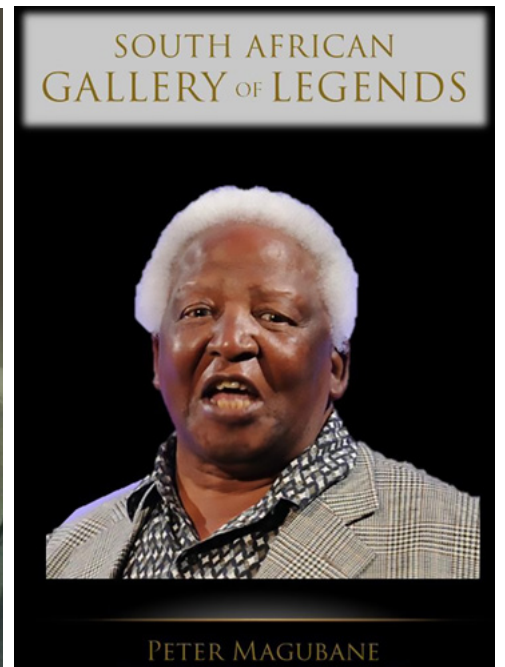




*Eric Vertue*



*Dr Kin Bensusan*



*Dr Peter Magubane*

## PSSA set Benchmarks over 70 years

The aim of the PSSA 70th Anniversary Travelling Exhibition is to demonstrate that the benchmarks of excellence set by PSSA members over the past seven decades continues.

PSSA founder, the late Dr Kin Bensusan was named in a British publication as one of the finest photographers in the world during the 1950's. He was awarded Fellowships by the Royal Photographic Society in the UK as well as the Photographic Society of America. He was acknowledged as the foremost authority on photographic history in Southern Africa and his book, *Silver Images*, is still considered the authoritative work on Southern African photographic history. [Read more here](#).

In the publication *Photograms of the Year 1958* British critics described Will Till of the Johannesburg Photographic Society as one of the great landscape masters in the world.

Dr Joseph Denfield, a PSSA director, is world-renowned for creating a visual history of ethnic communities in South Africa during the 1950's and 1960's. [Read more here](#)

The first editor of the PSSA magazine, Eric Vertue, served on most of the conservation and heritage societies in the Cape and was awarded a rare gold medal by the National Monuments Council and a silver medal from the Simon van der Stel Foundation for his photographs of old homesteads. Even the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain awarded him an Associateship for his photographs of South African historical architecture.

The legendary photojournalist Dr Peter Magubane, who became an Honorary PSSA member in 2000, received honorary doctorates from five universities, a Fellowship from the Royal Photographic Society in the UK, the Order of Meritorious Service Class II from President Nelson Mandela and just about every other prestigious media award across the world. He died in January 2024. [Read more here](#)

Several other well-known press photographers have been PSSA members, most notably, the renowned late *Drum* photographer *Alfred Khumalo*, who was awarded Honorary membership in 2000, and the late chief photographer of Rapport, Jan Hamman, who was a chairman of the Boksburg Camera Club. Current top sport photographers GB Jordaan, Johan Orton and Christiaan Kotze are Fellowship members of PSSA.