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Artscape Theatre Centre

In the space between Table Mountain and Table Bay, Cape Town boasts a cosmopolitan mix of historic and modern landmarks, including the Artscape Theatre Centre on the Foreshore, which is home to the Artscape cultural institution.

The Artscape Theatre Centre was opened on 19 May 1971 as the Nico Malan Theatre Centre. In line with the new South African political dispensation, the complex was renamed Artscape in March 2001.

Covering an area of some 14 000 square meters, the Artscape complex consists of a fully equipped Opera House, seating 1 500, a theatre seating 520, a smaller theatre seating 110, a piazza, gardens, rehearsal rooms and ample parking.

Today, the Artscape Theatre Centre is one of the most productive theatre centres in South Africa. It manages the theatre venues and provides technical and specialised services with an emphasis on sustainable theatre practice, education, development and the nurturing of indigenous arts.

To complement the world's biggest sporting extravaganza, the 2010 FIFA World Cup™, Artscape has devised an arts programme, which will run during the tournament in June and July. Out of the 17 events, there will be seven indigenous South African presentations, four international showpieces, and six stage productions aimed at children and performed by South African youth.

Western Cape





My Country South Africa



Le Grand Cirque Fantazie



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EVENTS

JUNE/JULY

- 9-18 June: Bavaria meets Western Cape Expo
- 10-13 June, Langa township: Artscape Cultural Village – a potpourri of performing arts, crafts, tours and football will be hosted at different four venues in the township.
- 10-26 June, Artscape Theatre: *Noddy's Adventures in Toyland*
- 15-16 June: *My Country South Africa* – a specially devised dance showcase
- 17&19 June, Artscape Opera House: *African Songbook* – a musical tribute by Cape Town Opera to the life of Nelson Mandela.
- 18 June: Youth Jazz Festival
- 26 June – 10 July, Artscape Opera House: *Le Grand Cirque – Fantazie*
- 5 July, Artscape Theatre: SA Artists for AIDS Awareness Gala Concert.
- 8-10 July, Artscape Theatre: *Ezethu*: a musical drama including ceremonial songs and dances of the AmaXhosa.
- 13 – 17 July: Artscape hosts the Cape Town International Ballet Competition.
- 15-17 July: *District Six* – the classic South African musical, presented by Christel House SA and Artscape.