

## Unleashing the power of arts in youth development



ARTS4YOUTH has tapped into the power of creative arts to uplift young people. Through this programme learners doing creative arts get an opportunity to be empowered with skills by community-based organisations that deal with creative arts.

ARTS4YOUTH is a program funded by Assitej SA and coordinates 10 Free State Arts organisations with 150 members in total. Four of these organisations create works for communities while six assist creative art teachers in class for creative arts lesson. The organization has two phases called After-School and In-Class programmes. For the In-Class programme facilitators go in class and assist the creative arts teachers in achieving good results for the creative arts learners. The After-School programme facilitators go to schools together with the creative arts teachers and combine either dance or drama learners whom are interested in the programme and provide them with arts skills related to their choice. One of the organisations that forms part of the programme is Marabane Arts of Styx Mokejane.

Marabane Arts is targeting young people. Their other work include drug abuse awareness. The organisation also take their artistic works of drama and dance to the community and places such as clinics and prisons. Assitej SA has been offering trainings for its members quarterly and a monthly stipends of R1 600 since June last year.

“With high unemployment especially among youth, the ARTS4YOUTH program has come in handy for these young people. With the little incentives they receive they are able to channel their focus and put more energy to their hopes and dreams. “The cost of living is expensive so there’s a lot of depression and anxiety so imagine when the artists themselves are depressed it becomes difficult. “I’m very happy to be given this opportunity since last year as a co-ordinator for this social empowerment fund. Since we started last year we have managed to create training for many beneficiaries, and it also has an element of train-the-trainer so we train them and they go train students,” said Mokejane. -by Puisano News Reporter.

## Two Women arrested stolen vehicle recovered



Members of the Kroonstad Highway Patrol arrested two female suspects in possession of a suspected stolen vehicle on Monday, 12 June 2023 at about 07h05. It is alleged that the members received information about a vehicle travelling from Vredfort towards Kroonstad. The members followed the information and stopped the vehicle, which had two female

occupants. The duo could not give a reasonable account of the ownership of the vehicle. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the vehicle had been hijacked in Cape Town and registered falsely in Gauteng. The 26- and 29-year-olds have been arrested and will be charged with possession of suspected stolen property. They are expected to appear in court soon.



African Jazz Artist Dudu Makhoba (Pictures by Lindo Mbhele)

## Namahadi's Dudu releases new tribute gospel sounds

Described as kimberlite and gifted, this African Jazz sensation from Namahadi, Frankfort, in Mafube promises enchanting melodic harmonies in her new tribute gospel single. Dudu Makhoba is set to release the single, “Weho Mdali” by the end of June. The singer said this composition is a tribute to the divine power of God, the Creator and to showcase her extraordinary vocal and songwriting talents. “Weho Mdali” also marks a significant milestone in Dudu’s illustrious career.

“This powerful single beautifully exemplifies my deep-rooted faith, emphasizing the ability of God the Creator to bring forth existence through His mere word,” she said. Dudu’s undeniable talent shines through, infusing the song with passion and depth that resonates with audiences and her new single promises to captivate both long-time fans and newcomers alike.

Her love for music blossomed during her time at Falesizwe Secondary School in Namahadi Frankfort. That’s where her passion for music ignited and a talent was recognized

in her exceptional and smooth, melodic voice.

Dudu pursued a National Diploma in Jazz and Popular Music at Central Johannesburg College. As a phenomenal voice and jazz performance teacher, Dudu’s influence extends beyond her own artistry. With mesmerizing performances in local and global shows, including her renowned role in “The Fat Black Women Sing a chorus-poem theatre play written and directed by African Poet and award winner, Napo Masheane. Other stage performances include but not limited to UMOJA CFC. She continues to inspire and uplift audiences. Her song writing skills have also found success in the corporate realm, creating captivating music for advertising campaigns.” “Weho Mdali” will be available for streaming on all major platforms. Stay connected with Dudu Makhoba on social media for updates, exclusive content, and upcoming announcements. Instagram: Dudu Makhoba. Facebook: Dudu Makhoba #Pictures by Lindo Mbhele

## FS Department of Education welcomes TABSA Team

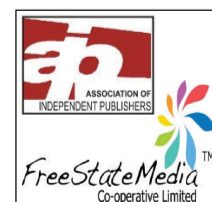


Officials from the Department of Education, welcomed the TABSA team (Teachers Across Borders Southern Africa) who arrived in Bloemfontein on the 24th June 2023. They will be conducting workshops for educators, teaching Grade 7, 8 and 9 learners in the Maths and Science subjects. The three-week workshops will be held at Tsoeletso and Kagisho Secondary Schools. #QualityEducationForAll.



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