

# Gauteng Schools Festivals of the Arts

For grade elevens

Gauteng I Festival – 13th & 14th September 2011

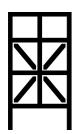
Gauteng II Festival – 15th & 16th September 2011

Wits University, Johannesburg

## **Booking Kit**



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 700 grade eleven learners and their teachers, representing schools from all over the Gauteng;
- The chance to experience the wonderful facilities at Wits University, Johannesburg;
- 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!
R340 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

### Our contact details are as follows:

way ... and light meals to keep you

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going!

### 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 26 August 2011.

Telephone: 046 603 1107

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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: 26 August 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:

- 1. ENROLMENT FORM: Remove the centre page "Gauteng 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.
- 3. WORKSHOPS: 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 26 August 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 GAU 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 R170 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) / quardian(s).

### **About the Workshop Choices**

Please send us your Gauteng 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:

**Poetry Jam** - Bring poetry to life through the hidden powers of your body and voice. Physicalise, energise and hyp, hyp, hypnotise - with poetry as the key!

**Lights**, **camera**, **ACTION!** - An introduction to the special techniques of acting for camera.

**Unmasking Reality** - Creating interesting physical characters, exploring the possibilities of physicalisation and body language. Dynamic individual characters are born through play and interaction.

**Just Breathe -** Feeling Stressed? Worried about exams? In this workshop, you will be introduced to breath work and a variety of visualization exercises, all used for relaxation and mental clarity.

**Dare to Direct!** - A director supervises the integration of all theatrical elements, such as acting, staging, lighting, and is required to realise the writer's conception.

**Performance Explosion!** - Learn to stop thinking and start playing by taking a shot at this improvisation workshop!

**Developing Your Dance!** - Welcome to your body - This is how you use it! Throw yourself into this contemporary dance workshop and find the physical YOU!

**The Subtle Art of Mute-ilation** - Grapple with the skills of debating and be remembered as the one who had the last word!

**Vocal Aerobic** -The voice welcomes the most tempestuous emotions, permits the brilliance of the intellect, frees the body, stretches the imagination and restores largesse of expression and stature to the human-actor-being. Try it!

### 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: Gauteng I Festival – 13th & 14th September 2011

Gauteng II Festival – 15th & 16th September 2011

**Cost:** R340 per delegate (Teachers and learners are liable for the registration fee)

**Times:** Provisional (to be confirmed):  $13^{th}/15^{th}$  Sept - 07h30 - 17h30

14<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Sept – 08h00 – 17h30

Venue: Wits University, Johannesburg

### Closing date for enrolments:

Final Closing Date for all schools: 26 August 2011

### Registration

The festivals start with REGISTRATION from 07h30 and 08h30 at Wits University on 13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February. Please arrive in good time to register and collect your Festival information packs.

End of Day: The festival will end at approximately 17h30 each day. 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 2 September 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 SASOL Gauteng Schools Festivals delegates:

"Inspiration; I'm even more excited about the world of arts."

"I have gained strength self-worth, I can see that I am stronger than I thought."

"A greater appreciation and understanding of the Arts and a willingness and drive to support them!"

"I've learned that there is a whole cultural world waiting to be explored."

"More knowledge; a deeper sense of belonging and more passion. Thank you!"

### Schools that have attended previous Gauteng Schools Festivals

Alberton High School Allen Glen high School Barnato Park High School Beaulieu College Benoni High School Bracken High School Brescia House School Bryanston High School Carlton Jones Centre Cornwall Hill College Crawford College Lonehill De La Salle Holy Cross College Deutsche Schule - Jhb Dinwiddie high School Dominican Convent Edenvale High School Flavius Mareka Secondary Florida Park High School Fourways High School General Smuts High Germiston High School Glenvista High School Greenside High School Helpmekaar High School Himalaya Secondary Holy Rosary School

Holy Family College

Hyde Park High School International School of SA Kathstan College Khanvisa College King Edward VII School Kingsmead College Loreto Convent School Lowveld High School Maragon Private School Maru A Pula School McAuley House School Nigel High School Norkem Park High School Northcliff High School Parktown GHS Parktown BHS Potchefstroom Girls' High Pretoria Boys' High School Pretoria Chinese School Pretoria High School for Girls Queens High School Rand Park High School Riverside High School Roedean School Roosevelt high School Rosebank Mercy Convent Roshnee Secondary School Sagewood High School

Sir Pierre van Ryneveld High Soshanguve Secondary Springs Girls' High School Springs Boys' High School St Barnabas College St Catherine's Convent St Dominic's College St Dunstan's College St John's College St Catherine's Convent St Mary's School-Waverley St Andrew's School St Barnabas College St Alban's College St Thomas Aquinas St Mary's DSG St Theresa's Mercy School St Stithians Collegiate St Stithians College St Ursula's The Hill High School Veritas College Waterford Kamhlaba Waverley GHS Willowmoore HS Willowridge High School Wordsworth High School

Sandringham High School

