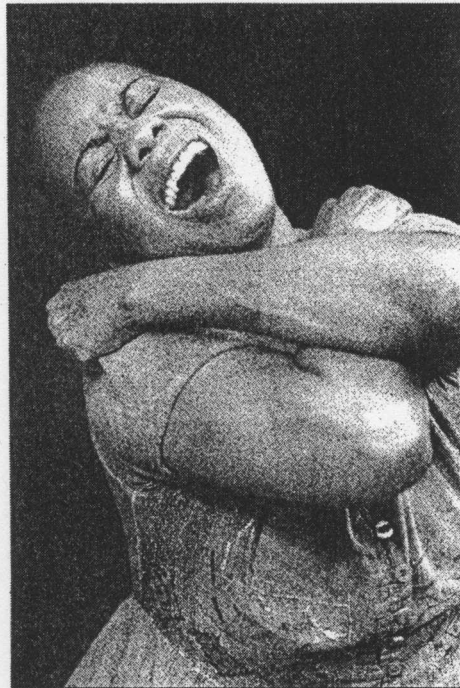


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## Shaming tale of a nation's history



**MOVING:** Thembi Mtshall tells of her life under the brutal system of apartheid in South Africa

### **WOMEN IN WAITING**

The Assembly ★★★

YOU may see slicker shows this year, you may see funnier, but you'll see nothing more moving.

It is a deceptively simple concept: Thembi Mtshali, a Zulu actress of majestic dignity, tells the story of growing up under the yoke of apartheid. Her suffering is the story of the suffering of thousands; it is the story of South Africa.

We hang on her every word, every verse of her plaintive songs – none more so than when she weeps for the time she lost with her daughter because she was bringing up the babies of white women.

Then she tells how she discovered the theatre, which gave her the voice she uses to tell the world of the regime that shamed South Africa and shames it still. She sums it up this way: "You have to speak out or your heart will burst."

**Brian Swanson**

● Until August 28, 2:30pm, phone 0131 226 2428.