



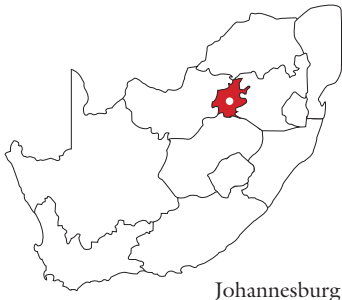
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National Arts Council of South Africa (NAC)

The NAC was established in April, 1997 through an Act of Parliament (Act no. 56 of 1997). The vision of the NAC is to promote, through the Arts, the free expression of South Africa's cultures and its mission is to develop and promote excellence in the Arts.

The NAC receives its annual budget from the Department of Arts and Culture. It is governed by a Board which consists of 14 nationally elected and 9 provincially elected members. The NAC office is headed by the Chief Executive Officer who is responsible for implementing decisions made by the Board.

Amongst its other functions, the NAC offers financial support to arts organisations and individuals involved with projects in dance and choreography, literature; music musical theatre, theatre, visual arts and craft.

The objectives of the NAC are as follows:

- To provide, and encourage the provision of, opportunities for persons to practice the arts;
- To promote the appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of the arts;
- To promote the general application of the arts in the community;
- To foster the expression of a national identity and consciousness by means of the arts;
- To uphold and promote the right of any person to freedom in the practice of the arts;



Hugh Masekela



Dada Masilo in *Romeo and Juliet*



Jonas Gwangwa

- To give the historically disadvantaged such additional help and resources as are required to give them greater access to the arts;
- To address the historical imbalances in the provision of infrastructure for the promotion of the arts;
- To promote and facilitate national and international liaison between individuals and institutions in respect of the arts;
- To develop and promote the arts to encourage excellence in this regard.

Funds are allocated twice a year. Forms are available at the NAC offices or on the website. Affiliated to the International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA), the NAC co-hosted the the Third World Summit for Arts and Culture in 2009.