

First Miss Wheelchair South Africa winner crowned

Tamelyn Genevieve Bock is the official winner of Miss Wheelchair SA 2021, who will represent South Africa at Miss Wheelchair World in Mexico in October 2022. The aim is to create awareness around 'Beauty without Barriers' and change the perception, narrative, and image of disabled women in South Africa



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Bock was in shock when her name was announced, but she is ready to take on the journey to remove barriers facing people with disabilities and is overjoyed to be the voice for Miss Wheelchair South Africa.

Her favourite two quotes are: “Start unknown and finish unforgettable,” Misty Copeland, and “Be the change you want to see in the world,” Mahatma Gandhi.

Bock has not only been crowned the title of Miss Wheelchair SA, but also won a new wheelchair from CE Mobility worth R45,000, a cushion worth R11,000 from Solutions Medical, a tablet and smartphone from Vodacom and life coaching lessons from Professional and Personal Institute of Excellence.

The vision of the First Princess of Miss Wheelchair World, Ms Lebohlang Monyatsi and Shama Nathoo, the founding member of Universal Accessibility Hub, sheer determination without a budget was to ensure that the event will take place and South Africa will be represented at Miss Wheelchair World.

Nathoo said they wanted to give thanks to everyone who came on board in the shared vision that beauty has no limits. Nathoo continued to say that Miss Wheelchair SA was no ordinary event, it represented the inclusion of all abilities from the MC's, performers and judges. Artscape Theatre played an important role in showcasing accessibility by hosting the crowning of Miss Wheelchair South Africa. Nathoo said they look forward and invite new partnerships to showcase inclusion and become a part of the journey in the preparation for Miss Wheelchair 2022.

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