Eastern Cape Schools Festival of the Arts

For grade elevens
Eastern Cape Festival – 18th & 19th May 2011
1820 Settlers National Monument, Grahamstown

Booking Kit



South African Schools' Festivals Think, Breathe, Be Creativity



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Festival Enrolment Form & Workshop Form – please download separately

The South African Schools Festivals

Invite you to be part of a life-altering, mind-blowing, soul-soaring experience with the arts! Join with over 6 000 young South Africans of different backgrounds doing just that around the country. Let the **brilliant shows** stir your soul; let the **hands-on workshops** empower you and draw out your potential; feel the **lectures** stretch your mind, and let the rich mix of **people** you'll meet broaden your mind.

What does the festival offer?

- Two jam-packed days of intense and varied arts experiences;
- Non-competitive interactions with 400 grade eleven learners and their teachers, representing schools from all over the Eastern Cape;
- The chance to experience the wonderful facilities at 1820 Settlers National Monument, Grahamstown;
- The chance to discover new things about the arts, your friends, your teachers, other grade elevens from other schools, and yourselves;
- A cultural feast within an intense but carefully structured and varied programme of arts related activities.

The festival aims to:

- Enrich the cultural and educational life of our province's young people;
- Highlight the power of the arts as a universal tool of communication and empowerment;
- Ignite a life-long passion for the arts in young people.

Take advantage of ...

• Excellent value for money! R320 per delegate – and you get all this:

• A vibrant inspiring programme!

In a jam-packed two days you will experience: a stunning **Keynote Address** designed to motivate and inspire; **hands-on workshops** with skilled and vibrant workshop leaders — choose from a selection of drama, dance, visual arts, writing and music; **Theatre, Dance and Music** that will make you laugh, cry, and shout for more; **lectures** to make you see things in a whole new way ... and **light meals** to keep you going!

Our contact details are as follows:

The Manager Schools Festivals Grahamstown Foundation PO Box 304 Grahamstown, 6140

Some ideas for saving those cents ...

The earlier you commit to attending the festival the easier it becomes to get there! Use your imagination and embark on entrepreneurial efforts of all kinds ... civvies days ... raffles ... cake sales...

Further sponsorship and contact details ...

Limited sponsorship is available to those in need who apply in good time. If you have done all you can to raise money, but fall short of the full amount, you may apply in writing for additional sponsorship.

Please note: Closing date for sponsorship requests is on 03 May 2011.

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Website: http://schoolfest.foundation.org.za

Facebook: Schools Festivals

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for my learners. It has positive and inspiring effect on them. The whole vibe of energy, atmosphere and prospects are new, different and uplifting. Thank you for helping to breathe life into my learners."

-Teacher, 2010



How to book:

Closing date for enrolments:

Final Closing Date: 03 May 2011

(Note: Subject to space still being available by this date)

NOTE: Numbers are limited to the available seats in venues and the workshops on offer. The closing date allows the organisers time to prepare a well planned event. We cannot accommodate delegates who just "arrive" without letting us know well beforehand. Confirmation of delegates is on a first come, first served basis while space is available.

Festivals can be full BEFORE closing date.

Four easy steps to enrol:

- <u>1. ENROLMENT FORM:</u> Remove the centre page "Eastern Cape Schools Festival Enrolment Form" from this booklet. Kindly complete ALL the information on both sides and fax it to us.
- **2. GENERAL:** Enter the name and address of your school. Please be sure to enter the telephone and fax numbers, as well as teachers' cell numbers. **NB** Fax numbers enable us to confirm enrolments and give delegates important last minute information, e.g. the starting and finishing time of each day.
- <u>3. WORKSHOPS:</u> Enter your names and those of your pupils on the "Workshop & Enrolment Form" (centre pages) and fax it to us. Leave the "Workshop Choices" section blank and complete and re-fax it once we have sent you the workshop information.

Workshop information will be sent to you when we receive your enrolment form. When you receive the workshop information, each learner should choose five workshops from the list, and their choices should be entered into the appropriate box on the Workshop Enrolment Form. Please duplicate the form should you need more space.

4. PAYMENT: Payment made *before* 03 May 2011 will secure your booking (subject to available space.) Enrolments are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Both learners and teachers are liable for the enrolment fee.

Payment can be made in two ways:

a) By direct deposit to: The Grahamstown Foundation

Standard Bank, Grahamstown

Branch code 050917

Account number 081 996 071

NB: Please write **EC Festival** on the deposit slip and fax it, with **both** of your enrolment forms, to *Fax number 046 622 7462*

OR

b) By cheque made out to the *Grahamstown Foundation*, and posted with your

enrolment form to: Schools Festivals,

Grahamstown Foundation

PO Box 304, Grahamstown, 6140

CANCELLATION FEE: In the event of a cancellation, a cancellation fee of R160 will be levied plus any costs incurred e.g. food that has been booked and paid for by the organisers. The remaining sum will be refunded **after** the festival and only on a **written request** for a refund with a doctor's note or note from the parent(s) / guardian(s).

About the Workshop Choices

Please send us your Eastern Cape Schools Festival Enrolment form so that we can send you the list of workshop choices as soon as possible. Delegates who make their choices early stand an excellent chance of getting the workshops that appeal to them the most! Delegates can look forward to a vibrant and exciting selection of workshops. The following is a selection of what has been offered in the past:

Spray me Away! – In this fun and interactive workshop you will definitely get your hands dirty! If you want to learn some basic Graffiti skills come join in the fun! As part of this workshop we will debate about Graffiti art and what its position in the Art World is. What do you think? Let's see if Graffiti art *really* is art, and let's paint with air!

Igniting Writing – This workshop will teach you how to tap into your creativity in a way that suits your personal style. Discover your strengths and weaknesses as a writer and learn to hone in on your strengths for maximum effect!

Play Your Say – Come and express your feelings about the issues you are dealing with, through music and words and movement. Make a statement. Create your own contemporary South African cabaret. Discover the funny and poetic side of life!

Catch Fire – Waya Waya – Catch fire! Click your fingers! Stomp your feet! And join me on this exciting journey of rhythmic explosions... The music that runs through our veins pumping out the rhythm of heart beats, now let's discover what lies within your creative minds... still thinking? Siyavaya!

Break the Chains – Are you tired of the same boring school routine? Well, let's break the chains and bring on change! By using your voice and body and having fun with drama you will discover how much fun learning and especially doing your homework can become. What! Homework and school fun? Sounds like a joke right? Join us to see it to believe.

Anyone Game? – Serious about theatre? Love to act? Or feel like you're not really the creative type? Whether you're a diva or shy of the spotlight, come and experience the magic of drama through games and play. This workshop will help you to overcome your inhibitions and get you going on creating your own characters and stories. Come and be surprised!

and much much more!

Festival Etiquette and Code of Conduct

Please discuss this with pupils before arriving at the festival.

Teachers/chaperones are kindly asked to monitor the behaviour of their delegates in venues.

- 1. All delegates are subject to the Code of Conduct at all times during the festival. You are kindly asked not to jeopardise future festivals with poor behaviour.
- 2. Delegates are kindly asked to respect the property of our hosts and not to cause damage to property in any way.
- 3. Please be punctual for the start of all performances, lectures, and workshops. Latecomers can disturb performers, and organisers reserve the right to keep latecomers out of the theatre venues until a suitable interval. Most productions do not have an interval.
- 4. Once seated in theatres we ask you to respect the theatre process and not to disrupt the experience of those around you by coming and going during a performance, or engaging in disruptive behaviour e.g. talking.
- 5. No food or drink may be consumed in theatres or workshop venues.
- 6. Please understand that in the interests of developing empowered, richer, fuller, human beings it is important to promote socially acceptable modes of behaviour amongst our delegates. We need all delegates to be bright-eyed and refreshed for the busy programme they will have ahead of them; a good night's rest will be imperative during the festival.

By observing these basic courtesies, we hope to establish an audience that is both respectful and sensitive to the needs of performers and fellow audience members, and to promote a more receptive environment where all present may enjoy the event.

Please remember to switch your cell phone OFF and keep it in a safe place!

Thank you

General Information

Dates: Eastern Cape Festival – 18th & 19th May 2011

Cost: R320 per delegate (Teachers and learners are liable for the registration fee)

Times: Provisional (to be confirmed): 18th May - 07h30 – 19h30

19th May - 08h15 - 15h00

Venue: 1820 Settlers National Monument, Grahamstown

Closing date for enrolments:

Final Closing Date for all schools: 03 May 2011

Registration

The festivals start with REGISTRATION from 07h30 on the 18th May and 08h15 on the 19th May. Please arrive in good time to register and collect your Festival information packs.

End of Day: The festival will end at approximately 19h30 on the 18th May and approximately 15h00 on the 19th May. Please provide us with a fax number where final details/changes to this information can be sent to you,

OR call us to confirm bookings and final arrangements by 03 May 2011.

Transport

School parties must use their own or public transport to and from the festival venue each day.

Dress

Pupils must wear school uniform for the Official Opening and until they take part in their first workshop. For workshops pupils need to change into comfortable working clothes (e.g. school tracksuits). Please ensure that your pupils bring comfortable "working clothes" with them.

Accommodation

The Grahamstown Foundation is unfortunately unable to arrange accommodation. Out-of-town delegates are kindly asked to make their own arrangements for accommodation. We will assist you as far possible as we can.

Meals & Refreshments

Light meals and teas are provided **during** the festival. They are of the "fast-food" variety and are included in the registration fee. Be sure to indicate any dietary preferences on the enrolment form.

Workshop choices

Workshops are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Each workshop takes a limited number of people and so choices **cannot be guaranteed**. Please indicate your choices, in order of preference, on the enrolment form. Delegates will be placed in the workshops of their choice **if there is space**. Delegates will be supplied with workshop tickets at registration. A valid workshop ticket guarantees entry to a workshop.

Chaperons/Teachers

Each school party must be accompanied by a teacher/chaperon. Chaperons are expected to remain with their learners throughout festival performances, to assume responsibility for pupils' behaviour, and to assist pupils in finding venues and workshops. Both learners and teachers stand to benefit enormously from the festival experience.

Bookings

Booking is essential to secure your place and for making adequate catering and workshop arrangements. All bookings will be confirmed if you have supplied us with a fax number. You may also confirm your booking by calling Lily in the Schools Festival office on *046-603 1107*, *or faxing us at 046-622 7462*.

"It was a great experience."

– Learner, 2010





"I have definitely had an enlightening and an awe-inspiring experience. Drama is my life and the possibilities are endless. I was inspired and your shows are well presented."

- Learner, 2010

Reactions to the question, "What have you gained?" from previous Eastern Cape Schools Festivals delegates:

"I have learnt new ways to express myself, in writing or moving, my mind has been broadened."

"An enriching experience. The art and expression inspired me."

"A better understanding of different forms of Art."

"Confidence, unlocked a little creativity in me in other departments other than art."

"More confidence in myself!!! Changed my outlook on how I express myself and think."

Schools that have attended previous Eastern Cape Schools Festivals

Alexander Road High School Alexandria High School Andrew Rabie High School Arcadia Senior Secondary School Bethelsdorp Comprehensive School Booysens Park Secondary School Butterworth High School Chapman High School Clarendon High School Dale College Diocesan School for Girls Gelvandale High School Graeme College Hoerskool Hangklip Hoerskool Grens Hoerskool PJ Olivier Hudson Park High School John Bisseker Senior Secondary Khutliso Daniels Secondary School Kingswood College Klipplaat Secondary School Kwazakhele High School Langenhoven Gimnasium Lawson Brown High School

Loyiso Secondary School Mary Waters Senior Secondary Merrifield College Nasruddin Islamic School Nathaniel Nyaluza High School Nombulelo Secondary School Nompendulo High School Nomzamo Secondary School Ntsika Secondary School Oakhill School Port Alfred High School Principia College Queenstown Girls' High Riebeek College St Andrew's College St Dominic's Priory High School Stutterheim High School TEM Mrwetyana High School Thembalabantu High School Union High School Victoria Girls' High School Victoria Park High School Walmer High School Westering High School York High School

