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## **Ubumuntu Arts Festival is back for its second year; 18 Countries to participate**

**Kigali July 06, 2016....We're back and bigger**

The festival that was launched in 2015 by Hope Azeda and her team from Mashirika Performing Arts and Media Company is about to start its 2nd edition that will be held from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2016 at the outdoor amphitheater of the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre.

The event has grown impressively since last year and has doubled in length; with two additional days, one dedicated themes around children and the other to themes around women. For four days artists from 21 different countries will bring their captivating performances around motifs of humanity, conflict and peace to the heart of Rwanda.

The festival's organizing team is conscious of the great importance of the selected venue and picked the dates to fall at the end of the country's 100 days of commemoration of the 1994 Genocide. All performances are carefully selected and aim at fostering dialogue and reflection to prevent crimes against humanity.

The performances range from song to theater, physical performances and dance, covering varying topics such as; the genocides that took place in Rwanda and Cambodia, the conflict between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland that gained new topicality due to the recent developments around Brexit, the experiences of Syrian and Burundian refugees, the impact of the violence during the Arab Spring., and so much more.

For further information, please contact: [ubumuntu.artsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ubumuntu.artsfestival@gmail.com).

## NOTES TO THE EDITOR

### Participating Countries 2016

Rwanda, USA, Belgium, South Africa, UK, Netherlands, Burundi, Belgium, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Switzerland, DRC, Gabon, Northern Ireland, Iraq, Sudan, Ireland, Germany, Kenya, Kosovo, Cambodia

### Partners and Sponsors 2016

Aegis Trust, US Embassy, RDB, Kigali Today, Belgian Embassy, Legacy XP, Skol, Brussels Airlines, Goethe Institut, Institut Français, Master Steel, Rwandair, MTN, Sorwathe, Sri Lankan Community in Rwanda, Sulfo Rwanda, Dove Magazine, MyKigali

### Workshop Schedule

Ubumuntu Art Festival is free and open to everyone and there will be workshops to be held on the festival dates from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Interested participants can register on [www.ubumuntuartsfestival.com](http://www.ubumuntuartsfestival.com).

#### Day One

Workshop 1: Mind Leaps Class for Children

Workshop 2: Using Theatre as an Effective Means of Peacebuilding

Workshop 3: Contemporary Dance Fusion

#### Day Two

Workshop 1: Contemporary Movement

Workshop 2: Community Theatre and Social Campaigns

Workshop 3: Between Reality and Imagination

#### Day Three

Workshop 1: Games and Exercises for Devising Theatre

Workshop 2: Partnering Work

Panel Discussion: The Role of An Artist in Today's World

#### Day Four

Workshop 1: Clay Therapy and Yoga

Workshop 2: Dance and Sustainable Development

Workshop 3: Contemporary Ballet

## Performance Schedule

### Day 1: Children

**Opening Act "Dry your tears, Africa" by**

**John Williams (Children's**

**Choir), Rwanda**

**Friendship, Rwanda/USA**

**Safe.Umudendezo.Amani, Rwanda/**

**Belgium**

**O'dabo, South Africa/UK**

**Ma Petite Colline, Rwanda**

**Africa's Hope, Rwanda**

### Day 2: Women

**Movement for Humanity, UK/**

**Netherlands/ Rwanda**

**Voices in Sync (Monologues from Syria**

**and Burundi), Syria/Burundi/**

**Belgium/Rwanda**

**Kivu, Burundi**

**Tomorrow is Another Country, Sri**

**Lanka**

**Afro Man Spice, Uganda**

**Mother to Mother, South Africa**

### Day 3

**To Be or Not to Be, Rwanda/Switzerland**

**Face Off, Rwanda/DRC**

**Go Forth, USA**

**The Tears of a Man Flow in His**

**Belly, Gabon**

**Those You Pass on the Street, Northern**

**Ireland**

**Body Revolution, Iraq/Belgium**

### Day 4

**A New Dictionary, Uganda/ Sudan**

**Solidarity, DRC/Ireland/Germany**

**The Room of Lost Names, Kenya**

**Waiting for Train, Kosovo**

**See You Yesterday, Cambodia**

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