



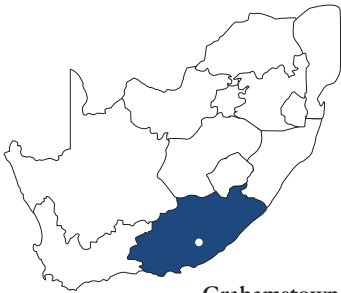
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National Arts Festival, Grahamstown

Since its inauguration in 1973, the annual National Arts Festival, held in the Eastern Cape town of Grahamstown, has grown to become South Africa's biggest arts and culture festival and one of the biggest in the world, standing alongside the likes of the Edinburgh Festival. Originally founded as a theatrical festival for the purposes of promoting the artistic and cultural interests of English-speaking South Africans, the NAF has become a truly South African, multicultural, multilingual and multidisciplinary arts event. Music, visual arts, theatre, dance and film are all covered in the packed Festival programme, which takes over the halls, streets and lecture theatres of this small university city. Running alongside the NAF is the Standard Bank Jazz Festival, which brings together top local and international jazz acts in a spirit of collaboration and artistic exploration.

Among the major features of the Festival are the Standard Bank Young Artist (SBYA) Awards. These are awarded to promising up and coming practitioners in the categories of music, visual art, theatre, jazz, dance and film. Recipients of this award often go on to become leaders in their field, both at home and abroad.

The Festival takes place from 20 June to 4 July 2010.

NAF 2010 HIGHLIGHTS

VISUAL ARTS

20 June – 4 July:

Endgame, exhibition of work by 2010 SBYA for Visual Art Michael MacGarry.

Long Live the Dead Queen, exhibition of work by Johannesburg based artist Mary Sibande.

THEATRE

28-30 June: *The Girl in the Yellow Dress* – Craig Higginson's dark psychological drama

2-4 July: *Ouroboros* – a visually rich puppet theatre production by 2010 SBYA for Theatre, Janni Younge.



DANCE

21-23 June: Cinema – a multimedia work created by 2010 SBYA for Dance, Mlu Zondi.

24-26 June: *San* – an iconic journey into the heart of Africa’s oldest inhabitants, choreographed by Vincent Mantsoe.

2-4 July: *Swan Lake* – reinterpreted by Festival favourite Dada Masilo.

FILM

20 June – 3 July: A special selection of new international cinema

24-26 June and 1 July: South Africa – special selection local cinema

27 June: Screenings of *My Black Little Heart* and *Palace of Bone* by 2010 SBYA for Film, Claire Angelique

STANDARD BANK JAZZ FESTIVAL

25 June: Melanie Scholtz and the Love Apples: *Connected* – Scholtz, 2010 SBYA for Jazz, takes to the stage with her band.

25 June: Darius Brubeck and Barney Rachabane

26 June: African Vitality