

Three new books by **Shabbir Banoobhai**
to celebrate his 60th birthday

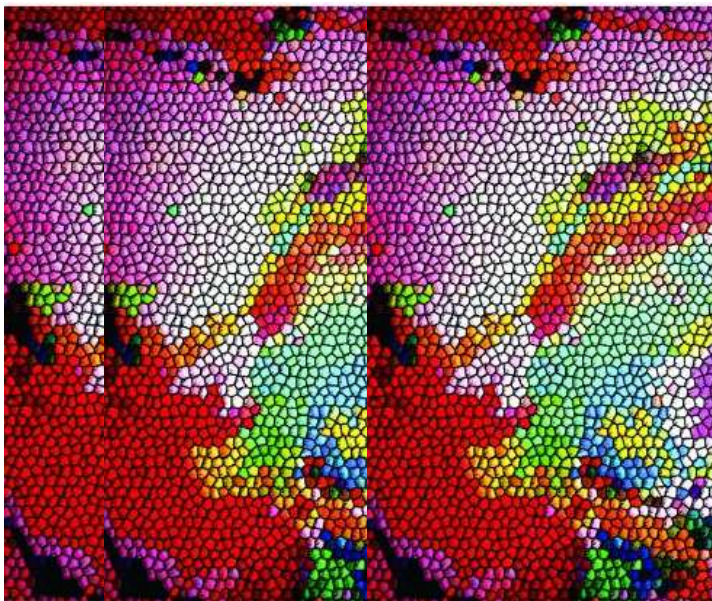
Sunday, 25 Oct 09
3.30pm for 4.00pm

District Six Museum
25A Buitenkant Street, Cape Town

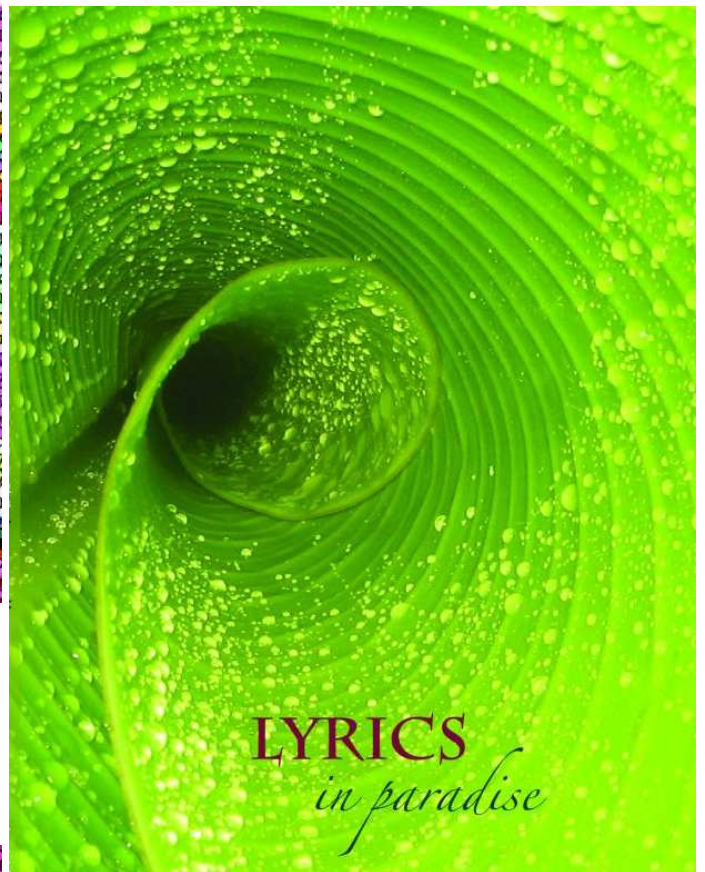
Guest Speaker:
Kabir Bavikatte
International environmental lawyer

Dark Light
the spirit's secret

shabbir banoobhai



the
mirror's memory
reflective essays and thoughts



LYRICS
in paradise

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***Michael Chapman, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, on
'lyrics in paradise'***

A wise, distinctive voice; powerful, pure poetry.

***Mphutlane wa Bofelo on
'a mountain is an upside down valley'***

Shabbir Banoobhai seems to have arrived at the point where he sees in all human beings and creatures reflections of the light of God. Even in the darkest face of humanity he sees primordial and transcendental light.

***Sa'ddiyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town, on
'if i could write'***

A luminous work of the heart; a genuine and original Sufi primer for the 21st-century seeker, reflecting an important development in contemporary South African spiritual thought.

***Kobus Moolman, University of KZN, on
'inward moon outward sun'***

In the body of South African writing, Banoobhai's is amongst a handful of voices with the courage to articulate a contemporary spirituality and the artistic skill to do so convincingly.

***Joan Metelerkamp on
'book of songs'***

Shabbir Banoobhai takes a position that requires daring combined with humility - there is no rhetoric, no propaganda, but also no slinking away, no hiding in the suburbs of language, no shrinking from an encounter with mystery. A meditative cycle like this one reminds us of our common thirst for love and meaning.