

## **CV of Worcester Poet, Mr Floris Abraham Brown.**

Mr Brown was born on the 10th September 1948 in Worcester. He has worked as a computer literacy trainer for adult blind, partially sighted and sighted people at the institute for the Blind in Worcester, where he is also a tour guide.

Mr Brown is Chairman of the Breedevallei Dichters/Digters (Poetry) Society and has published four anthologies for this poetry society. He has performed his poetry on SABC2, SABC3, KYKNET, PASELLA, FOKUS, RSG, Voice of the Cape and Valley fm 88.8 as well as at a number of festivals including the Stellenbosch Woordfees, the Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunsfees, the Suidoosterfees, Passaatwindefees and Chainouquafees. He has published 24 books of poetry and has poems published in more than 73 anthologies. He visited the Netherlands in 2007 where he performed in Amsterdam, Boxtel, Harderwijk and Nijmegen, amongst other towns.

Earlier this year, Mr Brown, known as the “troubadour of Worcester” was honoured at Stellenbosch University Wordfest’s Versindaba (poetry indaba) that took place on 23 and 24 September 2011 under the theme of “Roer die snare” (“Pull the strings”).

Mr Brown is also a singer, composer and musician. In 1973, he formed a pop group called RESTLESS CHILDREN and received a gold disc for the composition performed by Restless Children vcalled “Until Tomorrow” which sold more than 25 000 copies. Presently he is a member of the worship team at the Shofar Christian Church in Worcester where he sings and plays bass guitar.

Mr Brown has been passionate about chess and was received several awards for Chess including being nominated 1986 SACOS Sports Person of the Year; being named MILLENNIUM SPORTS PERSONALITY in 2000 by the local Radio Station Valley fm; receiving the 2004 Most Promising Sports Personality Award for Chess from the Boland Sports Council; and the 2007 LEGEND Award from the then MEC for Cultural Affairs, Sport and Recreation.

In 2001, Mr Brown received the WORCESTERIET OF THE YEAR AWARD from the Rapportryersbeweging. Mr Brown is Chairman of the Management Committee of the Worcester Open Air Living Museum and a Councillor for Heritage Western Cape.

Mr Brown’s motto is *Success lies in the things you left behind from which others can learn.*

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