

REGISTRATION FORM BELOW ANNOUNCEMENT

REGIONAL SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL presents:

Future Arts Programme, 2021

Theatre and art live on! **The National Arts Festival** are doing what we can to ensure that our programmes push forward.

The **Grahamstown Foundation's** Regional Schools' Festival has been a fixture in South African schools' calendars for 45 years. The world is changing, and so are we. With the generous support of our principal funder, the National Lottery, as well as additional support from the National Arts Council and the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, the Grahamstown Foundation and National Arts Festival are excited and proud to be teaming up with the **Market Theatre Laboratory**.

This reconceived Regional Schools' Festival 2021 will continue to be a group activity; will include workshops designed and presented by professionals; will give access to new technology and tools; will build skills for our young people needed in our emerging future; will share creativity across schools; and will ensure that learners get feedback on the work they have produced.

WHATS NEW

- 2021 sees us bring our new Schools' Festival programme to schools where they are, which they can incorporate into their school schedule as it best suits them;
- We are open for Grades 10, 11 and 12 learners to participate;
- We are open for learners from any of the arts subjects to participate (e.g. the visual arts, music, dance...)
- Over the course of the 2-day workshop process requiring 5 hours each, learners will produce their own 2-minute videos!
- Screens and vlogging kits are needed - the National Arts Festival is set up to provide these devices to schools should they require them to participate
- If your school has screens, good internet connection and access to smartphones for the period of the workshops, you can go ahead and self-run the programme with your learners accessing all media content from the National Arts Festival website.
- We are reaching out to schools in all nine provinces increasing our learners and educators' breath of sharing and depth of insight into what our young people are expressing nationally.
- The National Arts Festival will present the learners' video work on our platform to all participants and workshop leaders (work will not be open access), thus enabling learners and educators across the country to see each other's work
- Participation is FREE!

Why partner with the Market Theatre Laboratory?

The Market Theatre Laboratory trains actors and theatre makers. Founded by Barney Simon and Dr John Kani in 1988, it is the educational arm of the Market Theatre, and has developed into one of the premiere training facilities of its kind in Southern Africa. It has trained exceptional performers and theatre-makers including Olive Schreiner Award winner Phillip Dikotla, three Standard Bank Young Artist of the Year winners, Monageng Motshabi (2016), Prince Lamla (2013), and Mncedisi Shabangu (2014), and SAFTA award winners Harriet Manamela, Warren Masemola and Lindiwe Ndlovu. In addition, the Market Theatre Laboratory stood up to the challenges of 2020 by swiftly transforming its syllabus and approach to continue to teach the performing arts under lockdown conditions, embracing new education for new formats in the context of diverse digital-access scenarios.

The National Arts Festival similarly transformed its National Arts Festival to an online programme, facilitating over 260 works in 2020 at a time when live events were cancelled and South Africans were under the harshest lockdown levels experienced yet, welcoming 85,000 audience members to this new form of virtual festival. Through this process artists developed many new ways of pushing creativity and innovation despite phenomenal constraint. In response the National Arts Festival developed new ways of supporting its artists to produce and present their work. With all these experiences, the National Arts Festival and the Grahamstown Foundation are more determined than ever to push our sector forward into a new age working with our next generation of artists in new ways.

The National Arts Festival has assembled vlogging kits and screens so that learners, despite the digital divide, may participate in this pioneering programme. The Regional Schools Festival's *Future Arts Programme* brings these lessons and lines of hope to learners around the country.

Set-up required

Ideally there are a minimum of at least two groups of 5 students each (10 total) per school. This allows for learners to have the opportunity to share workshop outcomes with each other and bear witness to each other's processes. Interspersed with workshops, learners will have the opportunity to view works by some of our innovative artists who participated in the virtual National Arts Festival 2020, to be further provoked, inspired, and entertained.

Requirements for Participation

Schools will be required to register to ensure participation. There is a registration form included in this package, please complete it and submit as stated on the form. This programme is available over March and April 2021.

Your school will need to commit two full days to the workshop process. Students should ideally have an undisturbed working space which is conducive to social distancing, and if possible with limited noise. There is a list of basic stationary students will need to have ready at the start of the process, read the info pack for full information. An educator will need to facilitate the 2-day process with learners.

Participation will require the ability to screen the workshops to learners. The workshops can be accessed through streaming workshop files from the National Arts Festival website. Learners will require basic vlogging kits to use during the workshops to produce their work, ideally one vlogging kit for a group of 5 students. Learners can also use their own smartphones, particularly those with good cameras and microphones.

For schools unable to access workshop content online, or without inhouse vlogging kits or students without access to smartphones, The National Arts Festival is able to provide smart-kits which contain screens loaded with video-on-demand workshop content as well as vlogging kits, all on loan. The specific needs of each school will be logged during the registration process, the National Arts Festival will then be able to schedule the dissemination of resources accordingly. Though the National Arts Festival will be disseminating the smart-kits on a rotational or staggered basis, there are limited numbers of these resources so it is imperative that schools register early, and are amicable to the National Arts Festival's scheduling of smart-kit use.

Process ahead

After registering, the Schools' Festival team will be in contact with you to confirm your registration, to forward you workshop media passcodes if you are accessing media online, or with further information about scheduling the dissemination of the smart-kits.

This is a new chapter for the National Arts Festival, the Grahamstown Foundation and the Market Theatre Laboratory, and our teams are excited to be writing it with you!
Looking forward to a future filled with imagination...

Regional Schools' Festival *Future Arts Programme 2021*

Registration Form

March and April 2021

- Please complete **all** the information on this form to enroll for the Virtual Schools' Festival.
- Please submit this form via email to lily.may@foundation.org.za, or fax to: 086 555 4415
- By registering the school commits to abide by Covid 19 safety guidelines. A separate document specifying these details will be sent to registered schools.

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SCHOOL ADDRESS		
SCHOOL TELEPHONE NO.		
NAME OF TEACHER IN CHARGE of ADMIN		
	Email address:	Cell number:
NAME OF TEACHER IN CHARGE of IT (to liaise with Schools' Fest tech team)		
	Email address:	Cell number:
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST		
In order to participate in the Virtual Schools' Festival, your school will require specific equipment and technical abilities. Please answer the following questions to indicate whether your school is able to provide these.		
1. Are you able to download up to 2GB of files from a website?	YES	NO
2. Do you have the facility to play content to a group of learners?		
3. Do your learners have access to a smart phone that can film video with sound?		
4. Do you have the facility to upload video footage to a website?		

Virtual Schools' Festival 2021 Delegate List

Please list the names of the learners that will be participating in the 2021 Virtual Schools' Festival. We will be most grateful if ALL columns are completed, as this assists us with compiling accurate statistics.

SCHOOL:					
FIRST NAME	SURNAME	STATUS <small>P = Pupil T = Teacher</small>	GRADE	SEX <small>F = Female M = Male</small>	RACE <small>Black, White, Coloured, Indian, Asian or Other</small>
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