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Ubumuntu Arts Festival launches 2nd edition

The inaugural 2015 festival attracted 11 participating countries and attracted a multi-cultural audience that exceeded all expectations with approximately 5,000 attendees on both event-days. This year, we have 18 participating countries and will have two additional festival days.

Ubumuntu Arts Festival was created in 2015 by Hope Azeda and her team from *Mashirika Performing Arts and Media Company*, to act as a catalyst for the national and international peace building processes. It was designed to be part of the genocide commemoration time as is set at the end of the 100 day commemoration. The organizers believe that Rwanda with its specific history, is the perfect venue to gather people from all walks of life to reflect upon topics like conflict, peace and humanity through the means of art.

The 2nd edition of the Ubumuntu Arts Festival will be held 14th through 17th of July 2016 at the outdoor amphitheater of the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre. The event has grown impressively since last year and will have two additional days, one fully dedicated to art for young audiences and one to women's topics. The organizers have so far rallied an international line-up of 18 participating countries that will bring the amphitheater to life with captivating pieces featuring: movement, music, theater, dance, projections and acrobatics. Another new addition is an official after party to take place immediately following the final performance on July 17th.

Founder Hope Azeda says; "Art has manifested itself world over as an efficient form of communicating, expressing opinions, airing issues and sharing values about all aspects of life that affect humanity." Azeda and her team aim at spreading messages of hope through theatre and other forms of performing arts.

Line Up Ubumuntu 2016

Day 1 - Children & the young

NEW WORK

Children's Choir, Rwanda/South Africa

Rafiki Foundation Nyamata and New Life Choir featuring Thembi Mtshali-Jones, Peace Jolis and Rosette Karimba

Ma petite Colline, Rwanda

directed by Carole Karemera

Papa's Hat, Rwanda/Belgium

directed by Lore Uyttendaele

NEW WORK

Voices in Sync, Rwanda/Burundi/Syria

Africa's Hope, Rwanda

directed by Hope Azeda

Day 2 - Women

NEW WORK

Movement for Humanity, UK/Netherlands/Rwanda

directed by Hilde Cannoodt and Tjarda van Straten

Mother to Mother, South Africa

directed by Janice Honeyman

Afro Man Spice, Uganda

directed by Linda Nabasa

NEW WORK

My Story is My History, Switzerland/Rwanda

directed by Andrea Grieder

Day 3

NEW WORK

Face Off, DRC/Rwanda

directed by Abdoul Mujyambere

Go Forth, USA

directed by Kaneza Schaal

The Tears of a Man Flow in his Belly, Gabon

directed by Amaël Mavoungou

Those you pass on the Street, Northern Ireland

directed by Paula McFetridge

Body Revolution, Iraq/Belgium

directed by Toneelhuis / Mokhallad Rasem

Day 4

Solidarity, DRC/Ireland/Germany

directed by Gudrun Lange

The Room of Lost Names, Kenya

directed by Sitawa Namwalie

NEW WORK

The New Dictionary, Uganda/Sudan

directed by Phillip Luswata

Waiting for Train, Kosovo

directed by Kushtrim Mehmeti

WORLD PREMIER

See you Yesterday, Cambodia

directed by Michael Lessac

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