



Siyanda Sesimani and Robert Mpisi will entertain and educate viewers in the latest series of *Soul City*. Photo by Thabo Ramookho

# SOUL CITY IS BACK TO TEACH

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**IT'S a drama that keeps us entertained and glued to our TV sets during the late night soapie slot . . .**

But it does more than just entertain.

Starting on 18 October, *Soul City* will be hitting our screens every Tuesday at 8.30pm on SABC1, with 13 new episodes.

The drama is set in a clinic where people with limited resources, but filled with passion, try to make their world a better place.

A range of important issues are explored through the characters.

The series has introduced us to talented new faces, including Robert Mpisi (23), who plays Sam, and Siyanda Sesimani (22), who plays Mandla.

They play brothers who have to choose between traditional circumcision, as their father insists, or a medical circumcision, as their mum wishes.

Siyanda told *Daily Sun*: "I have always performed in theatre and this is a great breakthrough for me.

"But I am mostly honoured to participate in an informative drama that is part of a solution because that's basically what this drama series is."

*Soul City* aims to:

- Teach communities about the value of money and the importance of saving and avoiding getting into too much debt.

- Promote medical circumcision to reduce HIV infection.

- Promote the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV.

- Teach the importance of taking ARVs.

- Warn against corrupt councillors who fail to deliver.

Lebo Ramafoko, the series' chief executive officer, added: "*Soul City* supports government in its quest to reduce HIV/Aids by 50%."