#### TRENDS HEADS UP

### U is for ... URBAN THINKER,

as brilliant SA architect Mokena Makeka prefers to think of himself, with his Cape Town practice a 'lab' rather than design studio. We're definitely watching this forward thinker, whose humanising influence in structures such as police stations is already having an impact. His ideas about sustainable development in areas such as Khayelitsha are commendable. makekadesigns.com

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## **V** is for ... VIDEO,

and the power of 'simple ideas and graphic statements' to 'give voice to the speechless', as revealed by UK graphic designer Harry Pearce, who urges the need to balance commercial work with work for charity. He's renowned for his clever typographic conundrums and his work with musician Peter Gabriel on the 'Witness' project, whereby ordinary citizens are encouraged to use their phones to shoot videos of events that might not otherwise be seen by the world. We loved this quote from him: 'The world is full of flowers if you only have eyes to see.' witness.org

#### **W** is for ... WAR HORSE.

THE ROUSING PRESENTATION BY BASIL JONES AND ADRIAN KOHLER OF SA'S HANDSPRING PUPPET COMPANY EARNED A STANDING OVATION, NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE MODEL FOR THEIR LIFE-LIKE HORSE PUPPET - THE STAR OF WAR HORSE, THE THEATRE PRODUCTION THAT'S BEEN RUNNING FOR THREE SOLD-OUT YEARS IN LONDON. HANDSPRINGPUPPET.CO.ZA



and clearly there's no shortage of rising talent out there. We have high hopes for new designer collaboration Batch. Headed up by industrial designers Fanie van Zyl, Kimlyn Moore and Bruce Harbottle, it'll allow other young designers to promote themselves by selling their products (right) on their website. batch.co.za

#### X is for ... X FACTOR,

that special something that sets certain objects apart. Drawn like magpies to the many jewellery stands with their myriad beautiful rings and things, we particularly loved the work of the talented jewellery-design students at the University of Stellenbosch, and the curious and beautiful resin pieces by The Black Englishman. (021-702-2041)

# **Z** is for ... ZA NEWS

and the hilarious puppets, representing our favourite (and love-to-hate) politicians and celebs, who star in the satirical TV-news slot created by cartoonist Jonathan Shapiro (a.k.a. Zapiro) and producer Thierry Cassuto. zanews.co.za

