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Laureus World Sports Awards – Nelson Mandela (2000)



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- Sport has the power to change the world.

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- It has the power to inspire.

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- It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does.

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- It speaks to youth in a language they understand.

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- Sport can create hope where once there was only despair.

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- It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers.

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- It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination.

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- The heroes standing with me are examples of this power.

I want to tell your story...

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- They are valiant, not only in the playing field, but also in the community, both local and international.

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- They are champions and they deserve the world's recognition.

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- Together, they represent an active, vigorous Hall of Fame, a Hall of Fame that goes out into the world, spreading help, inspiration and hope.

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- Their legacy will be an international community where the rules of the game are the same for everyone and behaviour is guided by fair play and good sportsmanship.

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- I ask you now to rise and join me in commending the original inductees into the World Sports Academy Hall of Fame.

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- Peace is the greatest weapon mankind has to resolve even the most intractable difficulties.

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- But to be an effective agent for peace, you have to seek and not only to change the community and the world, what is more difficult is to change yourself before you seek to change others.