



# UMTIZA

## ARTS FESTIVAL

GUILD THEATRE • EAST LONDON MUSEUM • ANN BRYANT ART GALLERY

23 MAY 2024 TO 8 JUNE 2024

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## FESTIVAL PROGRAM

# WELCOME TO THE UMTIZA ARTS FEST 2024!

Umtiza Arts Festival is one of the fastest growing Arts, Culture and Heritage spectacles in South Africa's Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI's) Ecosystem today. The name is taken from the Umtiza tree, which is unique to parts of the Eastern Cape. There is currently an Umtiza tree in the East London Museum Garden. This tree was planted as a small seedling in 1960 and flowered for the first time in March 1972. It has three stems symbolising the three partner institutions of the festival: the East London Guild Theatre, the East London Museum and the Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

It represents the burgeoning potential in SA's Creative Economy that can only be unlocked when Public-Private-Partnerships are structured to enable sustainable development. Approaching a decade of existence, our programming for 2024 kicks off on the eve of our important national general election and symbolically marks 30 years of South Africa's democracy by being a resilient ecosystem underpinned by a commitment to cultural diversity. 2024 also marks a new paradigm for culture and tourism in Buffalo City as the metro was finally declared a UNESCO Creative City of Literature on World Cities Day in Paris 2023, joining an important global community – the Unesco Creative Cities Network. This is already demonstrating important shifts in the policy and arts funding landscape that will only serve to enhance Umtiza's aim of igniting the arts in our city. As the city navigates its new designation, Umtiza will serve as one of the important torch bearers on how to best carve an enabling ecosystem for the CCI's to boost tourism and drive creative entrepreneurship in the interests of valuing the arts economically and combating our social ills.

We are proud of the strides over the years that have now been recognised and rewarded by the EC Provincial Department of Sports, Recreation Arts and Culture (DSRAC) and National DSAC. In 2024 Umtiza will embark on a new journey as a designated Provincial Flagship event of the DSRAC. This vote of confidence by the provincial authority is an example of how an entrepreneurial state can foster creativity and innovation. This gesture is already giving confidence to private sector partners to join the effort. We are thankful to our sponsors

and partners and the festival committee that works for weeks and months to bring this all to life.

We must extend our gratitude to the Provincial Department of Sports Recreation, Arts and Culture, MEC Kontsiwe and all the officials who are dedicated to the development of the CCI's, as well as the DSAC and Minister Zizi Kodwa and officials who heeded the call to grant Umtiza Provincial Flagship Status. We salute Buffalo City Metro and Mayor Princess Faku together with the working group who collectively worked on the UNESCO game-changer bid in 2023. Our local media partners have gone above and beyond the call of duty and we have to highlight the deliberate support from Daily Dispatch and the Go! There would be no Umtiza Arts Festival today without our partners and sponsors, BCM, ECDSRAC, DSAC, NAC, ECPACC, Harry's Printers and many more. This year we are delighted to welcome Buffalo Toyota as our new vehicle partner that will drive Umtiza around the city. We also welcome Amathole Museum who join us in collaboration for the first time as they celebrate their 140th anniversary. This helps us extend our programming to be inclusive of the Qonce/KWT community. We also join the EL Museum in celebrating their centenary and encourage you to explore their exciting and enriching programme on offer at this year's festival.

In 2023 we paid tribute to Dr Madosini Latozi Mpahleni and hosted an indigenous ensemble performance and a documentary screening in her name with support from ECPACC. That support is now growing with this year's film programming and will soon evolve into our own Umtiza film festival. In 2024, President Ramaphosa bestowed MaDosini, posthumously, with the The Order of Ikhamanga in Silver for her exceptional service in preserving and elevating indigenous South African musical traditions. We salute her eternal spirit and endeavour to draw inspiration from many like her who, from this province, have dedicated their lives to promoting cultural diversity. The 2024 Festival programme is curated to demonstrate our commitment in that regard.

We warmly welcome you all to this unique, Proudly Eastern Cape Arts Festival that will surely rank highly among key reasons to visit Buffalo City in 2024 and beyond!



# UMTIZA ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE ANN BRYANT ART GALLERY



**ANN BRYANT ART GALLERY -  
ART EXHIBITION OPENING:**  
Friday 24 May 2024. 18h00 - 21h00  
Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

**ART IN THE PARK:** Sunday 26 May 2024.  
9h00 - 14h00. Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

**ARTSIDE COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE:**  
Sunday 2 June 2024. From 12:00 onwards.  
Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

**Contact the Ann Bryant Art Gallery  
for info 043 722 4044**



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**ART  
Exhibition**

*You are invited to our Exhibition opening  
at the Ann Bryant Art Gallery.*

**FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024 | 18H00**



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**Umtiza  
art and craft  
market**

JOIN US FOR AN AWESOME FAMILY DAY.  
LIVE MUSIC. FOOD TRUCK FOOD.  
ART DEMOS AND CRAFT FOR SALE.

KIDS FREE. ADULTS- R20 ENTRANCE EXTRA FEE FOR EXTRA KIDS ACTIVITIES.	<b>SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024</b>	<b>ANN BRYANT ART GALLERY TIME: 9:00AM - 14:00PM</b>
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# PROGRAMME: UMTIZA ARTS FESTIVAL 2024

GUILD THEATRE: 043 743 0704 • EAST LONDON MUSEUM: 043 743 0686 • ANN BRYANT ART GALLERY: 043 722 4044

DATE	TIME	EVENT	GENRE	VENUE
May 23	11:00	Legal Workshop for Creatives and Artists hosted by THE SOUTH ARICAN WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION	Education	Guild Theatre
May 23	17:00	Orchid Show and EL Photograhic Society Exhibition	Art and craft	Courtenay-Latimer Hall
May 23	18:00	Umtiza Festival Opening	Formal Opening	Guild Theatre
May 23	19:00	Jazz & Pizza with Qhawekazi	Jazz	Legends Showcase Venue
May 23	21:00	Qadasi & Maqhinga (Umtiza Launch After Party)	Maskhandi	Legends Showcase Venue
May 24	10:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Ilifa Lomboko	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 24	13:00	Arts Funding Workshop with Azola Ntlantsana	Education	Cortex Film Hub
May 24	14:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Pride	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 24	18:00	Ann Bryant Art Gallery - Exhibition Opening	Art	Ann Bryant Art Gallery
May 24	19:30	Double Trouble Comedy Special - O43 Events	Comedy	Guild Theatre
May 25	09:00	Back to the Future Quest for children - Jen Bryson Moorcroft Theatre	Children's Theatre	Museum Galleries
May 25	09:00	Talk by Christo Hunt on plastic pollution and recycling	Education	Museum Classroom
May 25	09:00	Amathole Museum 140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flea Market	Family event art and craft /music	Amathole Museum
May 25	10:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Bhutiza	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 25	10:00	Why Democracy? Presented by Malwande Ntisana	Film production	Ann Bryant Art Gallery
May 25	10:00	Talk by Mary Cole on Malacology	Education	Museum Classroom
May 25	11:00	Talk by Francis Brooke on the Cape Parrot	Education	Cape Parrot Gallery, Museum
May 25	11:00	Talk by William Martinson on Tiyo Soga	Education	Museum Classroom
May 25	12:00	Talk by Alastair Saxton on the Penny-farthing	Education	Museum Classroom
May 25	13:00	Cape Parrot Children's activities by Susan Wishart and Francis Brooke	Education	Museum Classroom
May 25	14:00	Talk by Bonisile Grey on Macleantown	Education	Museum Classroom
May 25	16:00	The Night of the Strings - Eastern Cape Chamber Orchestra	Orchestra	Guild Theatre
May 25	17:00	Dancing DJs with Murdah Bongz and Oscar Mbo - C Tone Productions	Music	Summit Lifestyle Center





DATE	TIME	EVENT	GENRE	VENUE
May 25		Umtiza Film Podcast	Film Discussion	Legends Showcase Venue
May 26	09:00	Guided walk at Nahoon Point Nature Reserve: Kevin Cole	Education	Nahoon Point Nature Reserve
May 26	10:00	Umtiza Art in the Park - Skinny G Productions	Family event art and craft and music	Ann Bryant Art Gallery
May 26	14:30	Festival of Dance - A collaboration of local Dance Studios	Dance	Guild Theatre
May 26	16:00	Asakhe And Nombasa	Music	Legends Showcase Venue
May 27	10:00	Umtiza Creative Industry Workshop	Education	Legends Showcase Venue
May 27	10:00	The boy who cried ninja. - Jen Bryson Moorcroft Theatre	Children's Theatre	Guild Theatre
May 27	14:00	The boy who cried ninja. - Jen Bryson Moorcroft Theatre	Children's Theatre	Guild Theatre
May 27	16:00	UNESCO Creative City of Literature Programme	Education	Guild Theatre
May 27	18:00	Book Launch. A life of purpose. Prof Wiseman Nkuhlu	Literature	Guild Theatre
May 28	11:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Canvas	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 28	18:30	043 Unleashed Cypher (Open Mic)	Hiphop, Poetry, Rap	Legends Showcase Venue
May 28	19:00	Breathing In - Wela Kapela Productions	Drama	Guild Theatre
May 29	11:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Sizwe	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 29	18:00	Ballroom and Latin Dance Showcase (Sip & Sway Exclusive)	Dance	Legends Showcase Venue
May 29	14:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Silibalekile	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 29	19:00	Barry Hilton	Comedian	Guild Theatre
May 30	14:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Ukuthwala	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 30	18:00	Art Cheese and Wine. Talk by Barry Gibb on Norman Catherine	Art	Ann Bryant Art Gallery
May 30	19:00	Octissimo. The 8 Pianists - Onaipo Productions	Classical Music	Guild Theatre
May 30	19:00	Jazz & Pizza with Lex Futshane	Jazz	Legends Showcase Venue
May 31	14:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Uhadi	Film production	Guild Theatre
May 31	19:00	Saxy Vibes 6 - O43 Events	Musical	Guild Theatre
May 31	19:00	Monde Fani & Band	Live Band Music	Legends Showcase Venue
June 01	09:00	Writers and Book Promotion - Joy of Books	History	Museum Garden



DATE	TIME	EVENT	GENRE	VENUE
June 01	09:00	Storytelling for children - Joy of Books	Children's Theatre	Museum Galleries
June 01	09:00	Talk by William Martinson on Victorian Architecture	Education	Museum Classroom
June 01	10:00	Talk by Siya Magalele on the history of Nxarhuni	Education	Museum Classroom
June 01	10:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: Nelson	Film production	Guild Theatre
June 01	11:00	Talk by Francis Brooke on the Cape Parrot	Education	Cape Parrot Gallery, Museum
June 01	11:00	U3A Stories	Education	Museum Classroom
June 01	11:00	Music Workshop with Selaelo Selota, Rev Patrick Pasha, Retsi Pule, Facilitator: Siphokazi Ngxokolo.	Education	Legends Showcase Venue
June 01	12:00	Trashion Show - recycled Fashion Show - Just Models	Fashion	Museum Galleries
June 01	12:00	Talk by Christo Hunt on plastic pollution and recycling	Education	Museum Classroom
June 01	13:00	Talk by Alastair Saxton on the Penny-farthing	Education	Museum Classroom
June 01	14:00	Talk by Zuko Blauw on Duncan Village and Bhisho Massacres	Education	Museum Classroom
June 01	14:00	ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST: The rise of the Nguni	Film production	Guild Theatre
June 01	18:30	Sakhile Simani conducts the Buffalo City Big Band. SPECIAL GUEST: SELAELO SELOTA	Jazz	Guild Theatre
June 01	19:00	Over 30s Party	Dance (80s & 90s)	Legends Showcase Venue
June 02	12:00	Artside Collective Experience	Music/Arts/Poetry/Food	Ann Bryant Art Gallery
June 02	13:00 15:00	Sunday Lunch Experience with Nabo. Music by Indwe	Food Xhosa contemporary (Uhadi)	Legends Showcase Venue
June 02	15:00	The Bala Family - O43 Events	Musical	Guild Theatre
June 03	10:00	Umtiza Creative Industry workshop 2.0	Education	Legends Showcase Venue
June 04	18:00	Karaoke Evening	Music Public	Legends Showcase Venue
June 05	14:00	UNESCO Creative City of Literature Programme	Education	House 87
June 05	18:00	Night of Classics - Khensanii	Contempo/Fusion/ Pop Opera/Jazz	Legends Showcase Venue
June 06	19:00	Jazz and Pizza with Andile Tsako	Jazz	Legends Showcase Venue
June 07	10:00	Hit Maker Workshop with Mobi Dixon	Education/Production	Legends Showcase Venue
June 07	16:00	Umtiza Shake-down - Mobi Dixon, Dj of Faith, Lusiv Soul, Dj Spin	House	Gonubie Hotel
June 08	08:00	Fabrica Farmers Market	Market	Springbok Farm Stall
June 08	19:30	Call to Worship with Putuma Tiso & Dumi Mkokstad - SKM AFRICA	Gospel	Guild Theatre

# UMTIZA ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE EAST LONDON MUSEUM

PLEASE NOTE ENTRY TO THE  
MUSEUM FOR THE DURATION  
OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE R10  
PER PERSON PER DAY

## SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024

9am-10am:  
Museum Classroom

### PLASTIC AND OUR OCEANS

What is the problem, is it plastic or is it us? Let's talk plastic... Let's talk people... Let us talk recycling... Understanding South Africa compared to the rest of the world. Responsibility and action is a way forward. My art and its message by Christo Hunt. (Also on 1 June)

10am-11pm:  
Museum Classroom

### WHAT DOES A MALACOLOGIST DO?

Malacologist, Mary Cole, will discuss the many and varied aspects of her work at the East London Museum, curating and researching one of the foremost Malacology collections in the country.

11am-12pm:  
Cape Parrot Exhibition

### OUR 'NATIONAL PARROT', ITS UPS AND DOWNS

According to Francis Brooke, Research Manager for the Cape Parrot Project, South Africa's green and gold Cape Parrot faces a number of threats, and with its small population size, is considered critically endangered. Come learn about Cape Parrots and the research the Cape Parrot Project is doing in order to understand and conserve this unique species. (Also on 1 June)

11am-12pm:  
Museum Classroom

### TIYO SOGA'S MISSION CHURCH AT MGWALI

The talk by, William Martinson, will scrutinise - through the eyes of a heritage architect. Rev. Tiyo Soga's mission church at Mgwali near Stutterheim, built under his guidance in 1862.

12pm-1pm:  
Museum Classroom

### THE PENNY-FARTHING

An interactive chat by the passionate owner and builder of his own Penny-farthing, Alastair Saxton. This will be followed by a demonstration in the museum carpark where the enthusiastic can brave mounting 'Penny' with Alastair's help. (Also on 1 June)

1pm-2pm:  
Museum Classroom

### CAPE PARROT CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY: THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF ZEEK AND SQUEAK

Susan Wishart, Project Manager of the Cape Parrot Project, will read The amazing adventures of Zeek and Squeak, the story of the Cape parrot who was scared to fly.

2pm-3pm:  
Museum Classroom

### MACLEANTOWN HERITAGE

Bonisle Grey discusses heritage projects that are planned for the re-vitalisation of Macleantown.

## SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024

9am-10am:  
Museum Classroom

### LIFE ON THE BUFFALO RIVER - THE DEVELOPMENT OF EAST LONDON

The river port town of East London was born in conflict in 1848, and after many years of limited activity finally commenced with more substantial development in the 1870's. The talk by heritage architect, William Martinson, will provide an introduction to the Victorian style of architecture, will present a brief overview of the history and development of East London and will illustrate selected examples of domestic scale and more significant buildings and structures of this era.

10am-11am:  
Museum Classroom

### THE HISTORY OF NXARHUNI VILLAGE

Siya Magalele will relate the history of Nxarhuni Village, while sharing the experiences of some its residents.

11am-12pm  
Cape Parrot Exhibition

### OUR 'NATIONAL PARROT', ITS UPS AND DOWNS

Please see talk description above: 25 May

11am-12pm:  
Museum Classroom

### U3A

Members of the University of the Third Age (U3A) Writing Group will share their stories.

12pm-1pm:  
Museum Costume Gallery

### TRASHION SHOW - RECYCLED FASHION SHOW:

A Fashion Show organised by Davianne Blignaut and Just Models featured in the Museum Costume Gallery.

12pm-1pm:  
Museum Classroom

### PLASTIC AND OUR OCEANS

Please see talk description above: 25 May

1pm-2pm:  
Museum Classroom

### THE PENNY-FARTHING

Please see talk description above: 25 May

2pm-3pm:  
Museum Classroom

### TALK BY ZUKO BLAUW ON THE DUNCAN VILLAGE AND BHISHO MASSACRES

There have been four massacres in Buffalo City (Duncan Village Riots 1952, Egerton Massacre in 1983, Duncan Village Massacre in 1985 and Bhisho Massacre in 1992). Museum Historian, Zuko Blauw, will discuss his role as a museum scientist in re-telling the story of the 1985 Duncan Village Massacre, and the 1992 Bhisho Massacre.



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**043EVENTS & Entertainment PRESENTS**

**DOUBLE TROUBLE**  
*Comedy Special*  
**JASON GOLIATH & TATS NKONZO**

**TICKETS: R150 / Fri 24 MAY / EAST LONDON, GUILD THEATRE**  
STARTS: 19:30

CALL FOR MORE INFO: **083 4080 246** MC'D BY: **BRIAN NDEVU**

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**043EVENTS & Entertainment PRESENTS**

**SAVY Vibes 6**

Austin Hendricks ROBIN PIETERS KARIN KORTJE DON VINO

**TICKETS R220 / Early Bird Sold Out** FOR TICKETS & INFO: **083 408 0246**

**GUILD THEATRE 31 MAY 7PM**

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**PRESENTS**

**THE BALA FAMILY**

**EAST LONDON GUILD THEATRE 2ND JUNE 2024**  
@15:00 **TICKETS: R 250** **EARLY BIRD TICKETS: R 220**

CONTACT: **083 4080 246** FOR MORE INFO

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**BACK TO THE FUTURE AT THE MUSEUM**  
JOIN US ON A QUEST THROUGH TIME AND SPACE

**R60** BOOKING ESSENTIAL - CONTACT JEN : 074 538 4438  
**EL MUSEUM | 25 MAY | 9AM - 2PM**

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**JOY OF BOOKS Festival**

- BOOK READINGS
- MEET THE AUTHORS
- CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING
- WRITING COMPETITION
- BOOK STALLS

DONATION WELCOME  
**EL MUSEUM | 1 JUNE | 9AM-11AM**

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**ORCHID SHOW**

**OPENING TIMES: 23 MAY - 2 JUNE**

THURSDAY 23 MAY	12pm - 7pm
FRI, SAT, SUN 24-26 MAY	10am - 7pm
MON, TUES, WED, THURS 27 - 30 MAY	4pm - 7pm
FRI 31 MAY	10am - 7pm
SAT, 1 JUNE	10am - 7pm
SUN, 2 JUNE	10am - 1pm

Come and see the different types of orchids in flower at this time of the year.

**R10** **23 MAY - 2 JUNE 2024**  
**EL MUSEUM: COURTENAY-LATIMER HALL**

PLANTS FOR SALE

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**FAMILY EVENT**  
You're invited!

**AMATHOLE MUSEUM 140th ANNIVERSARY FLEA MARKET**  
Arts & Crafts | Music | Food Stalls & more

**25 MAY | 9:00 | AMATHOLE MUSEUM**

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**NAC FUNDING WORKSHOP**  
FOSTERING COLLABORATION FOR THE EASTERN CAPE CREATIVE FUNDING ECONOMY

**24 MAY 2024**  
**13:00 - 15:30**  
**THE CORTEX HUB**  
**33 CHURCH ST. EAST LONDON**

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**ECPACC - UMTIZA FILM FEST** **FREE ENTRY**

**VIEWINGS: EAST LONDON GUILD THEATRE**

DATE	MOVIE TITLE	PRODUCER NAME
<b>FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024</b>		
10:00 AM	ILIFA LOMBOKO	GGABI NJOKWENI
14:00 PM	PRIDE	LUZUKO DILIMA
<b>SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024</b>		
10:00 AM	BHUTIZA	AYANDA MAKAYI
<b>TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024</b>		
11:00	CANVAS	MICHAEL BARRY
<b>WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024</b>		
11:00	SIZWE	MARIZA MATSHAYA
14:00	SILUBALEKILE	NWABISA MSIKINYA - GKASHE
<b>THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024</b>		
14:00	UKUTHWALA	CHWAYITA MOZINWA
<b>FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024</b>		
14:00	UHADI	SIVUBHLE MEDIA
<b>SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024</b>		
10:00	NELSON	NOLUBABALO MNCINGA
14:00	THE RISE OF NGUNI	UNATHI DYUBULA



# AT THE GUILD THEATRE



## THE NIGHT OF THE STRINGS

**GUILD THEATRE : 25 MAY : 16:00**

Catch the juniors battling it out with the ECCO (Eastern Cape Chamber Orchestra) With contrasting sounds and soothing melodies, both groups will surely keep you entertained. The energetic Mission Impossible Trio from 007 and Pata Pata from the legendary Mirriam Makeba will be amongst the items. Also featured in the event is Siyasanga Yonela Mbuyaza and Kwanele Gingqi. Conductor - Izak Bellingan and Directed by Richard Lento  
All Ages

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**

**R100-R120**



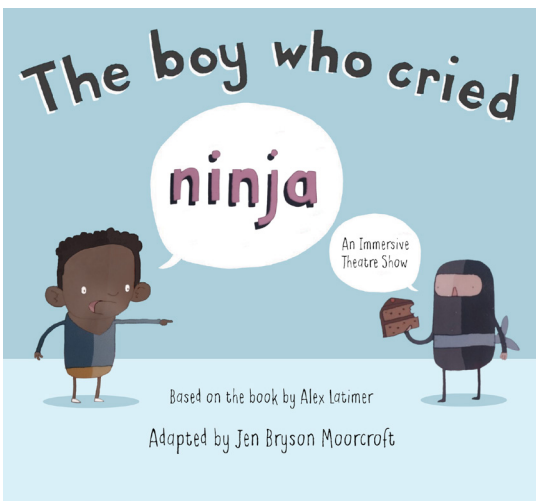
## FESTIVAL OF DANCE

**GUILD THEATRE : 26 MAY : 16:00**

In a swirl of colors and rhythms, the festival of dance transforms the mundane into magical moments of pure expression. From graceful ballet to energetic hip-hop, the festival of dance celebrates diversity and passion on every stage. With each step it weaves stories of joy, sorrow, love, and triumph, connecting hearts through the universal language of movement.  
All Ages

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**

**R100**



## THE BOY WHO CRIED NINJA

**GUILD THEATRE : 27 MAY : 10:00 & 14:00**

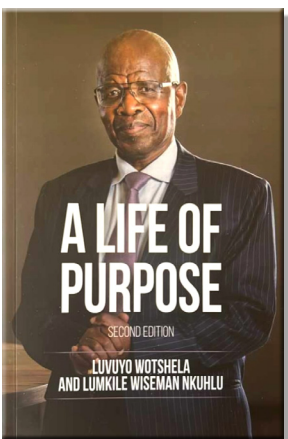
What would you do if you discovered a ninja in your house? First the ninja eats the last slice of cake and then he brings his friends - an astronaut and a pirate - to cause mischievous mayhem! Can you convince your family that this isn't just a case of a super over-active imagination?

The Boy Who Cried Ninja is based on the delightful picture book by Alex Latimer and adapted for stage by Jen Bryson Moorcroft Theatre. It is an entertaining, immersive play suitable for 3 to 10-year-olds as well as the young and playful at heart! The play is 60 minutes in length and will be performed on the Guild Theatre Stage on 27 May from 10:00 - 11:00 and again from 14:00 - 15:00 as part of the Umtiza Festival.

All Ages

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**

**R50**



## BOOK LAUNCH

**A LIFE OF PURPOSE: WISEMAN NKUHLU**

**DATE: 27 MAY 2024 : TIME: 18:00**

**VENUE: EAST LONDON GUILD THEATRE**

**RSVP: ELGUILD@MWEB.CO.ZA**

The book recounts over 60 years in the remarkable life of this man of many firsts, specifically the first African Chartered Accountant. It tells the story of a man who became one of the most influential South Africans of our time, playing key roles in academia, philanthropy, development, business and politics.



## BREATHING IN

**GUILD THEATRE : 28 MAY : 19:00**

Wela Kapela Productions presents – Breathing In  
During the dying days of the Anglo Boer War, mother and daughter must do whatever is necessary to survive. Entrusted with the care of a dying general and hounded by his adjutant, the women turn to unconventional methods to ensure they are on the winning side. In this classic of South African theatre, the strength of women in the face of relentless patriarchal structures takes centre stage.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**

**R80**



## BARRY HILTON

**GUILD THEATRE : 29 MAY : 19:00**

Get yourself some thigh-slapping, snort-out-loud kinda laughter with comedian Barry Hilton at the Guild Theatre in East London this May- Having your funny bone tickled by South Africa's favourite family-friendly comedian is definitely a great way to spend an evening out with friends and family. Be sure to book your tickets soon.

Barry has an uncanny knack of finding the humour in everyday situations that everyone can relate to and laugh about. People of all ages and backgrounds have been laughing with Barry for over four decades, making him somewhat of a comedy icon in South Africa.

With humour that is never rude or crude, he leaves his audience in stitches and always wanting more.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**



## OCTISSIMO - THE 8 PIANISTS

**GUILD THEATRE : 30 MAY : 19:00**

For the first time ever at the Umtiza Festival, 8 of East London's high school piano teachers will be performing together on the same stage showcasing the united pianistic talent that East London has to offer. This collaboration includes works for 4 hands, 8 hands, 12 hands and most excitingly - 16 hands. The performance consists of works by composers such as Bach, Orff, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and more.

The pianists include Angela Kobus (Clarendon High), Hayley White (Hudson Park High), Jacques du Plessis (Stirling High), Jo Stemmet (Selborne College), Kimaine Carr (Lilyfontein), Lidia Tzoneva (Cambridge High), Nathan Johannisen (Merrifield) and Pieter Taljaard (Gonubie High).

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**

**R100 - R120**



**POP UP RESTAURANT BY PRIVATE CHEF ANNA  
AT THE FOLLOWING SHOWS**

**BREATHING IN / BARRY HILTON / OCTISSIMO**





## SAKHILE SIMANI CONDUCTS THE BUFFALO CITY BIG BAND.

**SPECIAL GUEST: SELAELO SELOTA**

**GUILD THEATRE : 1 JUNE : 18:30**

Conducted by Mdantsane born trumpeter, composer, arranger and educator, Sakhile Simani, the ensemble is a sonic vessel for the celebration and preservation of South African Jazz Heritage by paying tribute to the masters of this artform.

With a selection of original compositions from the South African songbook, the performance will feature songs and arrangements of Feya Faku, Lulama Gaulana, Retsi Pule, Andile Yenana, Bokani Dyer and many more, with some arrangements by Sakhile Simani.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**

**R125**

**WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:  
SELAELO SELOTA,  
REV PATRICK PASHA  
AND RETSI PULE.**



## CALL TO WORSHIP WITH PUTUMA TISO & DUMI MKOKSTAD

**GUILD THEATRE : 8 JUNE : 19:30**

The "Call To Worship" showcases South Africa's finest gospel artists who have a lineage with the Eastern Cape. There could be no better time for them to uplift our spirits than now. The Guild Theatre offers the perfect atmosphere for an unprecedented experience.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMPUTICKET.**

**R350**

## ~~ Blue Lagoon Jam Sessions ~~

Every Saturday and Sunday between 25 May 2024 and 8 June 2024 from 3pm onwards.  
NO cover charge.

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## QADASI & MAQHINGA

*The powerful sounds of traditional Maskandi music.*

**LEGENDS SHOWCASE VENUE | 23 MAY | 9PM**

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## MUSIC WORKSHOP

REV PATRICK PASHA

RETSI PULE

FACILITATOR:  
SIPHOKAZI NGXOKOLO-BILI

**TIME: 11:00**  
**DATE: 1 JUNE 2024**  
**VENUE: LEGENDS SHOWCASE VENUE**  
**42 STEWART DRIVE, BEREA, EAST LONDON**

SELAELO SELOTA



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