

High School Drama Festival 2025



Hoërskool Dramafees 2025

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Welcome to the High School Drama Festival

The Artscape High School Drama Festival (HSDF), presented in proud partnership with the Suidoosterfees, continues to thrive because of its inclusive spirit and developmental focus. It provides a vital platform for young people to tell stories that reflect their lived experiences, while bringing together diverse audiences of all ages and backgrounds to share, engage and connect.



But the HSDF is more than just a stage for storytelling. After receiving numerous entries, a panel of adjudicators faces the challenging task of selecting the top ten productions. For schools requiring support, mentorship is provided to help refine and elevate their work. And then, the magic begins ...

This festival is more than a showcase, a competition or an awards ceremony. It stands as a powerful symbol of social cohesion – a concept that often sounds abstract on paper but comes to life here in the most authentic and inspiring way.

To the dedicated HSDF coordinators, adjudicators and mentors – thank you for your invaluable contribution and commitment. To the teachers and parents who walk alongside these young performers, nurturing their artistic aspirations: you are the guardians of their dreams.

Artscape, together with its partners – Suidoosterfees, Netwerk24, the City of Cape Town, the Western Cape Government and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture – is immensely proud of what this festival represents. During the vibrant week of the HSDF, it feels as if the world stands still, and for a moment, we glimpse into a future filled with hope, creativity and unity.

Marlene le Roux
CEO: Artscape

Welkom by die Hoërskool Dramafees

Vir die Suidoosterfees is dit 'n voorreg om die Hoërskool Dramafees saam met Artscape aan te bied. Ons is dankbaar vir die ondersteuning van vennote soos Netwerk24, Stad Kaapstad asook die nasionale en provinsiale regerings, wat dit vir ons moontlik maak.



Om jong mense op die verhoog te sien en hulle stories te hoor, is baie belangrik vir die Suidoosterfees, maar veral ook vir die samelewing. Die manier waarop tieners se gedagtes en wense op die verhoog gestalte kry, is geweldig relevant vir Suid-Afrika.

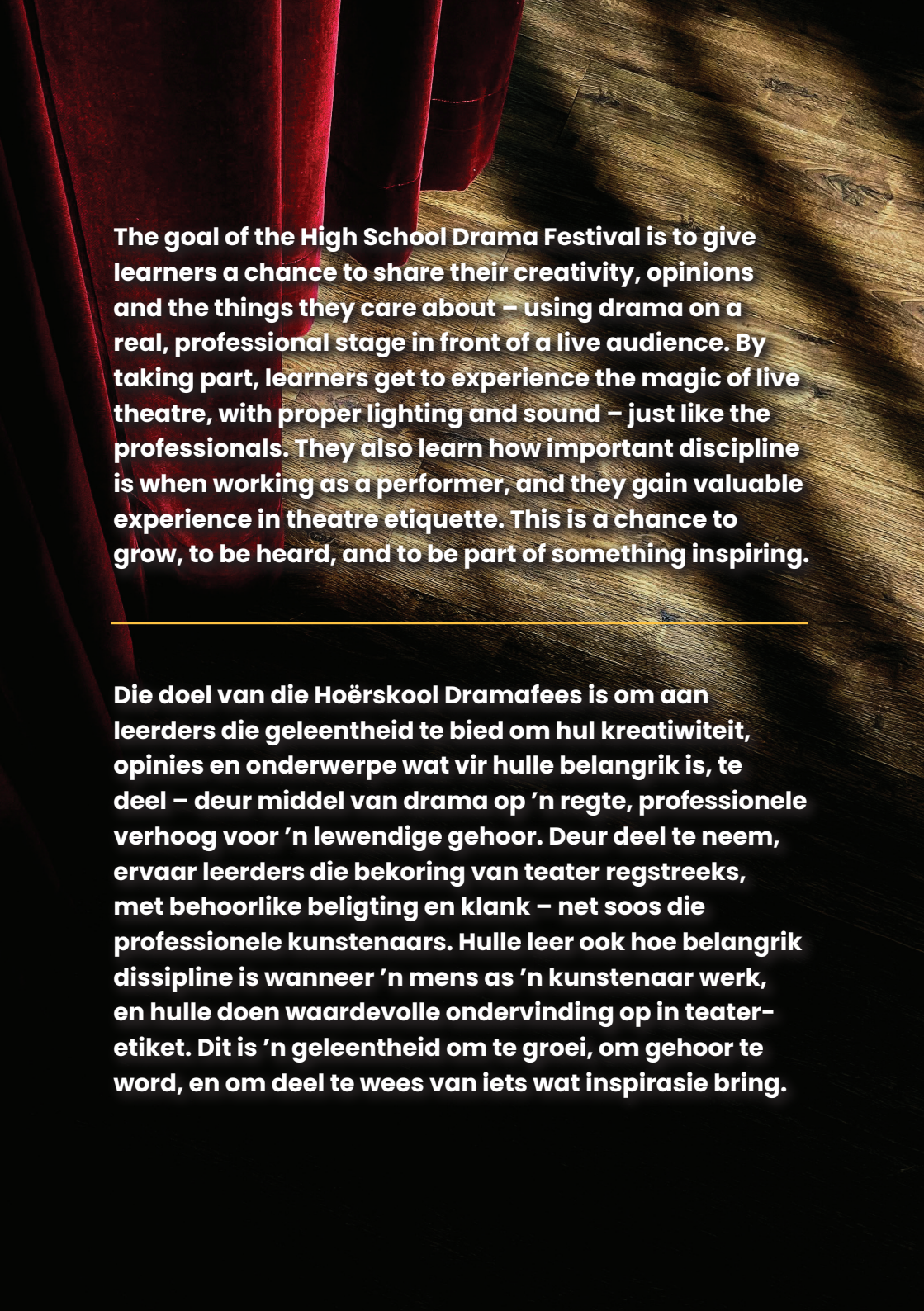
Ons is trots om deelnemers aan hierdie spesiale fees by Artscape te verwelkom in 'n professionele omgewing waar ondervinding en kennis uitgebrei word. Ons glo dat daardie vaardighede in die gemeenskappe waaruit ons skoliere kom, teruggeploeg sal word.

Vir elke onderwyser en elke leerder wat vanjaar aan die Hoërskool Dramafees deelneem, lig ons die hoed. Julle ywer, deursettingsvermoë, opofferings en kreatiwiteit inspireer ons. Die manier waarop julle voortbou op tradisies in die teater, soos om terug te reik na William Shakespeare en CJ Langenhoven, en hulle gedagtes gebruik om julle s'n te voed, is uitstekend. Dit is net so belangrik soos die oorspronklike werk wat uit die pen en hart van elke nuweling-skrywer kom.

Mag die Hoërskool Dramafees van 2025 'n onvergeetlike ervaring wees en julle vir baie lank met insig en wonderlike herinneringe vervul.

Jana Hattingh

HUB: Suidoosterfees



The goal of the High School Drama Festival is to give learners a chance to share their creativity, opinions and the things they care about – using drama on a real, professional stage in front of a live audience. By taking part, learners get to experience the magic of live theatre, with proper lighting and sound – just like the professionals. They also learn how important discipline is when working as a performer, and they gain valuable experience in theatre etiquette. This is a chance to grow, to be heard, and to be part of something inspiring.

Die doel van die Hoërskool Dramafees is om aan leerders die geleentheid te bied om hul kreatiwiteit, opinies en onderwerpe wat vir hulle belangrik is, te deel – deur middel van drama op 'n regte, professionele verhoog voor 'n lewendige gehoor. Deur deel te neem, ervaar leerders die bekoring van teater regstreeks, met behoorlike beligting en klank – net soos die professionele kunstenaars. Hulle leer ook hoe belangrik dissipline is wanneer 'n mens as 'n kunstenaar werk, en hulle doen waardevolle ondervinding op in teater-etiket. Dit is 'n geleentheid om te groei, om gehoor te word, en om deel te wees van iets wat inspirasie bring.

DATE & TIME DATUM & TYD	SCHOOL / ORGANISATION SKOOL / ORGANISASIE	PRODUCTION PRODUKSIE
Monday 18 August		
18h00	Makupula Secondary School	The Silver Lining
19h15	Hoërskool Curro Durbanville	Wolkekrabbers
Dinsdag 19 Augustus		
18h00	Hoërskool Bellville	Vlieg, Eva
19h15	Hoërskool Parel Vallei	'n Pynappel op 'n pizza
Wednesday 20 August		
18h00	Eros High School	Dancing Queen
19h15	Khwela community-based organisation	Echoes of Silence
Thursday 21 August		
18h00	Apex High School	Colours of Tomorrow
19h15	Hout Bay International School	Beyond the Shadows: A Midsummer Night's Dream
Vrydag 22 Augustus		
18h00	Hoërskool Martin Oosthuizen	Spoke
19h15	Schoonspruit Secondary School	What the Dust Carries
20h30	Awards Ceremony Toekenningsereemonie	

Learners will be awarded in the following categories:

- 1 Best performance in a lead role
- 2 Best performance in a supporting role
- 3 Best ensemble
- 4 Best technical contribution
(sound/lights/set design/soundscape etc.)
- 5 Best script or adaptation
- 6 Best director
- 7 Best production
- 8 Judges' special award

The Silver Lining

Makupula Secondary School

18h00; 40 min

A gripping coming-of-age drama about an 18-year-old girl navigating betrayal, poverty and survival. Orphaned and raised by a greedy aunt who sells her to make ends meet, Yibanathi's journey is marked by pain – until one desperate act changes everything. Caught between circumstance and consequence, she finds an unexpected thread of hope.

Playwright: Songezo Nkaule
Adaptation: Ms Ziyanda Gama
Director: Siphso Nyangan

Cast

Yibanathi Ntsundu	Iviwe Peter
Magistrate	Songezo Nkaule
Commissioner	Ayakha Mfengwana
Lawyer	Asiphe Siyothula
Police officer	Ayama Siguqa
Journalist / Activist	Siziphiwe Manzini
Aunt	Ntseetseng Thelejane
The Counsellor	Sibusiso Zweni
Witness	Esethu Sifuba
Prosecutor	Iminathi Mahlokoma

Wolkekrabbers

Hoërskool Curro Durbanville

19h15; 40 min

Wolkekrabbers kreun nie onder druk nie. Wolkekrabbers staan sterk in moeilike toestande. Hulle fondasies is sterk. Daar is staal in hulle are. Hulle hoogtes ken geen perke nie. Het jy wat dit vat om 'n wolkekrabber te wees?

Skrywer en regisseur: Lize-Mari Amann

Rolverdeling

Luca	Luca Human
Mev. Krabber	Inge Dippenaar
Suk	Risa Burger
Ses	Mia-Cecilia Kriel
Ensemble:	Matthew Gaffley, Chene van der Merwe, Esti Vlok, Kayden Wise, Lucy Morillion, Minke Nel, Grace Lynch, Daniella Garcia, Matteo Silva, Hannah Joshua, Alessandro Goncalves, Fabio Goncalves, Abner Paul, Nina Dippenaar

Tegniese span

Verhoogbestuurder	Chloe-Lyn Manoek
Beligtingsoperateur	William Ings, Wynand Gouws
Klankoperateur	Marais Lindeque
Multimedia-operateur	Chloe-Lyn Manoek, Yo-Yao Chen

Vlieg, Eva

Hoërskool Bellville

18h00; 45 min

Maisie en Andries deel van kleintyd af 'n diepe band – 'n liefde wat blom in hul geheime plekkie in die moeras, hul eie “Tuin van Eden”. Maar elke paradys het sy verbode vrug. Wanneer 'n verpletterende familiegeheim uitkom – dat hulle halfbroer en -suster is – word hul wêreld onherroeplik uitmekaar geruk. 'n Kragtige verhaal van liefde, verraad en verlies wat die fundamente van 'n plaaslewe skud en twee jong mense op afsonderlike paaie stuur.

Skrywer:

Duandré Vorster

Regisseur:

Wickus Zerwick

Rolverdeling

Andries

Khian van der Boon

Maisie

Keanté Korkie

Eva

Kara Coetzee

Adam

Veon Bosman

Wim

Qurin Janse van Rensburg

Rebecca

Tayla van der Merwe

Ensemble

Ivana Schonken, Andrea Botha, Mienkie Mouton,
Jean Samuels, Sayge Zoutman, Danél Theron, Deané Viviers

'n Pynappel op 'n pizza

Hoërskool Parel Vallei

19h15; 40 min

Wanneer Japie, 'n dromerige Vrystaatse seun met 'n kaktus en 'n pynappel onder die arm, en hoop in die hart, vir 'n troue Kaap toe gaan, kruis sy pad onverwags met Ilke-Mari s'n. Sy is 'n stylvolle stadsmeisie, en agter haar perfekte glimlag skuil daar meer vrae as antwoorde. Wat begin as 'n lawwe ontmoeting tussen twee uiterstes, ontvou in 'n komiese en roerende reis van selfontdekking, opregtheid en die moed om geluk bo gemak te kies.

Skrywer en regisseur:

Darryl Spijkers

Rolverdeling

Japie

Francois Retief

Ilke-Mari

Celeste Grobler

Wisselkarakter

Roslin Spires

Tegniese span

Verhoogbestuurder

Unathi Mankahla

Assistent

Olivia Jacobs, Mae-li Kleynhans

Kolleg-operateurs

Seth James, Amelia Curtis

Klankoperateur

Leander Eloff

Dancing Queen

Eros High School

18h00; 55 min

All she wants is to dance. A determined disabled student dreams of joining her school's dance group – to take the stage and shine like everyone else. But when the group leader shuts her out and the rejection turns into cruel bullying, she's faced with a choice: give up or fight for her place. With courage, resilience and the support of those who believe in her, she steps up, proving that passion knows no limits.

Writers: Themba lethu Zwele, Enrique La Meyer, Marceline Albertyn

Directors: Themba lethu Zwele, Enrique La Meyer

Cast

Zanele	Unathi Mene
Tariq	Zafar Mia
Jane	Ammaarrah Hanson
CJ	Ronaldinho Norman
Mrs Jacobs	Rhanyah Brown
Students:	Zanele group, Ammaarrah Hanson, Saeeda Abrahams, Caitlyn Hamilton, Sesam Bilibana Ndinani Mqhitsane, Lerato Lehasa Tariq Group, Taahir Strauss, Diago Williams, Ronaldinho Norman

Echoes of Silence

Khwela (community-based organisation)

19h15; 50 min

When two bulls fight, it's the grass that suffers. In March 2020, the clash between tradition and the COVID-19 pandemic left deep scars across the world. In South Africa, families mourned sudden losses, while the 21-day lockdown wrapped homes in an unsettling stillness. For some, that silence became permanent. What remains are the echoes – faint but enduring – of voices now gone.

Writer: Masibulele Njeza

Adaptation: Anansi Professor

Director: Owam Kutuka

Cast

Ahlume (Narrator)	Elona Shumi
Therapist & Ahlume's mother (Xolelwa)	Zipho Mrwata
Malume Vuyani	Mbali Sikhuphela
Abongile (Ahlume's father)	Chulumanco Thengani

Colours of Tomorrow

Apex High School

18h00; 35 min

A celebration of Coloured South African culture, the play follows two young people at life's crossroads. Facing harsh realities, they find strength in memories of childhood games – kennetjie, three tins, hide-and-seek and wire cars. These traditional games become symbols of identity and resilience, reminding them that what's rooted in their earliest memories is unbreakable.

Writers: Kim Dreyer, Ethan Patton
Adaptation: Kyle van Aard, Thervadian Fourie
Directors: Ethan Patton, Kim Dreyer

Cast

Keegan	Thervadian Fourie
Zara	Kyle van Aard
Girl 1	Zharah Geduldt
Girl 2	Zoe Geduldt
Boy 1	Luke van Wyk
Boy 2	Ethan Pietersen

Beyond the Shadows: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Hout Bay International School

19h15; 45 min

Step into an enchanted forest where fairies meddle, lovers lose their way, and mischief reigns. This playful reimagining of Shakespeare's timeless romantic comedy celebrates love, transformation and the magic of theatre. As dreams blur with reality and chaos gives way to harmony, *Beyond the Shadows* reminds us that with imagination, empathy and a little magic, a better tomorrow is always within reach.

Playwright: William Shakespeare
Adaptation: Nicole Senekal
Director: Nicole Senekal

Cast

Egues / Philostrate	Marcus Jabbie
Hermia	Gabriella Glover
Lysander	Yinon Kedem
Demetrius	Shanjing Huang
Helena / Stella	Eppel de Beer
Thesues	James Shitai
Hippolyta / Fairy	Annemijn Vink
Peter Quince / Fairy	Georgia Dalton
Nick Bottom / Fairy	Jules Holmes
Francis Flute / Fairy	Ruben van den Brink
Tom Snout / Fairy	Kyra Osipowicz-Haring
Robin Starveling / Fairy	Leon Loombe
Snug / Fairy	Keira Bierman
Oberon	Ross Thomas
Titania	Fatema Kassam
Puck	Eline Bourdeaux

Crew

Lighting	Felix Seheste-Larson
Lighting Assistant	Charlotte Noli
Music	Ryan de Jager
Stage manager	Cole Henfrey-Marshall
Projector	Isola Olusegun

Spoke

Hoërskool Martin Oosthuizen

18h00; 35 min

Glo jy in spoke? Of moet ons liefs die woord vermy? Is daar heengeganes wat terugkeer na die tonele van hul vorige stoflike lewe? Dis in elk geval nie ons doel om antwoorde op hierdie vrae te kry nie. Ons gaan 'n paar insidente ondersoek, en dan kan jy self besluit.

Skrywer: CJ Langenhoven
Verwerking: Barnie Mans, Francois Toerien
Regisseurs: Barnie Mans, Alae Hanekom

Rolverdeling

Kerneels	Conraad Burger
Kaartjieverkoper / Engelse dame	Lize-Marie van Rooyen
Boervrou / Veewagtervrou	Amieke du Preez
Withand / Ou boere-oom	AC Losper
Treinknaap / Veewagter	Pieter-John Stadler
Voorslag / Ou boeretannie	Keila Marais
Moordenaar / Oue van dae	Ben Ackerman

Tegniese span

Klank	Louise Hanekom
Beligting	Janco Liebenberg

What the Dust Carries

Schoonspruit Secondary School

19h15; 50 min

Inspired by Athol Fugard's *Boesman and Lena*, this production dives into the messy, hidden struggles we all face – no matter your background, your home or your story. Behind every front door lies a battle: addiction, abuse, pressure, isolation. The pain is real – we just wear it differently. *What the Dust Carries* challenges us to see beyond race and class, and to recognise our shared humanity in a fractured world.

Writer and director: Y van der Heijden

Cast

Boesman	Bronwyn Damon
Lena	Navite Adonis
Melissa	Jay-Dean Swartboo
Jacob	Zubenathi Sotha
Vusi	Joseph Kadyautumbe
Thuli	Michell Chamunorwa
Karen	Amy-lee Anthoney
Wouter	Juwayne Stuurman
Luna	Leonie Scholtz
Kayla	Mikayla Collins
Group Therapist	Kim Louw

Crew

Sound and lighting	Bradley Wagosa, Myascha November
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