### **Pan-African Creative Exchange**

An Interdisciplinary (Performing) Arts Provocation



vrystaat

KUNSTEFEES ARTS FESTIVAL TSA-BOTJHABA

**6–9 July 2018** Bloemfontein South Africa

### Welcome to the Pan-African Creative Exchange

NATi is very proud to be the founding sponsor of PACE. When very few understood the importance of a Pan-African interdisciplinary performing arts market, NATi was the first to put up its hands and fully support this significant initiative. We look forward to seeing how PACE grows over the next few years to embrace all performing arts languages of Africa, including Afrikaans. Cornelia Faasen, CEO, National Afrikaans Theatre Initiative (NATi)

The PACE team welcomes you with open arms to Bloemfontein, South Africa for the 1st Pan-African Creative Exchange (PACE), Africa's meeting point for interdisciplinary (performing) arts showcasing, networking and critical discourse.

We're delighted to be hosted by some of Bloemfontein's most prestigious venues based on the campus of the University of the Free State. To help you get around we've clustered performances together by venue, by artform and by day, with the majority of the shows being presented in the wide array of venues that the University of the Free State has to offer. For this inaugural exchange, over 30 productions and presentations have been curated and selected from countries such as Egypt, Namibia, Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa and Zimbabwe (amongst others). With the theme of mobility in, with and from Africa, we also travel from Lagos to Johannesburg with a collection of specific works from these two cities highlighted in our curated programme.

During PACE you will be treated to some of the most exciting new work that Africa has to offer, alongside a packed programme of networking opportunities and discussions.

Over the next four days you'll see presentations by 30+ artists and companies addressing issues from the public (mobility, social change and global culture) to the personal (love, identity, mental health and disability).

Many employ innovative digital approaches to provide modern twists on age-old theatre, puppetry, dance, music and spoken word.

PACE is not just about the shows though – it is a vibrant forum to meet imaginative and talented artists and arts professionals. We are delighted to welcome delegates from all over the world who bring their unique international perspectives, and we made sure we've curated an exciting programme of events for you to get to know each other better.

The Market Place, as part of PACE, will give you the opportunity also to meet and talk with a wider range of artists and companies in the sector, in addition to the popular morning breakfast meetings.

Finally we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has made PACE possible, whether behind the scenes or in the stalls. We look forward to hearing more about your own stories of diversity and ideas for creative excellence throughout the week.

Nike Jonah Executive Director PACE

Erwin Maas, Ricardo Peach and Isobel Hawson Founding Directors, PACE

# KE NAKO – IT IS TIME

KE NAKO – IT IS TIME was the rallying call for the 2010 world cup which saw South Africans and the world unite across all colours, creeds and religions for the soccer world cup featured for the first time on the African continent. It time to repeat KE NAKO to usher in PACE, an initiative which will undoubtedly unite Africa and the world and give Africa a step up in showcasing her superior talent. The Motherland is lauded for its glorious, innovative, colourful and exciting offerings. We embrace and support PACE for the promise it holds in delivering tangible continental and global platforms for interdisciplinary creative arts industries in Africa.

Rosemary Mangope, CEO National Arts Council of South Africa, 2018

## PACE Friday 6 July 2018

Time	Description	Title of the show		Venue
12:00 - 19:00	Registration			kykNET Scaena Gallery
18:00 -20:00	First Nation Welcome and PACE Reception	Edward Charles Human, Khoe-San First Nations Ambassador and Lee-Ann Tjunypa Buckskin (AU), a Narungga, Wirang Wotjobaluk woman, Deputy Chair of the Australia Council for the Arts.	ju,	kykNET Scaena Gallery
20:00 - 21:30	Showcase: Full length theater	<i>The Little Prince</i> – Market Theatre SA		kykNET Scaena Theatre
21:30 - 00:00	Opening Night Party	Asanda Mqiki – Arte Viva Management	pl4	ATKV-Boeke-oase Tent
21:30 - 00:00	PACE Lounge: Networ	king		kykNET Scaena PACE Hub



### Tour Ready Up op 60-minutes extracts or complete

professional works by artists and companies.

### Work in Progress Original work at a critical stage in its development.

### **Pitching Sessions** In these sessions artists pitch ideas and concepts

that are in an early stage of development as well as some tour ready works.

### Non-performance Event Events for delegates that are non-performance

based. This includes discussions, networking and morning meetings.

Please note that the schedule is subject to change.



## PACE Saturday 7 July 2018

Time	Description	Title of the show		Venue
07:00 - 17:00	Registration			kykNET Scaena Gallery
7:30 - 10:00	Breakfast			Vrynge Farm (EXR4)
10:00 -12:00	2X Showcase: Theatre Dance	1. <i>4 cups 1 tbsp.</i> – Leanetse Seekoe 2. <i>Go goa Mamoya</i> – Sizakele Mdi	р42 р48	kykNET Scaena Theater
12:00 - 13:00	First Nation Welcome/ Speeches/Keynote	Edward Charles Human, Khoe–San First Nations Ambassador and Lee–Ann Tjunypa Buckskin (AU), a Narungga, Wiran Wotjobaluk woman, Deputy Chair of the Australia Council for the Arts.	gu,	Albert Wessels Auditorium
		The Mobility of the Arts in and from Africa. Chair: Goretti Kyomuhendo, Director, African Writers Trust.		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch			kykNET Scaena PACE Hub
14:00 - 16:00	3X Showcase: Dance, Live art	1. <i>Pollution –</i> Cie Kaddu/Abdoulaye Diallo 2. <i>Spirit Child –</i> YK Projects/Qudus Onikeku 3. <i>In These Streets –</i> Wezile Mgibe	p36 p54 p52	Albert Wessels Auditorium
16:00 - 17:00	Coffee break			kykNET Scaena PACE Hub
17:00 - 19:00	2X Showcase: Music	1. Asanda Mqiki - Arte Viva Management 2. Greet die Hele Land	pl4	ATKV-Boeke-oase Tent
	Music	– HipHopFreaks Youth Development /Farren Campher	pló	
19:00 - 20:00	Dinner			kykNET Scaena PACE Hub
20:00 - 21:00	Showcase: Full length Theatre	<b>Hani: The Legacy – Market Theatre SA</b> See Vrystaat Arts Festival Program p37		kykNET Scaena Theater
21:00 - 00:00	PACE Lounge: Networ	king		kykNET Scaena PACE Hub

## PACE Sunday 8 July 2018

Time	Description	Title of the show		Venue
07:30 - 17:00	Registration			KykNET Scaena Gallery
07:30 - 09:00	Breakfast			Vrynge Farm (EXR4)
08:00 - 09:00	Panel	Show-dem: Efficiency and sidestepping gatekeepers in the African context Chair: Ismail Mohamed, CEO Market Theater Foundation		Vrynge Farm (EXR4)
09:00 -10:15	Pitch presentations	1.The Chibok Girls: Our Story –Renegade Theatre 2.Die Riel van Hip Hop – The Domingo Effect 3. Dear Oliver Tambo – Sipho Mnyakeni 4. The Truth About The Truth – Sylvester Majela 5.Half Leeg – The Pink Couch/Tara Notcutt	р5б р58	Albert Wessels Auditorium
10:15 - 11:00	Morning tea/ Networki	ing / Market place		Vrynge Farm (EXR4/EXR7)
11:00 - 13:00	2X Showcase: One-on-one Theatre Theatre	<b>1. DEURnis – Theatre Rocket</b> For PACE delegates only: To book Individual DEURnis shows on Sunday afternoon please conta Rudi Sadler at info@theatrerocket.com <b>2. Esther's Revenge – Paw Productions</b>		kykNET-REP Theatre
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	<i>Re–Future – Change Makers' Performance</i> – Keith Armstrong		kykNET Scaena PACE Hub
14:00 - 16:00	2X Showcase: Dance	1. Broken Pavement – Jibilika Dance Trust 2. Dances of our Land – Ayanjo Dance Company	р40 р34	Albert Wessels Auditorium
16:00 - 17:00	Coffee break			kykNET Scaena PACE Hub
17:00 - 19:00	2X Showcase: Music Cabaret	1. A Cappella Evolution – Vocal Motion Six (Vmsix) 2. My Nina Simone Trip – A Root and Blossom Productions	p28	ATKV-Boeke-oase Tent
10.00 00.00	Dianar	/Ese Brume	p32	
19:00 - 20:00	Dinner			kykNET Scaena PACE Hub
20:00 - 21:00	Showcase: Full Length Theatre	<i>Womb of Fire</i> – The Mothertongue Project/ Rehane Abrahams	p24	kykNET REP Theatre
21:00 - 00:00	PACE Lounge: Network			kykNET Scaena PACE Hub

21:00 - 00:00 PACE Lounge: Networking

kykNET Scaena PACE Hub

## PACE Monday 9 July 2018

Time	Description	Title of the show	Venue			
07:30 - 17:00	Registration		kykNET Scaena Galleryw			
07:30 - 09:00	Breakfast		Vrynge Farm (EXR4)			
09:00 - 10:30	Panels 1. Setting the Context: How to position art created on the African continent international Chair: Goretti Kyomuhendo, Director, African W					
		2. Developing work for children & young people in Africa Chair: Yvette Hardie, Director ASSITEJ South Africa, International Association for Theatre for Children and Young People				
10:30 - 11:00	Morning tea		Vrynge Farm (EXR4)			
11:00 – 13:00	PITCH speed dating	<b>1. ITAN the Story</b> <b>- Thespian Family Theatre &amp; Productions</b> p63 <b>2. OMO Dumping - Crown Troupe of Africa</b> p38 Plus various others t.b.d.	Vrynge Farm (EXR7)			
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		kykNET Scaena PACE Hub			
14:00 - 15:00	Showcase: Theatre	Ta'Sakena - Noon Creative Enterprise p20	Beyers Naude Gazellie			
15:00 - 15:10	Public and live art	<b>A.I.R (Altitude Immersive Radio) – Julia Drouhin</b> Procession to PACOFS-Soetdoring Gazellie	Beyers Naude Gazellie			
15:10 - 16:00	Showcase: Theatre	Tswalo - TheatreDuo p50	PACOFS-Soetdoring Gazellie			
16:00 - 16:10	Public and live art:	<b>A.I.R (Altitude Immersive Radio) – Julia Drouhin</b> Procession to kykNET Scaena PACE Hub	PACOFS-Soetdoring Gazellie			
16:10 - 16:30	Coffee break		kykNET Scaena PACE Hub			
16:30 - 17:30	Panel	Multi-lingual arts practice in African Theatre: Negotiating difference Chair: Cornelia Faasen: CEO, National Afrikaans Theatre Initiative (NATi)	Vrynge Farm (EXR4)			
16:30 - 17:30	Dinner		kykNET Scaena PACE Hub			
18:30 - 19:30	Transportation to PACOFS for CION					
19:30 - 20:45	Showcase: Full Length Dance	<b>Cion – Vuyani Dance Theatre</b> See Vrystaat Arts Festival Program p34	Sand du Plessis, PACOFS			
20:45 – 21:30	Transportation to campus for closing Night party					
21:30 - 00:00	Closing party: Music	#componentsRW - Afrogroov p30	ATKV-Boeke-oase Tent			
21:30 - 00:00	PACE Lounge: Networ	king	kykNET Scaena PACE Hub			

# PACE delivery team contacts

#### Nike Jonah

Executive Director PACE Tel: +27 (0)65 813 3971 Nike. njonah@mac.com

**Rea Mokone** PACE Administrative Assistant rea.mokone@volksblad.com

#### **Georgina Thomson**

Marketing and Development Manager Tel: +27 (0)82 570 3083 georgina.thomson@volksblad.com

#### Vian Roos

Book Design skryfbehoeftes@gmail.com vianroos.co.za

# **During PACE**

Keep in touch with fellow delegates, artists and the PACE team via Twitter and Facebook:

#### **PACE on Twitter**

- Talk to us @Pacebloem
- Get involved in PACE discussion using #PACEBloem18

#### PACE on Facebook

- Like the page facebook.com/Pacebloem:
- For PACE related links to videos, photos discussion and news.
- Post your own news, photos, videos and thoughts to the wall.

#### **After PACE**

Where possible we will upload photos and videos of artist performances, pitches, PACE discourses and discussions.

### **PACE** founding partners





vrystaat

KUNSTEFEES ARTS FESTIVAL TSA-BOTJHABA

### **PACE** supporters























# **Essential PACE information**

### **Disability access services**

We aim to make the PACE an inclusive event within an accessible environment and will do all we can to support your requirements. If you have mobility access requirements a member of the PACE team will be able to help you plan your journeys between the performance venues. If you have any queries or difficulties with access during the PACE please let our staff at the registration desk know.

### **Complementary activity**

PACE isn't just week of amazing performances – it's a place to share ideas and best practice, to build partnerships and to foster collaboration. It's a time to make new connections and to renew old ones. To this end we've planned a whole host of complementary activities around the shows to make sure that you get the most out of your time in Bloemfontein.

## Networking opportunities

Meet people working towards the same goals as you, and others with a completely fresh perspective, at our speed-dating networking sessions. Join in, don't be shy, and get even more out of PACE. Just don't forget your business cards!

#### **Breakfast meetings**

Saturday 7 July, Sunday 8 July & 9 July, 7.30am–9.00am

Examination Room 4 (EXR4)

Catch up on the previous day's activities, plan the day ahead and welcome any newcomers on day passes. A chance for first time delegates to meet fellow initiates, say hello and forge new connections. Themed informal sessions will offer you a chance to get to know each other better and find out about a range of strategic organisations. Tell the room about your ideas or projects (an Itch) and ask the PACE team any questions before performances commence.

#### **PACE Lounge**

Every evening from 21.30 until late kykNET Scaena PACE Hub Relax after the day's activities in an informal gathering space where you'll have a chance to catch-up with other delegates and wind-down and grab a bite to eat. Enjoy some down time to network, eat and drink together. Great food from on-campus Chef Johan.

#### **PACE Launch**

Friday 6 July, 6.30pm-8pm kykNET Scaena VIP welcome to PACE with a chance to meet representatives from a wide range of organisations and artists.

#### Lunch

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday kykNET Scaena PACE Hub See performance schedule for times and locations Take a break to grab some sandwiches and snacks with other delegates between performances.

#### **PACE Market place**

Sunday 9 July 2018, 9am–12pm Vrynge Farm EXR 7 Meet a wider selection of organisations, artists, festivals and venues that work in or are connected with diverse arts in the Mangaung.

# **PACE discourses**

We have assembled a programme of inspiring and engaging speakers to share some original and personal perspectives on touring arts in, with and from Africa. Take a fresh look at the subject and find out how these ideas can inform your work.

- Setting the Context: How to position art created on the African continent internationally Chair: Goretti Kyomuhendo, Director, African Writers Trust.
- 2. Developing work for children and young people in Africa Chair: Yvette Hardie, Director ASSITEJ South Africa, International Association for Theatre for Children and Young People.
- 3. Show-dem: Efficiency and sidestepping gatekeepers in the African context Chair: Ismail Mohamed, CEO Market Theater Foundation.
- 4. Multi-lingual arts practice in African Theatre: Negotiating difference Chair: Cornelia Faasen; CEO, National Afrikaans Theatre Initiative (NATi).

## **PACE** online

You can find all of the information in this book online at:

panafricancreativeexchange.co.za

# Special thanks

Prof Francis Petersen (University of the Free State), Vrystaat Art Festival staff and interns, Polly Alakija, Natasha Grahame, Lara Jonah, Mo Jonah, Scott Rozman, Eugene Smith, RCSSD, Nadine Patel, Ojoma Ochai, Jahman Anikulapo, Ayo Gainu, ECF, British Council, Boubacar Djiba, Ola Yinka Éboda, Wunmi Ólaiya, Monique Martin, Yemisi Mókuolu, Alliance Francais (Nigeria & Lesotho), Funmi Adewole, Chriss Aghana Nwobu, Guy de Lancey, Qudus Onikeku, Joelle Rauss, David Baile (ISPA), Sarah Gardner, Magdalena Moreno (IFACCA), Theatre Without Borders, Bill Bragin (Globalfest), Boomer Stacy (IPAY), Michael Orlove (NEA), Mercy Nabirye (Once Dance UK), Susanna Seidle-Fox (Salzburg Globál Seminar), Tessa Boerman, Jenni Lewin-Turner, Gwendolyn Tietze, Kayza Rose, Fuse Accountants, Cees de Graaff (Dutch Culture), Jonathan Meth (The FENCE), Yvette Hardie (Assitej), Ismail Mohammed (Market Theatre), Rosemary Mangope, (NAC), Cornelia Faase (NATi), Jerry Mofokeng, Anja Krans, Annabell Lebethe, Brian Robertson, Sade Abiodun, Tim Forde, Beatrice Denis, Isabelle Schwarz, Hassan Mahamdallie, Annette Corbett, Gill Wijnhoven, I.O.F Olaiya, Lola Oremosu, Dave Barnard, Tosin Otudeko, Hilary Carty, Dele Fatunla, Sade Abiodun, Rona Anderson, Davina Lara, Tyron\_Barrington, Brian Robinson, Victoria Amedume, Anike Alfred, Femi Jonah.

# PACE map

#### PACE Venues

- Albert Wessels Auditorium (AWO)
- 🞈 Beyers Naude
- PACOFS Soetdoring
- 🎈 Vrynge Farm
- kykNET Scaena (PACE Hub)
- 🌻 kykNET Rep Theatre

#### University of the Free State PACE Areas

- 🔍 Taxi Rank
- **Q** Harmony Residence

#### University of the Free State Retail Areas

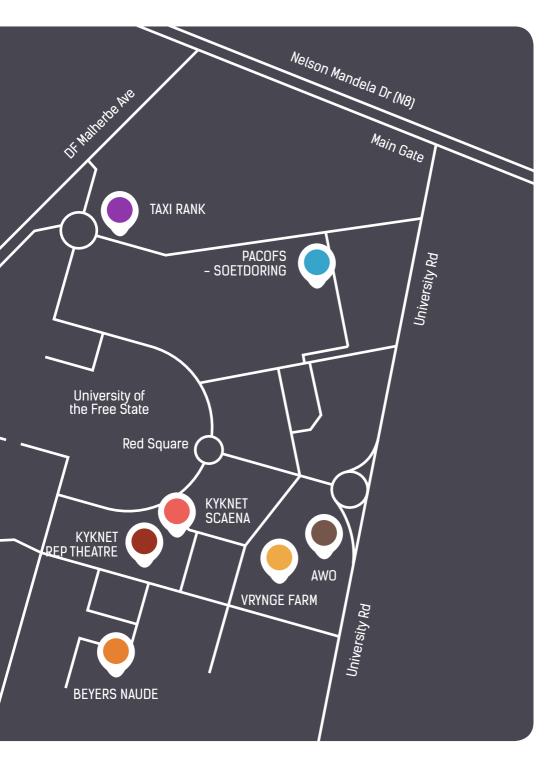
Thakaneng Bridge (Student Shopping Center)



HARMONY RESIDENCE



Scan this QR code to get the PACE map on your phone.



# **ARTE VIVA MANAGEMENT**

#### Contact information

Contact: Nikki Froneman Position: Manager Address: C/O 22 Bournemouth Road, Muizenberg,7945, Western Cape Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 (0) 84 2266 556 Telephone: +27 (0) 84 2266 556 Email: nikki@artevivamanagement.com Web: artevivamanagement.com/asanda-mqiki and asandamqiki.com (in process) Instagram: @asandamqiki Twitter: @asanda\_mqiki Facebook: @asanda.mqiki

Production information

Title piece: Asanda Mqiki Artform: Music Age suitability: 10+ Use of text: No text Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

Key personnel

Lead vocals, composition & lyrics: Asanda Mqiki Manager: Nikki Froneman Drummer: Thoba Goba Bass: Grant Allison First Keys: Mthokozisi Mabuza Second Keys: Qaqambile Qingana Saxophone: Joash Soobramoney Percussionist.

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 850+ seats Appropriate setting: Theatres, music venues, outdoor stages, festivals etc Number of people on tour: 9. (7 musicians, 1 manager, 1 sound engineer) Number of performers on stage: 7 Availability for touring: No touring dates currently confirmed, all dates can be discussed. Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



# ASANDA MQIKI

Arte Viva Management **South Africa** Live Music / Tour Ready

Fri 6 July: 21:30 - 00:00 Sat 7 July: 17:00 - 19:00 ATKV –Boeke-oase (Tent)

Asanda Moiki is a true Afro-Soul revelation. Her music vibrates with visceral emotion, bringing together influences from funk, jazz and traditional genres, including mbaganga and maskandi. Her signature sound phenomenally powerful vocals and quirky personality, brings audiences together... to their feet

From Port Elizabeth, Asanda launched her career as lead singer for top local band Take Note. She has performed regularly with the platinum-selling acapella group, The Soil.

In 2014 she launched her solo career and has subsequently been recognised with various accolades, headlining many festivals. Her debut album, Nobakithi is set for release in July 2018.

"Her music elicits happiness, joy..."

Reviews

"Asanda Mqiki is a vocal force, a true Afro-soul revelation with an insane degree of control over her notes. Emotive and sassy, exuding a jazzy persona unlike anything I've seen she was my best vocal performance of the weekend."

- Texx and the City (Aug 2016)

"Her jazz elicits happiness, joy and the kinda indescribable feel you get when you fit the last piece of a really complex 10000 part puzzle... The band's harmony coupled with the expressive singing of Asanda is difficult to imagine simply on the basis of words...'

- Richard Chemaly, http://milled.co.za/(June 2017)

"The richness of her voice, the generosity of her performance, her versatility and authenticity all astounded me. She was the same lyrical, charismatic and gracious Asanda Moiki, but with more depth and complexity than I could have anticipated...her emotive and often spontaneous way takes nothing away from her skill. She transitions from celebratory to thoughtful, Xhosa to English, Pop to Jazz, seamlessly. Watching her perform was an engaging exercise in feeling and listening deeply."

- Shalom Zamisa, JazzE

### HIPHOPFREAKS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT/ FARREN CLAUD CAMPHER

#### Contact information

Contact: Farren Claud Campher Position: CEO Address: 760 Duiker Road, Bridgton, Oudtshoorn Country: South Africa Email: hiphopfreaks1991@gmail.com Web: hiphopfreaks1991@gmail.com Facebook: @claude.campher

#### Production information

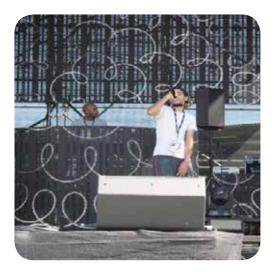
Title piece: Greet Die Hele Land Artform: Music Running time at full length: 60 minutes Age suitability: All ages Use of text: No text Use of music: Recorded, Live

#### Key personnel

Composer/Band Leader/Musician: Farren G Manager / Secretary: Monique Campher Floors Events Floor Manager: Ali G Artist / performer: R - Tec Artist / performer: Tune A Artist / performer: Lincin

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 – 800 seats Appropriate setting: Outdoor Number of people on tour: 15 Number of performers on stage: 5 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### GREET DIE HELE LAND

Hip-Hop Freaks Youth Development South Africa Outdoor / Tour Ready

Sat 7 July: 17:00 – 19:00 ATKV – Boeke-oase (Tent)

Writer, director and performer, Farrren G's style of hip-hop is unique. From his roots in the Cape, he brings emotional and psychological heartache to rap, wanting to breathe life into hip-hop and inspire and entertain young people through his music he hopes to fight negativity, drugs, crime and street mentality. The relationship to young people is central to his work. His number one song, *Die Jeug*, sends out positive messages to young people that they are Africa's future.

Farren G won the 2014 & 2015 Rapper of the Year Award in Eden District and has appeared in the annual festival Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees.

# NICO PHOOKO

#### Contact information

Contact: Nico Phooko Position: Artist Address: 188 Trichardts Road, Parkroad, Boksburg Country: South Africa Email: nico.phooko@gmail.com Web: artmajeur.com/phooko Facebook: @nicophookothemusicpainter

#### Production information

Title piece: Nico Phooko The Music painter Artform: Live Art Running time at full length: 4+ hours Age suitability: All ages Use of text: Light Use of music: Recorded and Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English

#### Key personnel

Composer/Band Leader/Musician: Nico Phooko Set Up Assistant: Marang Phooko

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 – 800 seats Appropriate setting: Indoor, Site Specific, Outdoor, Club, Hall, Theatre Number of people on tour: 1 Number of performers on stage: 1 Availability for touring: 5th to 8th July 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### THE MUSIC PAINTER

Nico Phooko South Africa Live Art / Tour Ready

Fri 6 July, 09:00-20:00 Sat 7 July, 09:00-20:00 Sun 8 July, 09:00-20:00 Mon 9 July, 09:00-20:00 Vrynge Farm

Artist Nico Phooko will engage students, young people, delegates, audiences and the general public, documenting elements of PACE 2018, as it happens.

Nico has painted live on stages throughout South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Swaziland and Botswana, as well as at a range of ceremonies and art biennales nationally and internationally. His work also includes the inaugural Soweto Art Week and the Celebrations of Botswana's 50th Independence.

# **NOON CREATIVE ENTERPRISE**

Contact information

Contact: Nada Sabet Position: Artistic Director / Theater director Address: 57 Misr Helwan Agricultural Road, Maadi, Cairo Country: Egypt Mobile: [+]20111699110 Email: nada@noonenterprise.org Web: nooneterprise.org Facebook: @#NoonCreativeEnterprise

Production information

Title Piece: Ta' Sakena (The Dormant Feminine) Artform: Drama and Theatre Running time at full length: 45 minutes Age suitability: 16+ Use of text: Dense Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English and/or Arabic Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

Key personnel

Director: Nada Sabet Actress: Abeer Soliman Actress: Mona Soliman Actress: Mona EL Shimi Tour Manager: Heba Rifaat Music Tracks: Youssra EL Hawary

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: In the round Number of people on tour: 5 Number of performers on stage: 3 Availability for touring: 9th July 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### Ta' Sakena (The Dormant Feminine)

Noon Creative Enterprise Egypt Theatre / Drama / Tour Ready / Arabic and/or English

Mon 9 July: 14:00 – 15:00 Beyers Naude

*Ta' Sakena*, directed by Nada Shabet, is based on the stories of a year-long residency with female carers of the children who frequent the children's clinic at Abassia Mental Health Hospital. The production takes audiences on a journey of motherhood interrupted by depression and mental health.

A special thanks to the 12 brave women who shared their vulnerability, aches, pains and joys of battling depression and mental health issues and just being female. Your strength humbles us all.

Noon Creative works with a wide variety of groups using the performing arts to develop, educate and raise awareness, connecting and strengthening the performing arts sector and networking opportunities across Egypt. Reviews

"The play is plotless and non-linear, and focuses on retelling the women's stories in a realistic yet highly artistic way. The three actresses take on many different roles that encompass the experiences of the women, providing perspective on the different aspects of Egyptian women's lives." Salma Kamel - Egypt Today -Wed, Dec. 27, 2017, http://bitly/2DceB3H

" I'm very pleased. The play is really nice. It does justice to our stories and there were no mistakes. They intertwined our stories together so the audience wouldn't separate them and sympathise with one over the others. The message it left us with was really beautiful."

- One of the women who participated in the perofmarnce after attending, December 2017

"For a thousand nights, Scheherazade resorted to her tales to keep herself alive. She embodied the role of the storyteller which gave her control over the source from which the narrative came and the course it took and she derived power from the stories until Shahryar sheathed his sword, allowing her to elude death. Following *A Thousand and One Nights*, which can be considered a purely feminist fantasy, came a succession of a great number of feminist texts that may be considered metaphorically a plan to restore the balance of power amongst men. Storytelling and narration continue to seduce women until today. The peroformance *Ta Sakena* offers various stories which in turn proivde a number of propositions that can be further explored".

- Samar Hady El Khashaba, http://bit.ly/2EPdgAi

# **THEATRE ROCKET**

Contact information

Contact: Rudi Sadler Position: Producer Address: 1164 Terblance Street, Moregloed, 0186, Pretoria Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 82 464 2113 Email: info@theatrerocket.com Instagram: @deurnis Twitter: @deurnis Facebook: @deurnis

Production information

Title piece: DEURnis one-on-one theatre Artform: Theatre and Drama Running time at full length: 20 minutes per play, 90 minutes per experience (three plays including intervals) Age suitability: 16+ Use of text: Dense Use of music: Recorded and Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English and Afrikaans Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

Key personnel

Producer and director: Rudi Sadler Producer and director: Johan van der Merwe

#### Touring information

Number of people on tour: 5 to 14 Number of performers on stage: One at a time (but nine simultaneously) Availability for touring: Preferably after November 2018, but negotiable Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



## DEURnis

Theatre Rocket **South Africa** Theatre / Drama / Tour Ready / Afrikaans

Sun 8 July: 11:00 – 13:00 kykNET Rep Theatre

DEURnis (combining DEUR (door) and compassion), is an award-winning, intimate and immersive theatre experience – theatre between one actor and audience member, moving between rooms to see three short plays, filled with compassion, addressing everyday social issues.

DEURnis started as an experiment first staged in a house in October 2016. After a sold-out run, it was expanded to 12 new plays, performed at the Aardklop National Arts Festival, 2017 (nominated for Best Overall Production), Pretoria (2018), Vrystaat Arts Festival (2018) and Aardklop 2018. In 2018 DEURnis won the 2018 kykNet Blue Fiêsta Theatre Award.

#### Reviews

"On the night I was persuaded to watch their four miniplays, I was bowled over. They all deal with social issues on some level, experiences that in some way would have touched any viewer. For those who want theatre rather than something gimmicky which is determined by the very nature of this project, the substance is in the writing, the performance and the direction." "In this season, all the performers are young, some with more acting experience than others, but one viewing confirms that there performances will benefit their growth exponentially. There is nothing developmental about this season and that's what's so exciting - the potential in the future for everyone working and those watching, is huge. Word of mouth will quickly underline their professional stance ad see even more audiences experiment with this novelty, which gives much more than it suggests, on every level." "It was thrilling stuff, very intense, but the thing that really excited me were the scripts, the direction and the performances. That's theatre!"

– Diane de Beer (reviewer and arts writer) The Star / Pretoria News, 8 November 2016

"Often, when watching theatre, the juxtaposition of the 'real' and the 'symbolic' finds audience members oscillating between the two as they try to maintain their suspension of disbelief. The use of rooms in the house as sites of performance invoked this theatrical paradox where two worlds simultaneously exist in the same time-space continuum. The close physical proximity between performer and audience member, the intimate feel of entering a private space (someone's room or bathroom) and the relatively small size of these rooms blurred the porous boundaries between these worlds and more often than not, collapsed the theatrical paradox. The wor(l)ds that the performers conjured up by interweaving text, site, scenic devices, narratives, symbols, images, emotions fand an audience member) captured a life-moment in time and space that was made almost tangible through the experiential and embodied relational engagement with the audience member that the actor and performance invoked. Feeling a performer's breath, the wetness of water, or the touch of a hand layers the performances with sensory depth. Invoking visceral, bodily and sensory responses in addition to the profoundly emotive texts, created an intimacy and empathetic engagement that ruptured the boundary between audience and actor. and that continually questioned the subject position of the audience member. Moreover, the immersion that the intimacy and viscerality of these emotionally compelling experiences facilitated awakened the 'compassion' that the title alludes to. If I had to dissect 'intimacy,' I would see DEURnis bleed through its body."

 Prof. Marié-Heleen Coetzee (Acting head of the Drama Department, University of Pretoria, South Africa) The Theatre Times, 23 November 2016

### "DEURnis was an experience that lingered with the judging panel long after the performances."

– Johan van Lill Convenor, kykNET Fiësta Theatre Awards 2018

#### "It was a life-changing experience."

– André Wolmarans Audience member

# THE MOTHERTONGUE PROJECT

#### Contact information

Contact: Rehane Abrahams Position: co-director of Mothertongue in this show- writer/performer Address: 3 Cavendish Square, Woodstock, Capetown Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 72 183 7866 Email: sara.matchett@uct.ac.za Web: mothertongue.co.za Instagram: @themothertongueproject Twitter: /@MothertongueP Facebook: /@TheMotherTongueProject

#### Production information

Title piece: Womb of Fire Artform: Theatre and Drama Running time at full length: 60 Minutes Age suitability: 14+ Use of text: Dense Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English, yes although we have performed with surtitles in Kerala, India Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Key personnel

Writer/performer: Rehane Abrahams Director: Sara Matchett Vocalist: Lukhanyiso Skosana Designer: Craig Leo Stage Manager: Kanya Viljoen

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: Studio Number of people on tour: 4 Number of performers on stage: 2 Availability for touring: From January 2019 onwards Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



## WOMB OF FIRE

The Mothertongue Project South Africa Theatre / Drama / Tour Ready / English

Sun 8 July: 20:00 – 21:00 kykNET Rep Theatre

Womb of Fire weaves the lives and journeys of three dynamic women in history and Hindu mythology. Rehan Abrahams portrays Indian feminist icon, Draupadi; Kohekhoen Zara, employed as a servant from youth and, Grote Katrijn, the first female bandit slave banished to the Cape.

The play reaches back and forth across time, following Katrijn's journey across India to Batavia (Jakarta) to Cape Town in 1600's; Zara's brief life, violently punished posthumously by the DutchEast India Company for her crime of suicide and the outspoken Indian deity, Draupadi.

Premiered at the National Arts Festival, Grahamstown, Womb of Fire has been nominated for three awards. The Mothertongue Project, a collective of women artists, is committed to personal and social transformation through participatory theatre and integrated arts.

#### Reviews

"Unutterably beautiful, inexorably painful, it's a production that leaves one floundering for breath after its startling conclusion" by Karen Rutter for Weekend Special who goes on to describe Rehane Abraham's performance as "engrossing" and "charismatic". "Womb of Fire is richly rewarding and starkly relevant. It'll stay with you a long time after leaving the theatre ..."

Read the full review: http://bit.ly/2Hf1hNX

#### "Eviscerating, best describes this remarkable piece of theatre which holds it's audience in thr all for an hour."

 Beverly Brommert, https://www. pressreader.com/@Sara\_Matchett/ csb\_Pxjr174g3AvdBSoxLPi3\_XKBR2ZEfGnNmVmNN\_JfPR8

### "The team has created an embodied mode of storytelling that is raw, honest and urgent."

- Swati Arora in The Hindu Bussiness Line 28 April 2018, https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/blink/watch/ wombs-of-fire-body-language/article23694760.ece

#### "Provocative, Bold, Challenging."

 Orielle Berry in Cape Times 18 April 2018, https://www.pressreader.com/@Sara\_Matchett/ csb\_Pxjr174g3AvdBSoxLPi3\_TWCoIEV2eum-HW2IH7Wr11

# **RENEGADE THEATRE**

Contact information

Contact: Wole Oguntokun Position: Artistic Director Address: 1b Mike Adegbite St, Lekki Phase One, Lagos Country: Nigeria Email: laspapi@yahoo.com Web: renegadetheatreng.com Instagram: @Theatre Republic Twitter: @nigeriantheatre Facebook: @Renegade Theatre

Production information

Title piece: The Chibok Girls: Our Story Artform: Theatre Running time at full length: 60 minutes Age suitability: All ages Use of text: Medium Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

Key personnel

Writer / Director: Wole Oguntokun Performer: Meg Otanwa Performer: Leelee Byoma Performer: Tobi Igbenoba Drummer: Tayo Sam Oluwasogba

Touring information

Appropriate setting: Theatre Number of people on tour: 5 Number of performers on stage: 4 Availability for touring: August 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes



### THE CHIBOK GIRLS: OUR STORY

Renegade Theatre **Nigeria** Theatre / Drama / Tour Ready / English

Sun 8 July: 9:00 – 10:15 Albert Wessels Auditorium

Based on testimonies of the Chibok (Boko Haram) survivors, *The Chibok Girls* uses theatre, music, song, dance to depict the chaos engulfing the communities of Nigeria's North–East and the impact of one of the world's most deadly terror campaigns on its' most likely victims – women and children.

Written and directed by Wole Oguntokun, The Chibok Girls, supported by the Delegation of the European Union to Nigeria and ECOWAS, has performed in Nigeria and at Ubumuntu Arts Festival, Rwanda.

Since 2016, Renegade Theatre has been resident at Theatre Republic, Lagos, presenting work at numerous festivals, including the Edinburgh Fringe.

# **VOCAL MOTION SIX (VMSIX)**

Contact information

Contact: Miyoba Chizyuka Position: Founding member Mobile: +27 81 228 1163 Email: vocalmotionsix@gmail.com Twitter: @Vocalmotion six Facebook: @VMSIX

Production information

Title piece: A Cappella Evolution Artform: Music Running time at full length: 1 hour, 20 minutes Age suitability: All ages Use of text: No text Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

Key personnel

Performer / arranger / composer / composer: Mwaka Chizyuka Performer: Jones Mmario Performer / Arranger / composer: Vasco Mario Performer: Paulo Nhanga Correia Sound engineer: Reagen Chimine

Touring information

Scale of show: 850+ seats Appropriate setting: Indoor Number of people on tour: 6 Number of performers on stage: 5 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes





Vocal motion Six (Vmsix) Namibia Music / Tour Ready

Sun 8 Jul, 17:00 – 19:00 ATKV – Boeke – oase

Anyone who has not experienced the phenomenon of *Vocal motion Six (Vmsix)* cannot imagine the profound effect and the spirit of this group – the richness of the lead vocals and tight harmony is Vmsix trade mark.

Namibia based, Vmsix have been making music since 1999, touring locally, nationally and internationally providing exhilarating music at concerts and festivals. The company has received 14 national and 13 international awards and recorded over 100 songs.

# AFROGROOV

Contact information

Contact: Kirenga Karengera Eric Position: Founder / Creative Director Address: Root House, KG 548 n44, Kacyiru Kigali Country: RWANDA Mobile: +(250) 784 999 402 Telephone: +(250) 784 999 402 Email: afro.components@gmail.com Web: afrogroov.com/components/ Instagram: @afrogroov/?hl=en Twitter: @afrogroov

Production information

Title piece: #componentsRW - A collaborative live mixtape Artform: Spoken Word, Music, Combined Arts Running time at full length: 40 min Age suitability: All Ages Use of text: Medium Use of music: Recorded and Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English

Key personnel

Vocal, Dance Rap: Angell Mutoni Inanga instrumentalist: Deo Munyakazi Rap, MC: Mazimpaka Chegueverra DJ Producer: Eric Soul Keyz / Vocals: Mike Kayihura

#### Touring information

Appropriate setting: Outdoor / indoor / stage / theatre Number of people on tour: up to 7 Number of performers on stage: 5 Availability for touring: To be determined Suitable for rural touring: Yes (Need of power supply) Outreach and educational work: Yes



### #componentsRW

Afrogroov **Rwanda** Spoken Word / Music / Work in Progress / English

Mon 9 July: , 21:30 - 00:00 ATKV - Boeke-oase (Tent)

*#componentsRW*, a collaborative project initiated by Rwandese DJ & Music curator Kirenga Karengera also known as DJ Eric Soul, brings together a network of creative power-houses from Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda and UK.

Rwandese sounds, culture and artistry are yet to be unearthed, discovered and shared with the world.

### A ROOT AND BLOSSOM PRODUCTION / ESE BRUME

#### Contact information

Contact: Ese Brume Position: Founder and Creative Director Address: House 3, Ottasona Estate,Oba Yesufu Abiodun Road, Oniru, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigerian Country: Nigeria Mobile: 080 2222 0049 Telephone: 080 2222 0049 Email: ireti.bakare@gmail.com Twitter: @Roots&Blossom Productions

#### Production information

Title piece: My Nina Simone Trip Artform: Theatre and Drama, Music Running time at full length: Thour Age suitability: 16+ Use of text: Dense Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Key personnel

Writer and Performer: Ese Brume Musician & Percussionst: Wura Samba Musician (Pianist): Joshua Adeniji Musician (Guitarist): Oluwatosin Oguntayo Director: Najite Dede Production Manager: Angela Peters Make-up/Stage Manager: Gift Francis Okpa Lighting Designer: Matthew Yusuf Set Designer: Abolore Sobayo Marketing Publicity: Ireti Bakare

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: Both indoor and outdoor Number of people on tour: 9 Number of performers on stage: 5 Availability for touring: 8th July - onwards Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### MY NINA SIMONE TRIP

A Root and Blossom Production **Nigeria** Theatre / Drama / Work in Progress / English

Sun 8 July: 17:00 – 19:00 ATKV – Boeke-oase (Tent)

My Nina Simone Trip is a journey of the love, passion, pain and the complexities of the inimitable music, art and life of Nina Simone, written and performed by bi-lingual award-winning actress and vocalist, Ese Brume, a lifelong fan of Nina Simone.

A bold and fresh embodiment of the intricacies of Nina Simone, as known to her fans across the globe.

With live music, distinguished director, Najite Dede directs Brume in a dense rendering of the many layers of Simone's complex and byzantine life.

This one-woman show is framed by Simone's music, against a tapestry of dramatic narratives.

# AYANJO DANCE COMPANY

#### Contact information

Contact: Omolade Dalmas Position: Artistic Director Address: 33 Eyiaro Street, Ogudu, Lagos Country: NIGERIA Mobile: +2348032886452 Telephone: +2348032817517 Email: info@ayanjodanceart.com Web: ayanjodanceart.com Instagram: @ayanjoart Twitter: @ayanjoart Facebook: @ayanjoart

Production information

Title piece: Dances Of Our Land Artform: Combined Arts Running time at full length: 45 Minutes Age suitability: All ages Use of text: No text Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: Yes

Key personnel

Artistic Director: Dalmas Omolade Admin/HR: Obadigie Favourite Assistant Director Music: Akinbuli Oladimeji Assistant Director Dance: Ogwen Buba Julie Props/Wardrobe: Affiong Tom Helen Assistant Choreographer: Abideen Babatunde

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 850+ seats Appropriate setting: Studio, Outdoor Number of people on tour: 21 Availability for touring: 7th, 8th and 9th of May 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### DANCES OF OUR LAND

Ayanjo Dance Company **Nigeria** Dance / Work in progress / English & Nigerian

Sun 8 July: 14:00 – 16:00 Albert Wessels Auditorium

Nigeria of plenty cultures, In relations with each other, Glittering her beauty to the world, Her cultural heredity and image, One people with positive ambition. Integrity and value is our watch words, Intangible value of our dance evoke, Educate and entertain. This DANCE OF OUR LAND.

Lagos based Ayanjo Dance creates a celebratory, culturally based work, embracing West African dance styles with use of chants, language and drums. The company has represented Nigeria, promoting traditional culture, on various world stages.

### CIE KADDU / ABDOULAYE DIALLO

#### Contact information

Contact: Abdoulaye Diallo Country: Senegal Mobile: +22177216635 Email: laye-diallo2@hotmail.com Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/abdallahh\_officiel/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/

#### Production information

Title piece: Pollution Artform: Music, Theatre and Drama, Spoken Word, Dance and Combined Arts Running time at full length: 14+ Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English

#### Key personnel

Choreographer: Abdoulaye Diallo Co-chogreographer: Omar Sene Spoken Word: Afristyl Administration: Gacirah Diagne

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 850+ seats Appropriate setting: Studio, Outdoor, Site Specific, Club Availability for touring: Free Suitable for rural touring: Yes



# **POLLUTION**

Cie Kaddu **Senegal** Dance / Work in Progress / English

Sat 7 July: 14:00 – 16:00 Albert Wessels Auditorium

Dancer and choreographer, Abduoulaye Diallo's fast moving hip hop solo production, *Pollution*, explores the issues of contamination on African streets – the cause of sickness. The piece provides progressive stimuli for audiences to reflect and look at the solutions of re-cyling and employment.

# **CROWN TROUPE OF AFRICA**

#### Contact information

Contact: Adefila Segun Position: Artistic Director Address: 26 Ayo Ola Lawal Street, Ilaje, Bariga, Lagos State Country: Nigeria Mobile: +8023049128 Email: olomuaperan@yahoo.com Web: crowntroupeofafrica.com/ Instagram: @crowntroupeofafrica Twitter: @troupe\_coupe Facebook: @crowntroupeofafrica

#### Production information

Title piece: OMO DUMPING Artform: Theatre and Drama Running time at full length: 25 minutes Age suitability: All Ages Use of text: Light Use of music: Recorded and Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Key personnel

Artistic Director: Segun Adefila Stage Manager: Joy Akrah Dance Captain: Rasheed Ibrahim Business Manager: Eseosa Eguamwense Percussionist: Michael Kayode Artists: Catherine Odiong; Sunmisola Taiwo Percussionists: Damilare Mosaku; Abimbola Out; Gloria Oghenejakpo

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 850+ seats Appropriate setting: Indoor and Outdoor Number of people on tour: 10 Number of performers on stage: 7 Availability for touring: From July 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes



# **OMO DUMPING**

Crown Troupe of Africa **Nigeria** Theatre / Drama / Work in Progress

Mon 9 July: 11:00 – 13:00 Vrynge Farm Examination Room 7

Uncontrolled urbanization and the demise of rural life, set the background for this multi-dimensional performance by the well known contemporary ensemble, Crown Troupe.

Omo Dumping, meaning poor people in the ghetto living on leftovers dumped on refuse sites, is a research based performance piece of dance, music, drama, poetry, installation and photography. Fusing together these elements, Omo Dumping reflects the multifaceted reality of the mega city, addressing, with humour, the serious aspects of city life.

Founded in 1996, Crown Troupe's artists, mainly from the local community of Bariga, Lagos, share a common belief that the arts are a viable tool for social rejuvenation.

Reviews

"The multi-dimensional approach of the artists reflected the multi-facetted reality of the mega city Lagos. Omo Dumping addressed a serious topic but not without a hint of humour for the audiences at the Universities of Ile-Ife and Ibadan."

- Daily Trust Newspaper, https://www.dailytrust.com.ng/ weekly/index.php/arts-extra/6180-reclaiming-africathrough-an-artists-eye-chukwumah December 11 2009

# **JIBILIKA DANCE TRUST**

#### Contact information

Contact: Vera Chisvo Position: Project Manager Address: B2C Batanai Gardens, Corner Jason Moyo and 1st Street, Harare Country: Zimbabwe Mobile: +263772844613 Email: jibilika@gmail.com Web: jibilika.org Twitter: @jibilika Facebook: @jibilika

Production information

Title Piece: Broken Pavement Artform: Combined Arts Running time at full length: 40 minutes Age suitability: All Ages Use of text: Light Use of music: Recorded and Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: Audio description and capturing

Key personnel

Author: Blessing Fire Co-Author: Plot Mhako Director: Blessing Fire Music Director: Nyahsa Gwari Choreographer: Felix Mwale Choreographer: Sylvester Shonhiwa

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 850+ seats Appropriate setting: Theatre Number of people on tour: 10 Number of performers on stage: 7 Availability for touring: 5th to 12th July 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### BROKEN PAVEMENT

Jibilika Dance Trust Zimbabwe Combined Arts / Work in Progress

#### Sat 7 July: 14:00 – 16:00 Albert Wessels Auditorium

This highly energetic dance-theatre piece is inspired by the real life story of Blessing 'Christyles' Fire, a disabled dancer who defied the odds to become one of the most sort after B-Boys in Zimbabwe.

Blessing's story, constantly battling discriminatory society and practice, is one of triumph, where dance conquers disability.

Broken Pavement fuses Hip-hop, B-boy, contemporary dance and spoken word, music and mbira.

Initially developed from the documentary of the life of Blessing Fire, in 2016 it became a 15 minute dance theatre production, performing at the hip-hop Shoko Festival, Jibilika Dance Festival and after, under director, Brian Geza, was presented at Harare International Festival of the Arts. Reviews

ZIMBOJAM http://www.zimbojam.com/ breaking-emotions-pavement/

### "4GO10 Tribe left the audience in awe and yearning for more"

- Zimbojam, http://www.zimbojam.com/not-brokenthings-useless-says-blessing-fire/#more-21708

### "The audience was awestruck, soaking in his expressive b-boy moves."

- ThislsAfrica, https://thisisafrica.me/tag/4go10-tribe/

"Another piece Broken Pavement, performed by Forgotten Tribe, a dancing ensemble with two disabled members, wowed the crowd receiving a standing ovation at the end."

- Newsday, https://www.newsday.co.zw/2016/08/29/ jibilika-festival-takes-mutare-storm/

"Among the work being featured at the 2016 Shoko Festival, billed as Zimbabwe's biggest festival of urban culture, is that of a dancer who was never expected to walk."

- Blantyre Post Malawi, http://blantyrepost.com/index.php/ category/4go10-tribe/

# **LEANETSE SEEKOE**

Contact information

Contact: Leanetse Seekoe Position: Performer/ Writer Address: 07 Larkspur Place, Vincent Heights, 5427, East London Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 79 925 6389 Email: leanetse@gmail.com Instagram: @LEASEEKO0E Facebook: @LEASEEKOE

Production information

Title piece: 4 Cups 1 TBSP Artform: Theatre and Drama Running time at full length: 60 minutes Age suitability: 16+ Use of text: Dense Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English and Setswana Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Key personnel

Writer/Performer: Letshego Seekoe Production Manager: Lesego Baloyi Choreographer: Motlotlo Makhobotloane

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: Theatre space/Studio Number of people on tour: 3 Number of performers on stage: 1 Availability for touring: 20 October – End of December 2018 Suitable for rural touring: No Outreach and educational work: Yes



### 4 CUPS 1 TBSP

Leanetse Seekoe **South Africa** Theatre / Drama / Work in Progress / English & Setswana

Sat 7 July: 10:00 – 12:00 kykNET Scaena

4 Cups 1 Tbsp is a spiritual awakening of Black womanhood, told through dance and poetic narration. It is the story of history repeating itself generational curses being offered to the lives of women who endure the challenges of social issues historical exoticism and the suffocation of Black women's anatomy are revealed

4 Cups 1 Tbsp, created in 2017, is Leanetse Seiko's debut performance. She is currently writing a new piece to be staged at Bloemfontein later in 2018.

# **PAW STUDIOS**

#### Contact information

Contact: Kenneth Uphopho Position: Writer and Director Address: 4 Adesoye Street, Mende, Maryland Ileja, Lagos Country: Nigeria

Mobile: +2348188132198 Telephone: +2348034448812 Email: kennethuphopho@gmail.com Instagram: @pawstudiosnigeria Twitter: @pawstudios Facebook: @pawstudios

Production information

Title piece: Esther's Revenge Artform: Combined arts Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English

Key personnel

Writer & Director: Kenneth Uphopho Producer: Brenda Fashugba

Touring information

Scale of show: 20 – 30 seats Number of people on tour: 5 Number of performers on stage: 2 Outreach and educational work: Yes



### ESTHER'S REVENGE

PAW Studios **Nigeria** Theatre / Drama / Work in Progress / English

Sun 8 July: 11:00 – 13:00 kyk NET Rep Theatre

*Esther's Revenge* is an experiential play inspired by true life events.

Set in the 1950's, it tells the story of Esther, who was in love, with the promise of marriage to Mark Hall – a marriage that would break the racial barriers of a colonial era. Esther murdered her white lover, after she discovered he had used money she loaned him, to marry an English bride.

*Esther's Revenge* explores themes around racism, politics and social injustice.

The Performing Arts Workshop and Studios is a theatre production company based in Lagos, committed to promoting socially relevant debate using the performance arts.

# SIZAKELE MDI

Contact information

Contact: Sizakele Mdi Position: Choreographer Address: 29 krygs str, Fleurdal, 9301, Bloemfontein Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 79 574 1619 Email: sizakelemdi@ymail.com Facebook: @Sizakele Nontuthuzelo Mdi

#### Production information

Title piece: Go goa Mamoya Artform: Dance Running time at full length: 20 minutes Age suitability: All ages Use of text: No text Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: Audio Description

#### Key personnel

Choreographer: Sizakele Mdi Technical manager: Phindile Mdi Stage manager: Mamoya Pompie Dancer: Thabo Moroe

#### Touring information

Appropriate setting: Indoor theatre and site specific Number of people on tour: 5 Number of performers on stage: 2 Touring availability: 8th July 2018 Is your performance suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### GO GOA MAMOYA

Sizakele Mdi South Africa Dance / Work in Progress

Sat 7 July: 11:00 – 12:00 kykNET Scaena

Inspired by Zakes Mda's *She Plays With the Darkness*, Choreographer, Sizakele Mdi looks at the relationship of twins who have a behaviour disorder, one that is prevalent in her community, but is looked at as a spiritual defect.

In 2016, Go goa Mamoya started as an incubator project, winning Best Dance production. In 2017, it went on to perform at Wushwini Theatre, Durban, The Opera House, Port Elizabeth and The John Kani Theatre at the Market Theatre, Johannesburg, where it won three awards. Later it was performed at The State Theatre and at the Grahamstown Arts Festival.

# **THEATRE DUO**

Contact information

Contact: Mahlatsi Mokgonyana Position: Director Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 61 849 4380 Email: theatreduo@yahoo.com Facebook: @theatreduo

Production information

Title piece: Tswalo Artform: Theatre and Drama Running time at full length: 50 minutes Age suitability: 14+ Use of text: Dense Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Key personnel

Director and Lighting Designer: Mahlatsi Mokgonyana Performer and writer: Billy Langa Sound Designer and Composer: John Withers Stage Manager: Frans Mandilakhe

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: Studio Number of people on tour: 3 Number of performers on stage: 1 Availability for touring: November 18th 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### **TSWALO**

Theatre Duo **South Africa** Theatre / Drama / Work in Progress / English

#### Mon 9 July: 15:10 – 16:00 PACOFS – Soetdpring

From the directors of the Naledi Theatre Award Nominee, Just Antigone, comes *Tswalo*, a tale interrogating the rules that govern life: power, creation, politics, connection, intertwined through prose, poetry and physical storytelling.

In *Tswalo*, the performer's expression of his spiritual 'Source' gives the audience a baton to walk through their own paradigm of ontology, begging the questions of being, becoming and unbecoming.

*Tswalo* is a collaboration between the Johannesburg theatre making Duo, Billy Langa (writer and performer), Mahlatsi Mokgonyana (director and lighting designer) and Cape Town based sound designer and musician, John Withers.

#### Reviews

"Mystical made manifest"

-The Critter, http://thecritter.co.za/ tswalo-mystical-made-manifest/

#### "This is what theatre should, and can be."

- Weekend Special, https://weekendspecial.co.za/ tswalo-theatre-arts-admin-collective/

#### "World-Class performance..."

- Theatre scene Cape Town, https://www.theatrescenecpt. co.za/single-post/2017/10/04/CTFringe17-Tswalo%C3%AC

# WEZILE MGIBE

Contact information

Contact: Wezile Mgibe Position: Artist Address: 208 Ralo Street, KwaMagxaki, 6201, Port Elizabeth Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 74 424 0374 Email: wezilemgibe@gmail.com Web: wezilemgibe.simplesite.com Instagram: @wezilem Twitter: @Wezile Mgibe Facebook: @Wezile Mgibe Art

Production information

Title piece: In These Streets Artform: Live Art, Combined Art Running time at full length: 20-25 minutes Age suitability: 14+ Use of text: No text Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: Audio description

Key personnel

Sound and Technical: Tobela Fudu Costume Design: Thuso Leseli

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: Outdoor, Site Specifc. Number of people on tour: 2 Number of performers on stage: 1 Availability for touring: September 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



## IN THESE STREETS

Wezile Mgibe South Africa Outdoor site specific / Work in Progress

#### Sat 7 July: 14:00 – 16:00 Albert Wessels Auditorium

If we can face and forgive our own challenging realities, how can we overcome our fears and the journey of being brave enough to leave the familiar?

An exploration interrogating the dynamics of site, culture and place; an invitation to be part of a journey of self-discovery, internal healing, which all humans undergo.

Wizeile is a musician, theatre maker, dancer and choreographer. Commissioned in 2016, *In These Streets* has performed at Vrystaat Arts Festival, Bloemfontein; UMANYANO Women's Festival, Port Elizabeth; Gallery of University of Stellenbosch.

#### Reviews

http://www.plett-tourism.co.za/events/art-i-wezile-mgibe/

https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/ the-herald-south-africa/20170823/282226600846051

http://artstate.co.za/who-art-in-hoffman-square/

# **YK PROJECTS**

#### Contact information

Contact: Lucille Haddad Position: production and diffusion manager Country: Nigeria Mobile: +2348092069022 Email: production@ykprojects.com Web: qudusonikeku.com Facebook: @QDanceCenter

#### Production information

Title of Piece: Spirit Child Artform: Dance Running time at full length: 1 Hour Age suitability: 10+ Use of text: No text Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English

#### Key personnel

Guitarist and composer: Olatunde Obajeun Flutist and composer: Habeeb Ayodedji Drummer: Abiodun Fabiyi

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 – 800 seats Appropriate setting: Studio, outdoor, site specific, club etc. Number of people on tour: Studio, outdoor, site specific, club etc. Number of performers on stage: 1 Dancer 3 Musicians Availability for touring: June 2019 Outreach and educational work: Yes



### **SPIRIT CHILD**

YK Projects **Nigeria** Dance / Work in Progress

Sat 7 July: 14:00 – 16:00 Albert Wessels Auditorium

Choreographer and Dancer, Qudus Onikeku's new creation, *Spirit Child*, is a solo piece with three musicians, inspired by Azaro, the main character in Ben Okri's novel, The Famished Road.

After living in France, in 2018 Onikeku returned home to Nigeria, to undertake his next phase of artistic research on body and memory.

Investigating his own dispositions, in *Spirit Child*, Onikeku presents a metaphor on rediscovering existence.

His company, YK Projects was set up in 2008 in Lagos, since when he has toured extensively across the world and launched Dance Gathering, a two week master class culminating in performances, discussions and workshops.

### SMILE MUSIC / SIPHO MNYAKENI

#### Contact information

Contact: Sipho Mnyakeni Position: Director Address: 297 Park Avenue, Jan Wilkens Street, Bayswater, 9301, Bloemfontein Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 76 313 7875 Telephone: 0763137875 Email: impactc2020@gmail.com Web: smilemusic.co.za Instagram: @msayphoz Twitter: @msayphoz Facebook: @DearOliverTambo

Production information

Title piece: Dear Oliver Tambo Artform: Theatre and Drama, Live Art Running time at full length: The Pitch is 10 minutes (The production is 60 minutes) Age suitability: All ages Use of text: Dense Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: Theatre Number of people on tour: 20 Number of performers on stage: 16 Availability for touring: July 2018 Suitable for rural touring: Yes



### DEAR OLIVER TAMBO

Smile Music **South Africa** Theatre / Drama / Pitch / English

Sun 8 July: 9:00 – 10:15 Albert Wessels Auditorium

With drama, poetry and music from the freedom struggles of South Africa, a young girl learns more about the great Oliver Tambo. She taps into the wisdom of this gallant leader to confront challenges facing the country today and to effect change in her community.

It pays tribute to the many known and unsung heroes of the South African struggle for liberation – Oliver Tambo to Nelson Mandela and Albertina Sisulu, taking a critical look at South Africa today.

*Dear Oliver Tambo* has toured across South Africa, recently being one of the highlights of the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown.

### SYLVESTER THAMSANQA MAJELA

Contact information

Contact: Sylvester Thamsanqa Majela Position: Co-choreographer Address: Chris Hani Street, Phase 3, 9301, Bloemfontein Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 73 251 7011 Email: thamimajela@gmail.com Instagram: @Lajema Kreative Facebook: @Lajema Kreative

Production information

Title piece: The Truth about the Truth Artform: Dance Running time at full length: 10 Min Age suitability: All Ages Use of text: Light Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Key personnel

Co-choreographer/Performer: Sylvester Thamsanqa Majela Co-choreographer/Performer: Tshediso Kabula Technician: Johannes Tsimane Mokirisi

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 – 800 seats Appropriate setting: Stage or Studio Number of people on tour: 3 Number of performers on stage: 2 Availability for touring: Anytime after the presentation, the production is available anytime. Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TRUTH

Sylvester Thamsanqa Majela / Tshediso Kabula **South Africa** Dance / Pitch

Sun 8 July: 9:00 – 10:15 Albert Wessels Auditorium

A duet, co-choreographed and performed by Sylvester Thamsanga Majela and Tshediso Kabula, *The Truth About the Truth* merges cultural and contemporary practice of society, to discover the sensitivity of customs, masculinity and gender in a contemporary era.

Sylvester Thamsanqa Majela is a classically trained choreographer, who has worked and toured with numerous choreographers internationally and nationally. His works have been presented in Switzerland, Basel and other cities. His company, Lajema Kreative, focuses on collaborations and new work. A trained contemporary dancer, Tshediso Kabula's Afro Urban Junction Dance is based in Durban, where he runs classes in different genres teaching independent dancers.

# THE DOMINGO EFFECT

Contact information

Contact: Shihaam Domingo Position: Shihaam Domingo Address: Shihaam Domingo, Retreat, 7945, Cape Town Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 83 347 7808 Telephone: +27 217071402 Email: shihaamdomingo7@gmail.com Instagram: @shihaam\_domingo Facebook: @Shihaam\_Domingo

Production information

Title piece: Die Riel Van Hip Hop Artform: Music, dance and spoken word Running time at full length: 1 Hour Age suitability: All ages Use of text: Medium Use of music: Live Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: Afrikaans Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

Key personnel

Creative Director: Shihaam Domingo Musical Director: Camillo Lombard Hip Hop Musical Director: Deon Daniels Ready D Director: Elton Landrew

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 850+ Appropriate setting: State Theatre or Out Door Stage Number of people on tour: 23 Number of performers on stage: 21 Availability for touring: 2019, 2020 Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



### DIE RIEL VAN HIP HOP

The Domingo Effect **South Africa** Dance / Pitch / Afrikaans

Mon 9 July: 11:00 – 13:00 Vrynge Farm (EXR7)

With the fusion of dance, live music and spoken word and with elements of Hip Hop, *Die Riel Van Hip Hop*, winner of the Best Afrikaans Musical, 2017, brings together 3 diverse musicians. Looking at pressing world issues, the production reflects the beauty of diversity.

Reviews

The Domingo Effect, under the creative directorship of Shihaam Domingo, works with marginalised, diverse communities, providing mentoring and creating work that reflects their lives and language on stage.

Die produksie het 'n goeie balans gehad tussen opvoeding en vermaak deurdat skreeusnaakse sêgoed rondgegooi is en taal gebruik is wat so eie aan die monde van bruinmense is. Daar is ook nie net een tipe bruinmens op die verhoog uitgebeeld nie, maar dit was eerder 'n weerspieëling van diversiteit en die ooreenkomste wat ons met mekaar het. Source Litnet by Mercy Kannemayer 05/05/2017 dAS JY nie vroeër vanjaar Die Riel van Hip-hop op die Suidoosterfees gesien het nie, kan jy dit hierdie Sondag op die kassie sien.

Die Riel van Hip Hop word beskryf as 'n vertoonvenster vir seepgladde, energieke diversiteit deur dans, musiek en lirieke rymklets. DJ Ready D, wat as die King of Western Cape by die Suid-Afrikaanse Hip-hop- toekennings aangewys is, is deel van die show waarin rieldans en hip-hop ontmoet. Standaardafrikaans word uitgedaag deur 'n verskeidenheid van dialekte, wat jou skoons lekker laat kry, in 'n viering van ons gemengde herkoms en verbintenis deur die gesproke woord. Die Riel van Hip-hop is ook vir 'n Fiësta benoem. 15 December 2017 Die Son by Stephanie Pekeur.

kykNET & DSTV Family Talent Mentorship initiative aims to develop promising local talent and empower learners within the Western Cape - MyNewsroom, October 4, 2017

# THE PINK COUCH

Contact information

Contact: Tara Notcutt Position: Artistic Director Address: 3 Pretorius Street, Southfield, 7800, Cape Town Country: South Africa Mobile: +27 72 569 8287 Email: taranotcutt@gmail.com Instagram: @taranotcutt Twitter: @taranotcutt Facebook: @thepinkcouch

Production information

Title piece: Half Leeg Artform: Theatre and Drama Running time at full length: 10 minutes Age suitability: 16+ Use of text: Dense Use of music: Recorded Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: No

#### Key personnel

Director and writer of the piece, and Artistic Director for The Pink Couch: Tara Notcutt

#### Touring information

Scale of show: 400 seats Appropriate setting: Studio or Arena Style Number of people on tour: 2 Number of performers on stage: 1 Availability for touring: From October 2018 onwards Suitable for rural touring: Yes Outreach and educational work: Yes



# HALF LEEG

The Pink Couch **South Africa** Theatre / Drama / Pitch / Afrikaans

#### Sun 8 July: 9:00 – 10:15 Albert Wessels Auditorium

The show that would fail the Bechtel test in the most spectacular way, is a starting point to talk about women's roles in theatre.

Half Leeg is the Afrikaans translation of an English work, Last Rounds, written by Tara Notcutt. It has been performed across South Africa and Perth, Australia. The Pink Couch, established in 2009, has performed throughout South Africa and presented work on three continents.

Other reviews, and links to the reviews from which the extracts come from below:

- 1. https://www.netwerk24.com/Web-etikette/Mense/ cintaine\_schutte (Both reviews from KKNK)
- 2. http://kritiek.co.za/2018/03/30/half-leeg/ (Kritiek)
- 3. https://www.netwerk24.com/Vermaak/Feeste/Aardklop/ cintaine-se-glas-is-half-leeg-20170908 (Aardklop)
- 4. https://idontleaveiexit.wordpress.com/tag/tara-notcutt/ 5. https://maroelamedia.co.za/vermaak/teater/
- aardklop-half-leeg-bied-n-snit-van-die-lewe/ 6. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo04R09Q5Xo
- 7. https://www.theatrescenecpt.co.za/ single-post/2018/03/14/Woordfees-Half-Leeg
- 8. http://www.litnet.co.za/aardklop-2017-vele-hoogtepunte/ 9. https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/
- beeld/20170920/281775629335935 10. https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/ beeld/20171006/282119226751913
- https://www.vulture-productions.com/singlepost/2018/03/08/Woordfees2018-Confetti-heartbreakand-hopeless-romance-in-HalfLeeg
- 12. https://klyntji.com/joernaal/aardklop-2017

Reviews

Half leeg, geskryf deur Tara Notcutt en vertaal deur Amy Jephta, is ook beslis 'n stuk wat met vroue sal praat. (Hierdie jaar is, om die waarheid te sê, 'n baie goeie jaar by feeste vir vroue. Nie net die rolle wat hulle gespeel het nie, maar ook die kwessies wat aangeraak is.) Cintaine Schutte is 'n vrou wat in die laatnag in 'n kroeg wag. Sy was vroeër by 'n bachelorette, 'n raserige partytjie op 'n bus wat nie afgeloop het soos sy gedink het dit sou nie. Die musiek help om die storie te vertel en Cintaine wys dat sy met ewe groot sukses 'n hele spektrum emosies in een stuk kan speel. Nog 'n stuk wat jy met gemak op jou sien-lys kan sit. - Itza Roggeband Aardklop 2017: vele hoogtepunte 2017-10-13

Flits interview about the piece

- YouTube link to FlitsTV on 1 March 2018: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=fo04R09Q5Xo

Die verhaal is roerend, maar ook snaaks en Schutte vertolk dit uitstekend. Haar vertolkings van die ander vroue op die bachelorette is in die kol herkenbaar en haar spel wissel deurentheid tussen 'n gepaste sinisme en hartverskeurende optimisme. "Half Leeg" gee 'n eerlike blik op die binnewerkinge van die oppervlakkige vroulike vriendskappe binne 'n patriargale bestel en die eensaamheid waartoe dit lei.

- Lida Krüger Aardklop 10 October 2017

# **THESPIAN FAMILY THEATRE**

#### Contact information

Contact: Ayodele Jaiyesimi Country: Nigeria Mobile: (234) 8025369972 Email: thespianfamilytheatre@gmail.com Website: www.thespianfamilytheatre.com Instagram: @ThespianFpamily Facebook: @thespianfamily

Production information

Title piece: ITAN The Story Artform: Theatre and Comics Running time at full length: 1 Hour 45 Minutes Requires a clear understanding of English or another language: English Available with BSL interpretation, audio description or captioning: Yes

Key personnel

CEO: Ayodele Jaiyesimi Chairman: Femi Odugbemi Special Advisory Board: Bayo Oduneye

#### Touring information

Scale of show: Small Scale – Large Scale Appropriate setting: TBC Availability for touring: TBC Suitable for rural touring: TBC



## ITAN The Story

THESPIAN Family Theatre **Nigeria** Theatre / Drama / Comics/ Pitch

Mon 9 July: 11:00 – 13:00 Vrynge Farm (EXR7)

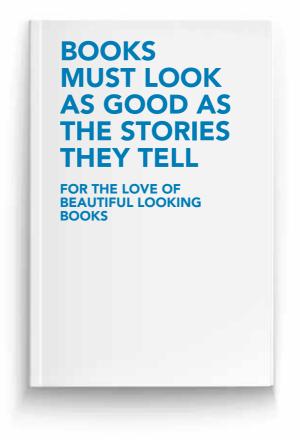
Ayo Jaiyesimi's ITAN (the Story) staged by THESPIAN Family Theatre & Productions is based on cross-generational conflicts prevalent in our modern day world. We use this project to discuss diversity (especially generational diversity) and inclusion whilst painting a vibrant picture of the African culture, Youth and the evolving 'future'. The story features a village elder who is shocked to realise that his newly found 'city-roller-coaster' grandson and himself are worlds apart in their beliefs. As they battle for supremacy, TIME (personified as Asiko) catches up with them and takes them on a journey into their past and future. They discover dark secrets that have been shrouded by the veil of time. This mediation saves the day! We premiered it the 2016 Lagos Theatre Festival. At its fullest it comprises of 75 Cast and crew although we have also done the play with 35. The play features a lot of dance – traditional and contemporary, music and musical instruments, brilliant costumes and showcase of some traditions. The talent of our children is also showcased as we have some child actors and dancers. To complement our conversations, we have created comic characters and merchandise

Khoekhoegowab: Vrystaati di Dī//khasib !Gâi!gâisens ge #an!gâs tsī !gôasiba Khoe-San Khoena ra mâ .Nē khoen ge //în aboxan !na /gaisa #goms tsī !hû//arede! kho/gara hâ,nâu khoen !hūb din /khas khami

Afrikaans: Die Vrystaat Kunstefees erken en respekteer die Khoe-San van die Vrystaat en die diep geestelike verhoudings wat hulle met hul voorouers, hierdie land en sy mense het.

**English:** The Vrystaat Arts Festival acknowledges and respects the Khoe–San of the Free State and the deep spiritual attachment to their ancestors and relationships they have to this country and its people.

Sesotho: Mokete wa tsa Bonono Freistata o ananela le ho hlompha morabe wa Khoe-San wa Freistata, le kamano e tebileng ya semoya eo ba nang le yona le badimo ba bona hammoho le dikamano tseo ba nang le tsona le naha ena le baahi ba yona.





PUBLICATION DESIGN AND CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT VIANROOS.CO.ZA

