



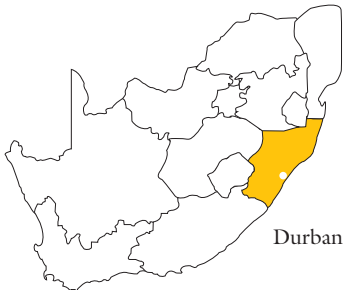
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The Playhouse Company is Durban's premier theatre organisation, based at the Playhouse Theatre Complex in Smith Street in the heart of the coastal city of Durban, KwaZulu-Natal on the Eastern Seaboard of South Africa.

JUNE/ JULY EVENTS

8 June, Playhouse Opera Theatre:

The Playhouse Company's big-stage performance showpiece, *Inggay'ngqayi ye Africa* was created for Praise Singer, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass soloists, with mass Choir, Orchestra and Indlamu Dancers. This grand-scale stage piece features original music by Phelelani Mnomiya, set to a libretto by Professor Themba Msimang, orchestrated and conducted by Naum Rousine and directed by Mbongeni Ngema. The spectacular showcase of South African talent and diverse cultures promises to be a memorable live theatre experience, highlighting our endemic cultural characteristics, music complexities, beautiful melodies and harmonies, the beauty and splendour of our natural and heritage sites as well as the warmth and humanity of ubuntu espoused by the people of South Africa.

A series of World Cup Concerts will be held on the Playhouse Transnet Mobile stage in Richards Bay, Ballito, Pietermaritzburg and Margate, linked to forthcoming matches at the Moses Madiba Stadium in Durban. The concerts will showcase local prize-winning Pantsula, Maskandi, Indlamu and Kwaito exponents.

16-20 June, Playhouse Drama:

The annual touring production staged by Northwood High from Johannesburg is the 1970 Biblical musical *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak.



GCA Zulu Warriors





Lubovana Lucky Boys
Playhouse facade



EVENTS

17-27 June, Playhouse Loft:

Songs of Freedom features The Robben Island Singers, three artists from local townships who served time as political prisoners on Robben Island with Nelson Mandela. *Songs of Freedom* is not a memoir of incarceration but rather a celebration of the universal power that music has to uplift, encourage, change, inspire and set the spirit free.

26-27 June, Playhouse Opera Theatre:

The Playhouse Company's national Isicathamiya Festival spans some 18 hours, beginning late afternoon on Saturday and running into mid-morning on Sunday.

20 July – 8 August 2010:

The Playhouse Company's 14th South African Women's Arts Festival is set to run at **The Playhouse in Durban** from 20 July to 8 August 2010. The nationally acclaimed festival features a high profile mix of music, dance, drama and comedy, highlighting the work of impactful women in our society.