

Artscape hosts innovative programme to celebrate Youth Month

Artscape will host innovative programmes during the month of June to celebrate, support and develop South Africa's youth.

Here's what visitors can look forward to

In theatre on 2 June, *Imagine! Family Magic Spectacular* feature's South Africa's top children entertainers in a world filled with incredible illusions, fantasy and dazzling magic. *Imagine! Family Magic Spectacular* is for the young and the young at heart as hilarious antics and fun-filled fantasy is the order of the day for the whole family.



Imagine! Family Magic Spectacular

Also, in theatre on 3 June is *Abakhulu: from the voices of the youth*. This dance work explores the beauty and cruelty of cultural traditions imposed by those with authority.

From 7 to 9 June, a theatre production by The Dance Project and Triple C brings *Cape Town's Most Wanted* – a platform for the best of Cape Town's Hip Hop dance crews, dancers and choreographers.

The Artscape Youth Comedy Festival is a stand-up comedy show that's sure to have you laughing, featuring four of the funniest local young comedians, from up and coming to professional. Catch them in the Artscape Arena from 14 to 15 June.

On 15 June, this year's **Youth Jazz Festival** will focus on the continuous skills development within the genre of jazz, to foster the investment of cultural democratization of our country. Musical director, Amanda Tiffin (also on vocals) will be leading a group of jazz musicians to act as mentors for these youths and will work very closely with them over a ten-week period.



Artscape again celebrates the talent of young musicians as well as the success of their band leaders within their respective communities with a showcase called **Band Stand**. The aim is to showcase the commitment to music literacy, and the development of young musicians within the fields of brass and woodwinds. Catch this must-see production on Youth day, 16 June 2018 in the theatre.



Celebrating young musicians, brand leaders

Also, on 16 June, the exciting **Ayatshiis'amateki Mapantsula Competition** is in the Artscape Arena. The competition aims at providing a platform to showcase the talent in *Isipantsula* Dance genre in the Western Cape Province. And if you want to know more about youth health matters, make a turn in the Chandelier Foyer at Artscape on 16 June for the **Youth Health Seminar**.



If Afrikaans is more your thing, feel free to join us for **Afrikaans Sing! In Jeugstemme**. The SBA's (Stigting vir die bemagtiging deur Afrikaans) unique contribution to the 2018 Youth Day Celebrations will be presented in the form of a choral event, interspersed with other indigenous South African languages to expose the youth's voices on stage in celebration of Youth Day. This will be in theatre on 17 June.

On 19 June, visitors can look forward to the much-anticipated **Art Career Expo**: a programme designed to support artists who wish to pursue their studies formally within the creative sectors, focusing on arts administration skills, stage technical skills, production management skills and creative/artistic skills on 19 June in the Marble Foyer at Artscape.



#YouthMonth: Providing opportunities for young performers, Q&A with Artscape's Marlene Le Roux

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From 20 to 23 June the Arena will host **Cut in Two**. This one-man show tells the story of a family of three, dealing with internal, as well as external, social struggles impacting and increasing the pressures on the household dynamics including the life of the young child, each finding their way of breaking free from these adversities. Cut in Two has a Cape Town narrative, performed by Justin Hagen, portraying four characters, directed by Soli Philander.

The month will end with **Alunamda**, a play that is told through music, acting and movements. It speaks about the endurance of long lasting relationships, but at the end love prevails. The play is in IsiXhosa and English with an age restriction of twelve years. Alunamda runs from 27 to 30 June in the Arena.

Although Youth Month will be over by then, 5 July will see the **Born Frees**: a production through the medium of dance, exploring the freedom the Youth born after the dawn of our democracy in 1994. The piece looks at what it means to dream and hope and to transform those dreams and hopes to reality.

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