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MASEKELA, Thomas Selema.
(b.16.12.1908 Madibeng farm near Dikgale near Pietersburg
Transvaal)

Seeking education for their children, Masekela's parents moved from the farm where he was born to Dikgale where Masekela attended the Lutheran Mogabane mission station school and passed Standard III. In 1921 Masekela's father became an evangelist and the family moved to Randjesfontein near Halfway House, Masekela was sent to the Lutheran Mission farm school in Pretoria where he completed Standard IV and V. From 1925 to 1928 he attended Kilnerton Teachers Training Institute in Pretoria and then returned to Randjesfontein and became principal of the Masekela school there. He remained there for five years and in 1933 began working on the Witbank Mines and

subsequently for the Benoni Municipality. At this time he came into contact with Dr C.P. Anning, Medical Officer of Health, who encouraged him to train as a health inspector. In 1939 he obtained his NTC2 and began working as a health induna on City Deep gold mines. In 1943 he completed the health inspectors course and from 1944 to 1945 worked in Springs, supervising hygiene at the milk depot and vegetable market. From 1946 to 1957 Masekela was a health inspector in Alexandra Township, employed by the Alexandra Health Committee. He was promoted to the post of Chief Health Inspector. During this time he visited art galleries in Johannesburg and became involved in the art community. He began making art in his spare time and has continued to produce pieces in spite of his other commitments. From 1957 to 1965 and from 1965 to 1986 Masekela was a health inspector in Germiston and Sharpeville, Vereeniging, So In the late 1970s he exhibited at the Goodman Gallery. While in Germiston, Masekela became involved at Katlehong Art Centre and participated in their annual exhibitions.

Exhibitions: (AS 4

1944: JAG (SA Academy). The B Noe (Cok))

1948: JAG (SA Academy), 100. Nawectb_we (iurfeuar

1961: Lawrence Adler Galleries Johannesburg (Artists of Fame and Promise).

Commissions:

1987: Vaal City Council.

1988: National African Federated Chambers of Commerce.

Collections:

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References:

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