



Theatre play from Zamdela heading to the National Arts Festival

Botho Theatre Cooperative based in Zamdela Sasolburg, is taking its theatre play titled Guluva to Makhanda in the Eastern Cape for this year's National Arts Festival to showcase their work and talent. Botho Theatre Cooperative started in 2020 to produce main stream theatre productions and sub-objectives such as development for young people who are interested in the art and theatre play, to creative arts facility for schools and training for teachers. The cooperative also advocate for provincial and national arts policy. The cooperative was started by Styx Mokejane, Mputlane wa Bofelo and Mpho Lavinga.

According to Styx Mokejane the administrator of the cooperative, one of their big objective is to change one child into art in the country, and have a business identity which seeks to assist government and other brand companies in finding art as a direct contributor to their country's Gross Domestic Product(GDP).

"We want to have a running theatre company from Zamdela that take jobs abroad, and assists local artist to achieve their dreams without going

to other places" said Mokejane. The One Man show play, Guluva is written by Mputlane wa Bofelo and played by Styx Mokejane. It is a story about the author himself, he was once detained during apartheid and tells his life in prison during that era in the early 90s.

The play explores the troubled and tormented soul and creative imagination of a child who dives into the language of poetics, politics, philosophy and psychology to deal with the trauma of having seen and experienced too many (horrible) things too early in his life.

The play starts with a walk down memory lane through a fictionalised narrative of the experiences, observations and ruminations of a seventeen year-old Black Consciousness activist in the 1980s. It ends with an articulation of anxieties.

"We are appealing and asking for any kind of support and contribution, and it doesn't have to be money as such, messages of support and prayers will be much appreciated" said Mokejane.

By Reporter Ouma Mabaso

National Commissioner confirms death of one of the investigators into the Thabo Bester escape matter.

The National Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS), General Fannie Masemola sadly confirms the death of one of the investigators into the Thabo Bester escape matter. Circumstances surrounding the senior officer's death who is also the Provincial Head responsible for Organised Crime in the Free State province remains the subject of a police investigation.

The SAPS in-house Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) experts which include chaplains and psychologists have been dispatched to provide psychosocial services to the family and colleagues of the deceased member. The National

Commissioner of the SAPS, General Fannie Masemola has described the member who at the time of his death had 31 years' of uninterrupted service as a hardworking, loyal and dedicated detective. "Over the years he has proven himself to be a highly skilled detective with a wealth of experience and knowledge in crime detection. His departure leaves a void in the SAPS detective environment. On behalf of the SAPS, our sincerest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of our officer", said General Fannie Masemola. The identity of the deceased member will be released once all of his family members have been notified.

Special Visit for Zamdela Children

As part of their contribution to the Child Protection Week the Family Violence Child Protection Unit in Zamdela led by Captain Gift Matsheka visited Tsatsi Primary School over the past weekend to donate winter school uniforms and school shoes to help them through the winter season. The streets in Zamelda roared with the sound of bikes and children's excited with laughter as they took to the streets to celebrate #ChildProtection week. Captain Gift Matsheka, the Family Violence Child Protection Unit

Commander in Zamdela, SAPS members as well as the Vaal Bikers Club, visited Tsatsi Primary School yesterday as part of Child Protection Week. The members are part of a biker club and put together contributions to donate food hampers for children who come from disadvantaged families. The initiative was spearheaded by the Zamdela FCS which also formed part of the group that visited various schools with the hope of reminding them of their rights during this child protection week.



Youth Month Launched

2023 marks the 47th anniversary of the June 16 Soweto and other related uprisings. The Soweto uprising ended tragically with hundreds of young people brutally killed. This tragedy became a rallying point that inspired a nation and a people to rise up against the brutal apartheid system.

Following the advent of democracy in 1994, the new democratic government declared 16 June as National Youth Day and June as Youth Month. This year National Youth Day and Youth Month will be celebrated under the theme: "Accelerating youth economic emancipation for a sustainable future".

The Youth Month launch took place

on the 01st June 2023, at the Hector Pieterse Memorial in Orlando West, Soweto where the full Youth Month programme was also unveiled.

The Youth Day Commemoration Official Event will take place in Bloemfontein, Free State Province, in the form of an Opportunities Expo with real time opportunities for over 4000 young people.

The 2023 Youth Month will focus on a spectrum of opportunities for young people in the private sector, public sector and civil society across the spectrum. This includes employment, entrepreneurship, skills development and youth service opportunities and a range of support to assist young people to find traction in the labour market.

