

Andries Botha's elephant sculpture, *Nomkhubulwane*, that has been on tour in North America since November 2009, is on her way back to South Africa. She will arrive in Durban on February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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## Nomkhubulwane



Nomkhubulwane is the creation of Andries Botha, an eminent South African sculptor, human rights activist and founder of the Human Elephant Foundation (HEF). Botha has created a series of life-size elephants that have been exhibited and or placed around the world including a full herd of 9 in Belgium made from recycled wood from KwaZulu-Natal; a fallen elephant made from recycled cider casks in France; and an elephant in Holland made from recycled leadwood. Nomkhubulwane is one of the newest additions to this magnificent and magical herd. She was created from recycled truck tires and named by Dr. Ian Player, an internationally renowned conservationist.

Great message behind this magnificent work of art too - read all about it on <http://www.nomkoo.org/>




Also check out Youtube links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3PsED3tTI>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQo2PPmaW6I&feature=related>





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## Why can't elephants just be elephants? Why do we need to drag politics into everything?


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In October 2009 artist Andries Botha and his assistants commenced with the construction of a three elephant sculpture for client eThekweni Municipality, Durban, South Africa, as per contract. He has created a worldwide herd of 17 elephants which act as symbols of coexistence, humanity and ecological interdependence as espoused through his Human Elephant Foundation. ([www.humanelephant.org](http://www.humanelephant.org))

On 8 February 2010 work was halted due to local African National Congress objections to the imagery of the three elephants which were deemed to remind viewers of the logo of the Inkatha Freedom Party (a local opposition party)

**These elephant sculptures are now under threat of destruction and/or censorship because of these political objections.**

**Sign the petition to save the elephant sculptures and preserve the rights of artists to exercise their creativity and rights which are expressed and protected within the South African Constitution and South African law.**



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