

# UNsung

We all impact the world we live in, some more than others. Good deeds do not go unnoticed, and even the smallest of positive gestures makes an impact. However, there are those extra-special women around the globe who are taking it one step further. Our 21 unsung heroines represent only a fraction of the most innovative, passionate and influential women across the world. Most of their names will be new to you, as they have been toiling away under the cover of anonymity, but that's about to change. From Rwanda's Stephanie Nyombayire, to Berlin's Araba Walton, these women are the backbone of change. We were lucky enough to get a sneak peek into a blindingly bright future, let us share it with you. - Laura Marcus



**KIMBERLY NICHOLS**

Age: 39

Occupation: Co-Founder, S.A.V.Y Girls

Based: Brooklyn, NY

Because: Through her organization, Kimberly and her co-founder, Theda Rose, conduct a school-based mentorship program for girls, ages 12-18, teaching leadership skills and becoming proactive in their community.



**MOIKGANTSI KGAMA**

Age: 30-something

Occupation: Founder/ Executive Director, Imagination Film Festival

Based: Harlem, New York

Because: Through Imagination, Moikgantsi has brought independent cinema to Harlem. In 2008 the organization will open the My Image Cinema, Harlem's first and the nation's only independent cinema dedicated to films from the African/Latino Diaspora. The venue will also be the New York's first "green" cinema.



**VOLETTA WALLACE**

Age: 54

Occupation: Founder of the Christopher Wallace Memorial Foundation

Based: Teaneck, New Jersey

Because: She's using the legacy and the genius of her son Christopher Wallace, aka Notorious B.I.G., to promote the importance of bringing education to the inner city.

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