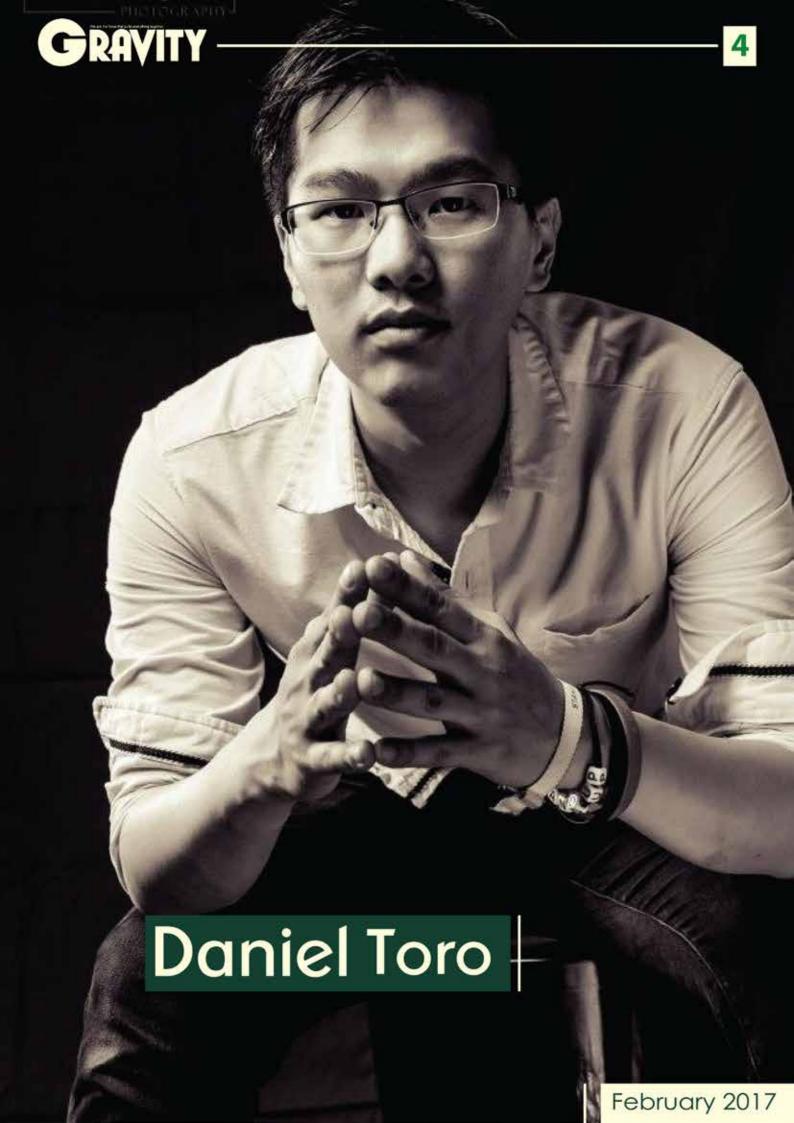
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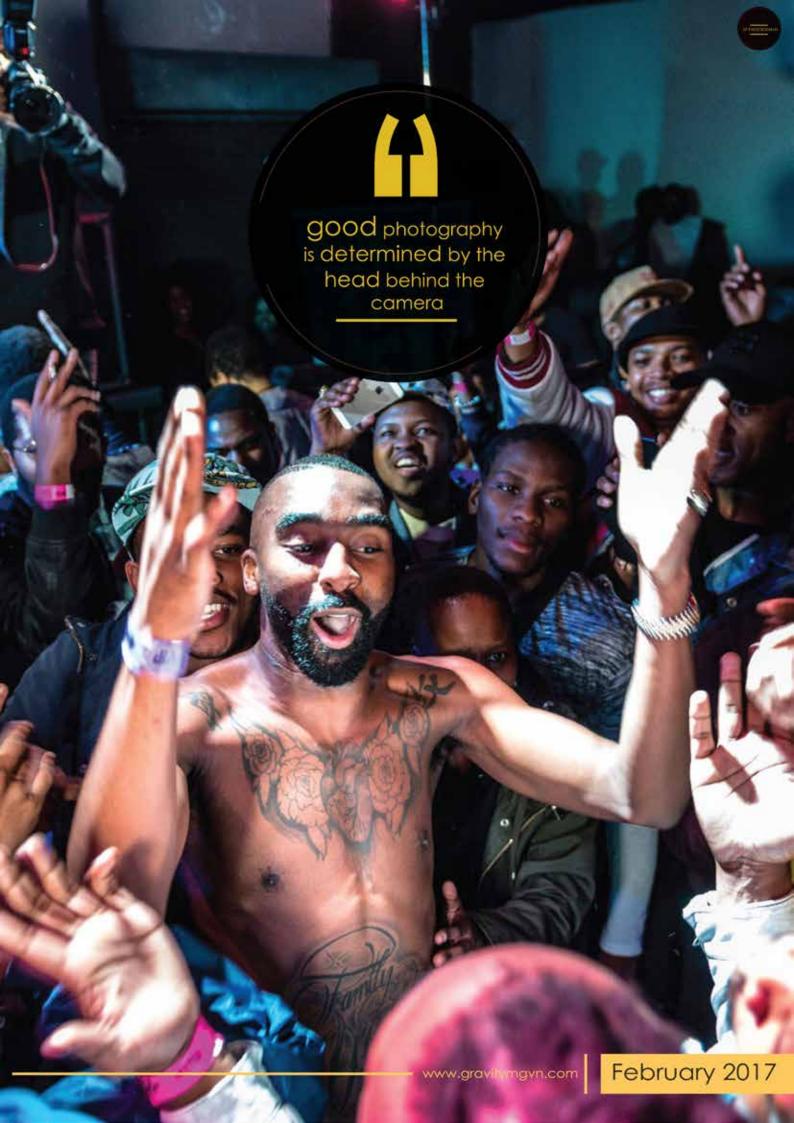
Everything Together", GRAVITY is a newly established e-mag that seek to bridge the gap and identify linkages between Music, Fashion, and Art. One might ask that why the name Gravity? This is a platform where everything is pulled together, be it in music, fashion and art. We operate as a complete art, creative and style marketing platform that provides an opportunity to reach the public for brand awareness while creating a lasting impression.

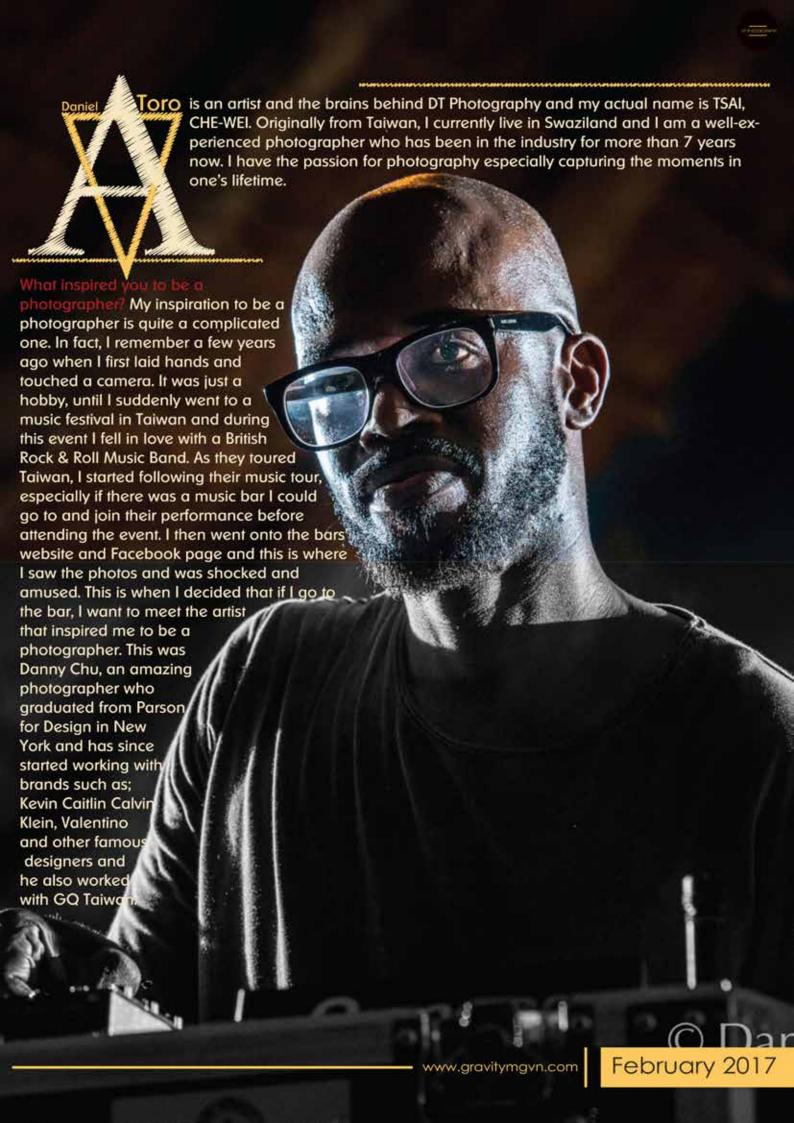
Basically, Gravity presents an opportunity for participants and businesses to attract publicity. It further provides a platform to observe perceptions and also gather useful information for market trends and future developments. Ultimately, we are driven to build a stable that promotes local brands (and international) while protecting our culture and embracing globalization.

MEET THE TEAM











I fell in love with his work, if memory serves me well, at that time he was busy with some overseas projects and needed an assistant photographer to work with him in case he had to attend to other projects abroad. He needed someone who would cover and shoot in the bar when he was not around and that is when he took me under his wing and taught me how to shoot in the club. And that is how Daniel Toro started his journey as a photographer.

What does Photography mean to you?

Photography means a lot to me and it's not just about capturing the moment to make people recall or reminisce the joy they had when the photo was taken. In my line of work, photography is truly fulfilled when I make people feel good and see the value of themselves via or through the photos. To me photography is a tool for making art, it all depends on how you want to express yourself and help the people or client achieve what they want to do in this visual world.

What is your approach in perfecting your craft?

There is definitely no shortcut in the field of arts. To me it's all about practicing, "practice makes perfect", no doubt! If you have enough knowledge and practice, then you will gain more experience and be able to learn from it. In order to continuously improve your craft in photography, you need to take a lot of pictures because if you stop photographing, your skill and sense of art will fade away. How significant is it for a photographer to connect with his/her subjects to bring out their

true self?

This is a very good question because most of the time we see a photograph or a portrait and feel like it's just a normal piece of art. Then comes the question of "why do photographers charge such high rates for their services?", there is a simple reason for that, it's the connection the photographer will build with the subject. I remember seeing the work of a New York based photographer and thought to myself "I can also do what he does and capture for his clients". However, that all changed when I saw how he talks and guides his clients during photo shoots and this is where



I realized its more than simply capturing moments but what also counts is what happens "behind the scenes" when the photographer interacts with the subject and make them express themselves naturally. Connecting with your subject is also very important because most people do not have the photo studio experience and tend to get nervous when getting their pictures taken. A good photographer will make sure to connect with the client maintaining professionalism and motivate the subject to express himself or herself freely and this automatically leads to the best photos of the subject. I'm glad you asked me this question because a lot of people assume that photography is an easy job and say "you just click the button and ask the model to do some poses" which sounds easy and simple, when actually it's not.

What made you to do business in Swaziland? You could have chosen any country, why Swaziland?

Well, this is a long story but the long and short of it is that, in 2013 I came to Swaziland because I had an assignment to work for an NGO and in 2016 I decided to resign from my work and stay in Swaziland to develop the level of photography in the country.

According to you, what is good photography? Is it the camera you use, or the skill one has?

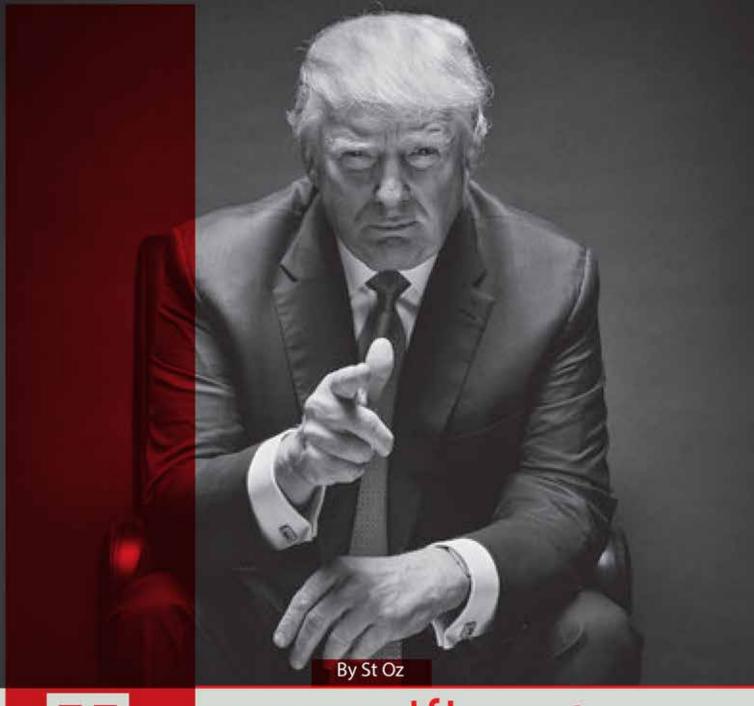
I usually tell people that there is no good or bad photography, but everyone has their own preferred style. This is a very unique art, this means that it may be the same camera, same setting, same setup but end results may be totally different. I have received reviews and comments from people saying" Wow! Your pictures are amazing, must be the big camera", in actual sense it's all about the brain behind the camera. A camera worth E1 million can be given to a person who has never taken a photo or don't know how to do it. It's normally impossible to capture a good portrait because they don't know how to use the "big camera" but on the other hand, if you have knowledge of photography and art, even the simplest camera can be used to take a great picture. A camera is just a tool, so 'good photography' is determined by the head behind the camera.











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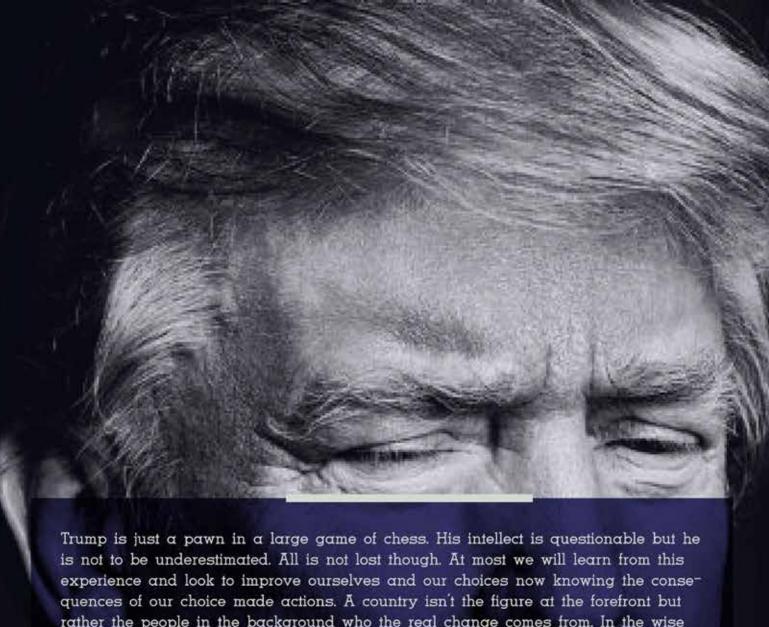
HE NEWS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD!!! Shaking the world is an understatement, it rattled it to its core! Surprisingly. The election of one Donald Trump to be the 45th president of The United States of America, came as a surprise globally when he outvoted Hillary Clinton wife of former President Bill Clinton. Hillary a favored candidate who most of us had hoped would be a step forward in America's political evolution suffered a defeat when a majority of American voters indicated that they had other trump-plans in store.

Trump who has a reputation of being, "a racist, sexist, xenophobe etc." is now the man behind the wheel of the world's most influential superpower. This simply put means that the only thing between world peace and the next world war is a crazy old bastard with a chunk of change (\$4.5Billion according to Forbes) and no common sense (according to a few blondes). America has its roots dug deep in 2nd world country's economies. Any malevolent disturbances at the base sends ripples of havoc and mayhem throughout the dependent posts and so we should understandably be concerned. Do not be alarmed or sent on a frantic panic as yet, it all can and will be explained down to its bare. America

The land of dreams diversified by a population of different races and nationalities, some deemed more superior than others. All systems need a hierarchy I guess. For order's sake. Trump himself has his native paternal ancestry springing from Germany yet fully recognized as an American hypocrite like most the people he's planning on evicting. America is the land of opportunity simply because most everyone gets the chance to make a difference and Trump is evidence that the chance for all has no limitations whatsoever. He is neither qualified nor experienced enough to drive the mother ship yet to break the boundaries of the expected he now sits at the captain's chair.

There is an astounding amount of bad energy that surrounds Trump portrayed by his character and image in the public eye. He is the spoilt *scumbag* that now has the chance to change our perceptions about jerks. He made a lot of offensive promises in his presidential run which upset a lot of races. The wall in Mexico, the deportations, the alienation of Islamic people, all factors that played a major role in his election. The citizens of the land of dreams managed to overlook, translate or even agree with Trump's promises. In a way he promised what most of them were already thinking. Hillary Clinton proved to be an excellent candidate yet most feared she wouldn't have the guts to grab the bull by its horns and do what needs to be done. Trump's raw, fearless and shameless approach translated to wits, courage and opacity to which he became most favored.

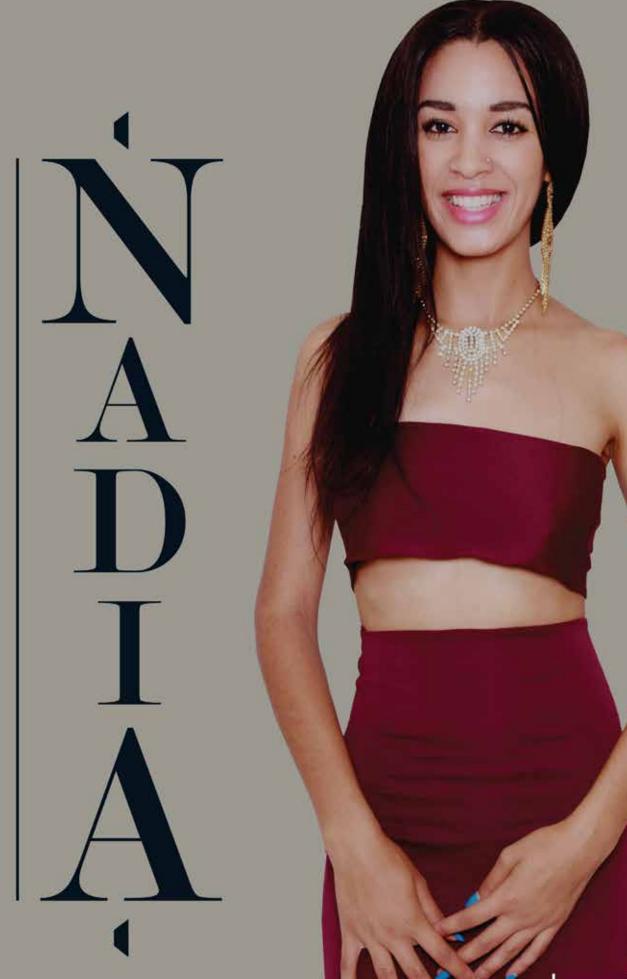
Fear now runs in the minds of those who view what some consider to be Trump's strongpoints as a ticking time-bomb. The well-being of the country's and world folk is threatened by an Acidic president who denies neutrality. Change in its many forms comes about in different ways though. A soft touch of reason contrasted by the brutal knock tyranny. Change comes either way. Fortunately for you and me the law of the universe still stands unshaken. Still for every action, there is a reaction.



rather the people in the background who the real change comes from. In the wise words of former President John F. Kennedy "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."









What would you say are the first five words that define or epitomize who Nadia truly is in and out of the spotlight?

Humble: I humble myself before God. Heart of gold: very compassionate and forgiving. Passionate: I love unconditionally and see past a person's flaws. Mysterious: I never let anyone get in my head. Crazy: I have to be 110% comfortable with you for you to experience this side of me.

What really inspired you to join the contest for Miss Tourism Swaziland?

It was my personal love for pageantry as well as a good friend of mine who encouraged me to join the pageant and the next day I simply did. With the widespread of negativity going around concerning beauty pageants in Swaziland, I have learnt so much while here and on an international level and I wish people could see the opportunities it creates and block out all the negativity.

Take us through how Nadia felt during the day of the finals and how it felt to have your name called out as "2016's Miss Tourism"

Wow! you know the night before the crowning I had this horrible dream. All the other contestants were on stage looking their best and you can never guess where Nadia was. Back stage, running around, I couldn't find my shoes everything was just a mess and when I finally got on stage, everyone was leaving and I never got the chance to be on stage. So on the night of the finals I was so nervous and scared that I was going to fail myself, and when I was announced as queen I couldn't believe it, I remember repeating "Thank you God" over and over again.











If you could fit a single part of Malaysia into your handbag, which one would it be and why?

Langkawi, Langkawi, Langkawi island. It was just breath taking and peaceful and when you are there you are actually able to hear your own thoughts.

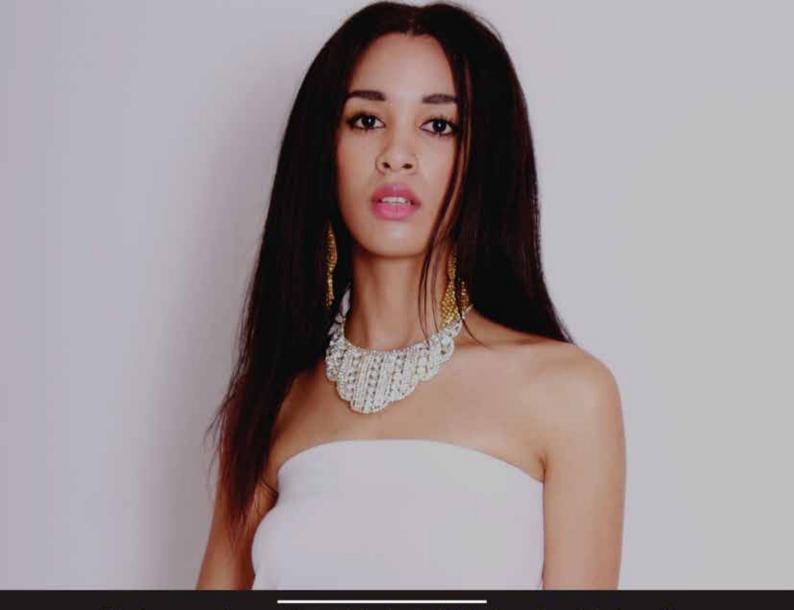
Which other part of the world would Nadia love to visit and why?

Oh my... I don't even know where to start. I want to visit so many places, just travel the world. I would love to go to Egypt, I feel they have such a strong history about their lands that I wouldn't mind a little feel on how they came to be, just to tap into the world of ancient Egypt.

Gravity Magazine would love to know how obsessed you are with fashion? uhmm... I can't say I'm obsessed with fashion. I love shopping and I guess I like having fun with clothes and sometimes use them as a form of expression or dress according to my mood. Most importantly, It has to fit right and make me feel good about myself.

Would you say Nadia is more into following trends, all about setting them or simply interpreting looks that she feels best show her personality?

I wouldn't say I follow trends exactly as much as one would and even go to the extent of dressing like that. I guess I simply follow to know what's going on and wear it in such a way that it interprets my personality best. Like I said, I wear whatever fits my body right and makes me feel good.



What are your views on the work by local clothing brands and designers?

I support local 110%. In fact, I have my friend from Ethnic Wear who do all my outfits, I like to know that I'm the only one with a particular outfit. For instance, the outfits for this shoot were done by her.

What are your top 5 must have fashion items?

Top 5 must have this winter, well for me I guess it would be those Jersey dresses, I'm in love with those, thigh high boots, a scarf, a coat and nice underwear, hahaha... To make me feel good. Well that's my opinion.

What are the three things you cannot survive a day without?

*My loved ones, music and my phone. A queen needs her quiet and alone time to reconcile her thoughts and plans:

Who is your biggest role model?

I only look up to God Himself otherwise I do not have a role model. I believe we learn something different from different people and I push myself to be the best version of myself. As soon as you start looking up to someone in life, you end up finding yourself disappointed because no one is perfect. I always try do better than I did yesterday. What is your typical away from the spotlight day like? What does Nadia really enjoy doing when she's not working?

I'm more of an indoor kind of person, I spend my days in the house watching movies.

Occasionally, I do go out but most of the time it's to grab a bite somewhere with my big brother. He's my best friend so I spend a lot of time with him.







Tom Ford, Gucci - This man knows what he's talking about. It seems scary at first because of all the fear driven people are telling you what may and may not happen. The reality is that by doing something you want to do in business, it will breed more positive results than doing something you don't. How could it not? When you wake up ask yourself if you are truly living the life you want? I'm not saying the life you want comes easy, but it requires the same work you put into other people's dreams, so the choice is yours.

"Make sure to take your VICTORY lap every now and then."

I think lots of people forget they achieve lots of small wins on their way to realizing their dreams. We can all do this at times. What's important is to recognize those small wins and celebrate them every now and then. Don't be afraid to run a victory lap or two. Not only will you feel accomplished but motivated for the bigger picture.

DOPENESS

noun: the characteristic of being great, extraordinary.

Keeping yourself to a higher vibe; creator of epic; knowing that you are blessed.

Find your inner dopeness and ride that vibe that you were naturally given in the first place; the one without the filter and the crap and the trained behavior.

I can tell you that your world is ruled by your mindset so you're going to have to pay the most attention to the way you think. It's not easy at first and quite frankly it can be tough when you realize you held onto thoughts that don't matter for so long. But once you let go more and more, day in and day out, where you'll be in two weeks from now, two months from now or 1 year from now will be so drastically different. Allow yourself to be awesome!

/'BAD, AS/

noun: a formidably impressive person who takes no sh*t on their way to excellence.

May the badassery always be with you. You want results? This is how you behave.

Have respect for yourself. Value yourself. Hold your own. Don't be an a*hole but be a badass. That is, be someone that truly knows what they bring to the table and bring it; someone with vision who can execute it.

Be prepared. Be studied. Be observant. Be a listener. Be confident. Be hustling. Be patient. Be "always on". Be in the moment. Be present. Be grateful. Be respectful. Be tasteful. Be quiet and build so they just think of you one dimensionally. Be forthright.

Act with intention and watch your life change.





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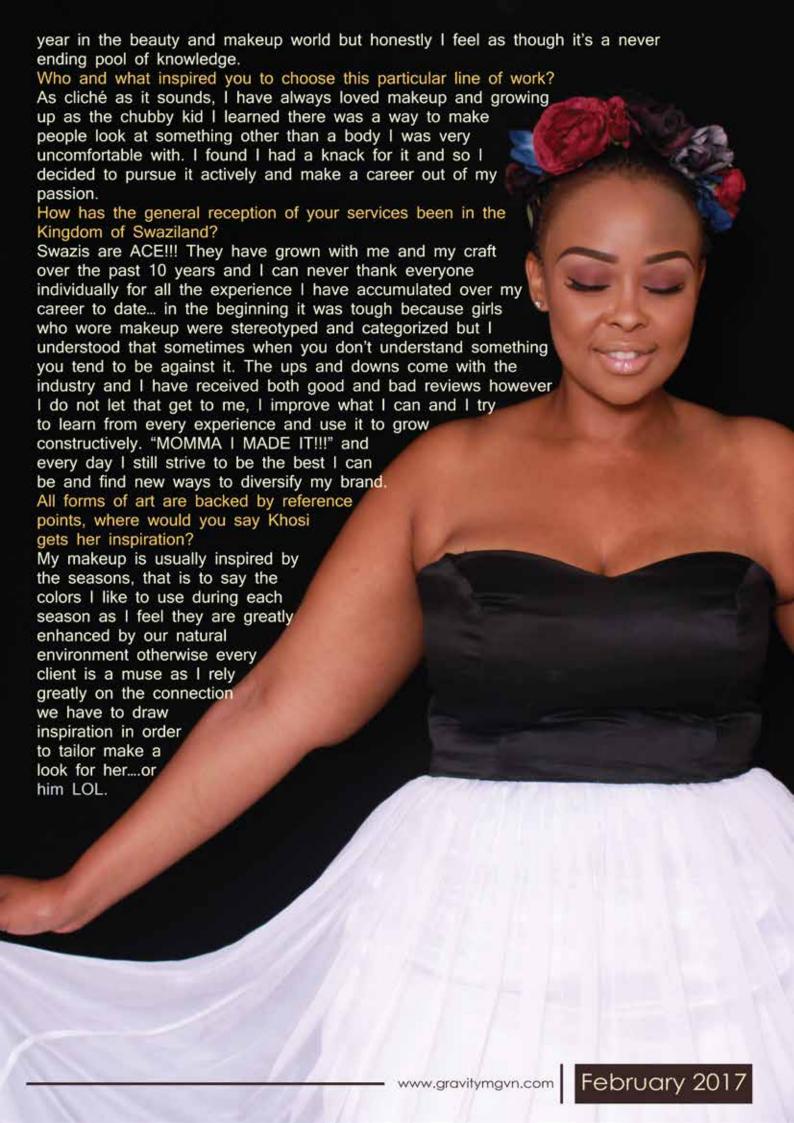
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Many people may know you from a single perspective, maybe as Swaziland's number one make-up artist; can you tell us who Khosi is?



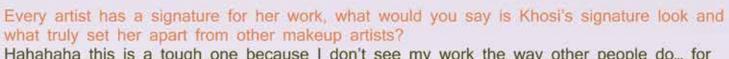


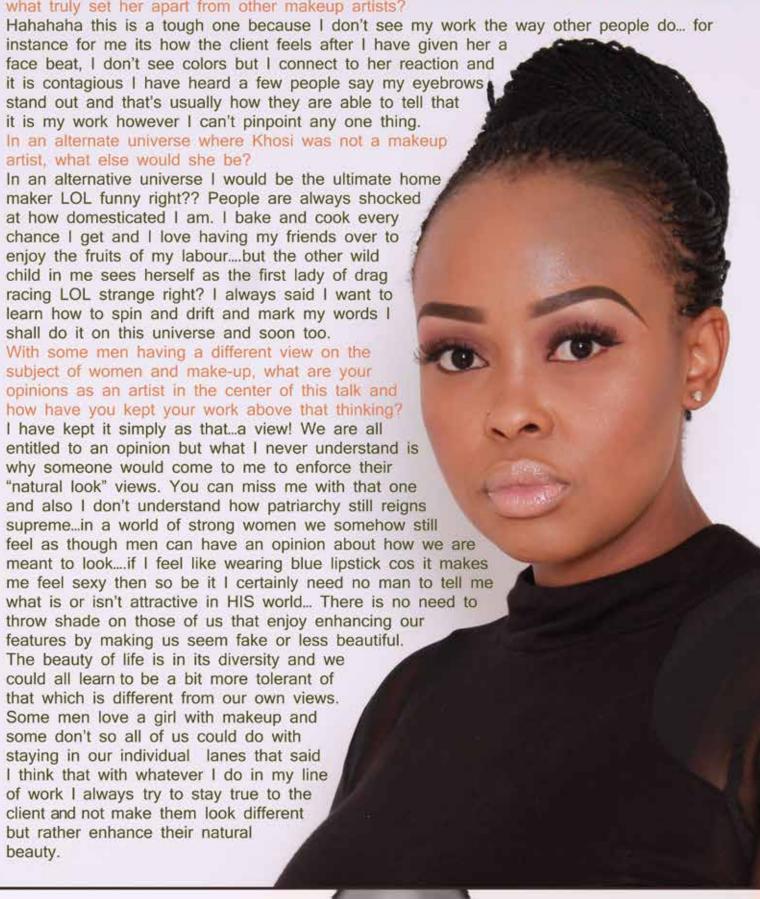


Skin bleaching is a subject that has been on the tip of most societies, as a beautician, what are your views on this topic?

NO NO NO!!!!! In my opinion bleaching implies you are unhappy with the skin you are in and apart from the long term damaging effects which can bring about skin cancers and premature aging... It really is such a sensitive subject and sadly our standards of beauty are socially constructed and we sometimes internalize them without thinking. Sadly they come at a price whereby we desire to look like the models we see in magazines because they are deemed desirable. What we need to note is that this struggle is not an individual one but rather one that needs to be addressed at a societal level... conversations need to be had about acceptance and tolerance....

I could go on and on but what I can advise is that altering the color of one's skin is not advisable medically and otherwise. Embrace and love the skin you are in...MELANIN ROCKS!!!







World celebrities have been said to be shifting more towards having their own personal makeup artists, who would Khosi love to one-day work with?

To me everyone is a celebrity LOL I cant pick any one person because the world is full of beautiful celebrated faces but if I had to pick one I would say Angelina Jolie, it was her bold use of red on her full lips that gave me the confidence to apply bold colours on my lips after years of being told I shouldn't because they are too big or too full and I should hide them and not draw attention to them.

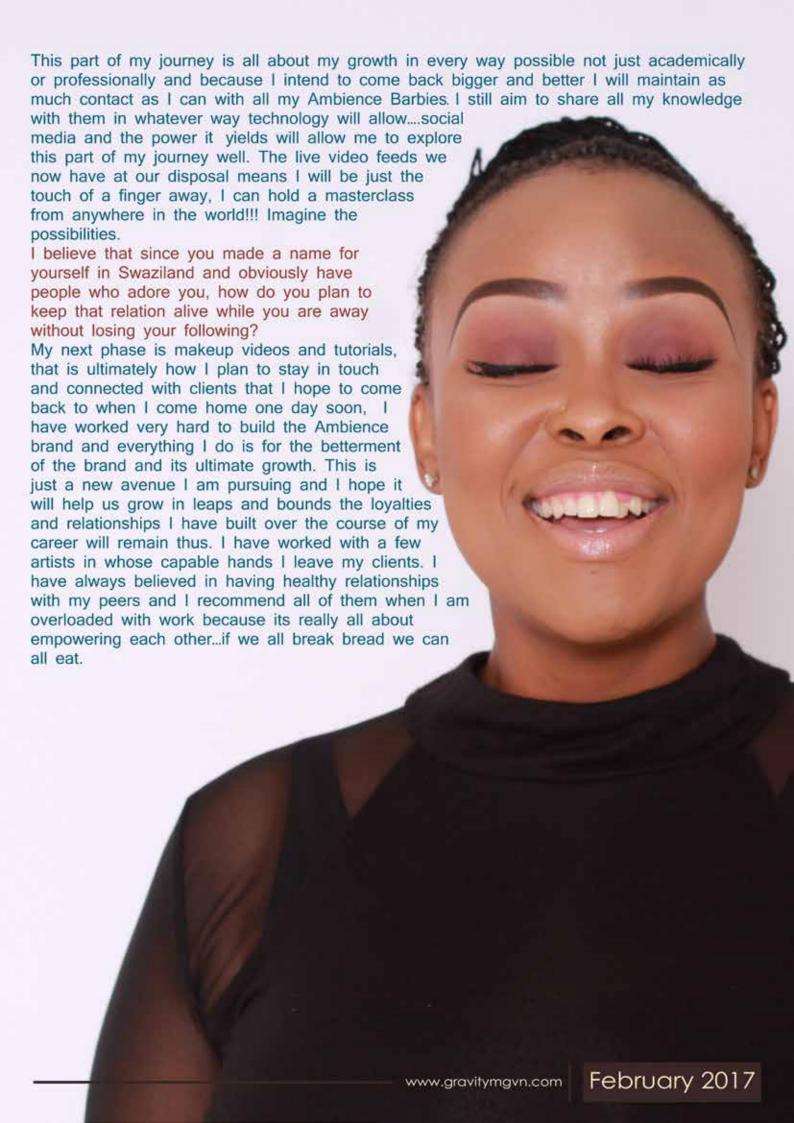
You recently stated that you will be leaving the country, can you tell us more about that and

For now what I can say is that I have been afforded an opportunity like no other in which I can grow professionally and academically all while exploring a different part of the world...all shall be revealed in due course just watch this space ;)

With you travelling to a different country, what are your expectations and what does this new

I am open to the possibilities of anything at this point and I want to be receptive to all the experiences which are waiting for me both good and bad. A chance to learn new skills and immerse myself in a different culture and grow exponentially.

In as far as your brand is concerned, what are the plans for the future, and are there any plans for you to keep contacts with your current and past clients?







adj: a person of substance; able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions; toughness; one who hustles.

If you want to see great things manifest in your life, you're going to have to be resilient. There will be people, things, situations and experiences that you don't see. Some good, some not so good, some indifferent. Not everyone will get you. Cool, not everyone is supposed to get you.

Being resilient is about being driven by your vision, your convictions, your greater purpose. It's also what defines your character. The person you are and the person you will become.







interesting spaces. I'd like Tiwi's Closet to have its own creative space in Swaziland and I'd also like to collaborate with like-minded brands.

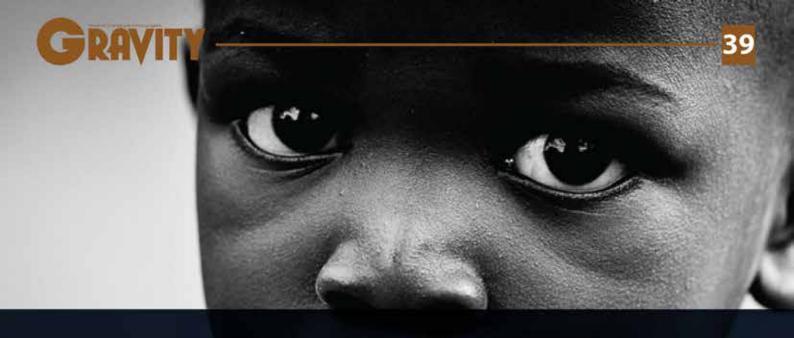
How do you ensure that the brand is organized and the balance is struck such that all parties are satisfied?

This is a part of my brand that I am still developing. I am in the process of turning my brand into a business and not just a hobby. So I need to work on my administrative skills. At the moment, I am focused on my customer service and listening to what my customers want.

Of the projects this brand has completed, which one are you proudest of and why?
This is a difficult one. I think for me my current online presence and the way Tiwi's Closet as a brand is presented makes me proud and I am yet to have that proud moment. I think it is because I am a perfectionist.
What major challenges have you faced while operating in the







THE Free SPIRITED Spirit of GIVING

e live in a world that tends to be more concerned with individual progress than the collective empowerment of all those that live in it, it should be our own duty to make sure that we change that. Acts 20:35 in the holy book states that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that people who give receive favour in the LORD.

Philanthropy means the love of humanity, in the sense of caring, nourishing, and enhancing what is meant to be human. At most people give their whole being to making sure that the quality of all human life is improved.

Moreover, philanthropists have distinguishing features from those who just give out charity even though there is a recognized degree of overlap in practice. The difference that is commonly cited is that charity aims at relieving the pain of a social problem, whereas philanthropy addresses the root of the problem – the difference between the proverbial gift of a fish to a hungry person, versus teaching them how to fish. Christian Fleming who is a humanist and Pan Africanist believes that the journey to Africa's true socio-economic transformation lies in the ability to release and act on the fact that without each other, we are simply going nowhere as a continent. Pearl S. Buck further adds that the test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members. "In a true sense, philanthropists seek to use whatever resources that are at their disposal to ensure that those that are helped will soon be in a position to help others.", says Christian Fleming

Our country Swaziland has seen the rise in philanthropic causes through one prominent and diverse initiative called "The Bushfire Music Festival" incepted by Justin Raynes (Jiggs) Thorne. For ten years the festival celebrates and encourages positive societal change with further positive ripple effects on tourism, the economy and fundraising for the underprivileged. The festival through sponsorships from multi national brands has not only generated funds for charitable causes and HIV/AIDS but a platform for emerging artistic talent has been established to develop and showcase itself regionally and internationally. Since its

artistic talent has been established to develop and showcase itself regionally and internationally. Since its inception in 2007 the festival has developed charities and a prominent arm being Gone Rural BoMake which complements the economic empowerment activity provided to over 750 women artisans. The work done by the organization is dedicated to meeting the needs of these women, their families and communi-

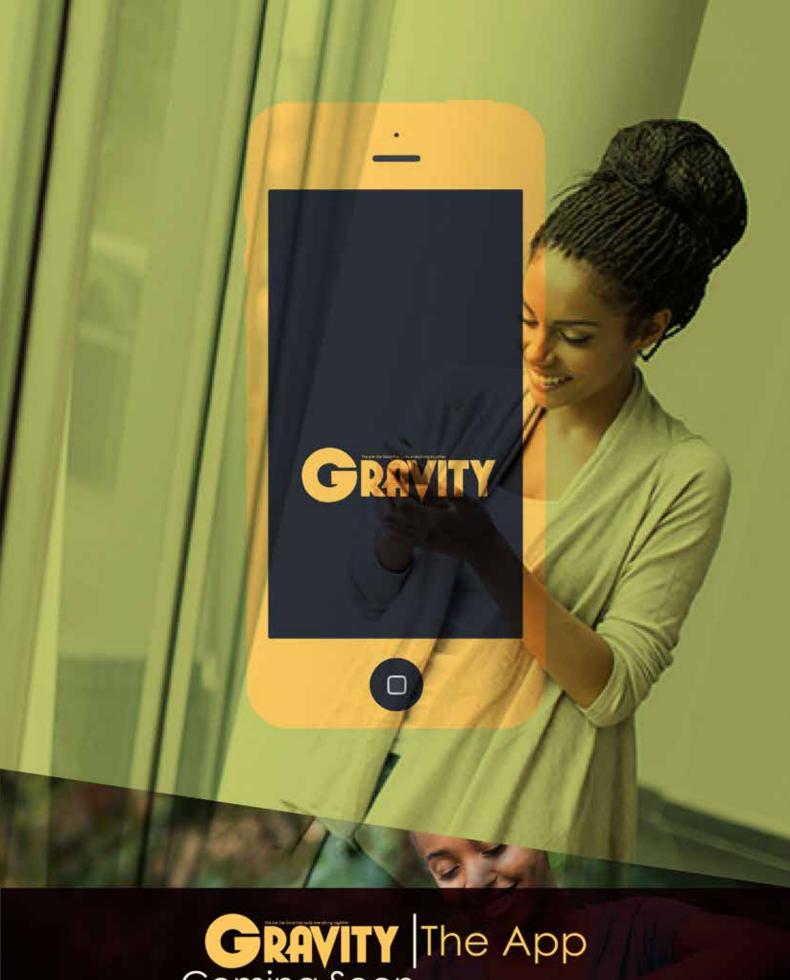
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An ancient Greek story teller once said that no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. "The significance of philanthropy is that even our so called small actions have an impact on the picture but the key is to be involved together; from all revolutions throughout history needs to be replicated to respond to the constant suffering that each one of us sees on a daily basis.", further concludes Christian.

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