KwaZulu-Natal Schools Festival of the Arts

For grade elevens
KwaZulu Natal Festival – 14th & 15th April 2011
Hilton College Theatre, Hilton

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 KwaZulu-Natal;
- The chance to experience the wonderful facilities at Hilton College Theatre, Hilton;
- 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 18 March 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: 18 March 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 "KwaZulu-Natal 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.

<u>4. PAYMENT:</u> Payment made *before* 18 March 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 **KZN 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:

Creating Your Future - A workshop that focuses on planning an exciting career while still finding time to "suck the marrow out of life."

Vuka Vuka - Explode out of the drab, everyday, limited use of the voice and body. Embark on a journey of discovery as you use your body and voice to weave enticing tales. Take a plunge into fantasy and engage your brains for some dynamic storytelling.

Standing Up: Confronting Demons by Yourself - This workshop is grounded in stand-up comedy and self-standing Monologues. Starting with the writing process and other fun texts, you will create stand-up comedy of your own with the inspiration from various characters and topics.

Explode! - The ability to write and create our own stories lies within all of us. Little ideas that could manifest themselves into great creations are waiting to be spotted in the universe of our imaginations, waiting to explode! This workshop will focus on methods and exercises for extracting ideas and putting them into practical, theatrical use.

Vocal Aerobics - 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!

Out the Box - This workshop encourages creative thinking by putting you on the spot and encouraging you to think out the box. A range of practical exercises will culminate with you showcasing your own work developed during the workshop session.

Dare to Dance - This workshop explores African Contemporary Dance techniques. Playing with a fusion of popular local and traditional dance forms, established alongside western contemporary dance techniques, this workshop is sure to get your body moving to a diverse range of rhythms.

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: KwaZulu Natal Festival – 14th & 15th April 2011

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

Times: Provisional (to be confirmed): 14th April - 07h30 – 18h00

15th April - 08h30 - 17h00

Venue: Hilton College Theatre, Hilton

Closing date for enrolments:

Final Closing Date for all schools: 18 March 2011

Registration

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

End of Day: The festival will end at approximately 18h00 on the 14th April and approximately 17h00 on the 15th April. 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 25 March 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

Accommodation is available at Hilton College on Thursday night (14th April) at R185 per person. Bedding will be provided but delegates may bring their own blankets if they wish. Please bring your own towels and toiletries. Please fill in the necessary details on the enrolment form.

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 KwaZulu-Natal Schools Festivals delegates:

"Enjoyment! Fun! New ideas! Watching my learners "grow" and having the time of their lives" (Teacher)

"I feel that I have a more open mind to things now and have got more confidence and learnt how to do things on the spot".

"I have gained a lot of new, creative ideas and new things to put into practice when I perform again".

"I'll definitely try to be more assertive and just approach life with enthusiasm and joy"!

Schools that have attended previous Kwa-Zulu Natal Schools Festivals

Alexandra High School Amanzimtoti High School Arena Park Secondary Brettonwood High School Carter High School Centenary Secondary School Clairwood Secondary Crawford College- La Lucia Crawford College - Durban Danville Park Girls' High School Durban Girls' High School Durban Girls' Secondary School Empangeni High School Eshowe High School Estcourt High School Felixton College Greytown High Grosvenor Girls' High School Heataher Secondary School

Holy Family College Howick High School Ikusaselihle High School Isipingo Secondary Kearsney College Kingsway High School Kloof High School KZN Dept of Education (Subject advisors) Lakehaven Secondary School Langsyde High School Little Flower Secondary School Maris Stella High School Maritzburg College Montarena Secondary School Mowat Park High School New West Secondary Northlands Girls' High School Our Lady of Fatima Our Lady of the Rosary

Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School Pinetown Boys' High School Pinetown Girls' High School Port Shepstone High School Reservoir Hills Secondary School Richards Bay High School Ridge Park College Russell High School St Benedict School St Catherine's High School St Dominics High School Stanger High School Stanger Manor Secondary School Strelitzia Secondary School Sukuma Secondary School Waterford Kamhlaba School Westville Girls' High School Windsor Secondary School

