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# Theatre Digest

**THE KENYA CULTURAL CENTRE INCORPORATING  
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## EDITORIAL


April is here and your favorite theatre publication “Theatre Digest” is out. Theatre Digest is a monthly newsletter produced by the Kenya National Theatre to provide you with a lineup of upcoming shows at the Kenya National Theatre. It also includes reviews on performing arts, theatre, and entertainment showcased here in March 2025. You will also get to be informed of KCC-NT engagements. We have much more for your reading pleasure.


We are grateful to all the production companies and other stakeholders who have put effort into providing exceptional performances and ensure that the industry is thriving. We would like to assure you of the Centre’s support to keep the theatre scene vibrant.


Delight in the read and let us have your feedback.


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### EDITORIAL

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# CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The Kenya Cultural Centre in partnership with the Kenya International Theatre Festival Trust with support from Sports, Art and Social Development Fund

*Presents*

## THE COUNTY THEATRE FIESTA 2025

Theatre Capacity Building & Competition Program For Grassroot  
Theatre Companies/Groups

**A DECADE OF CONNECTING CULTURES**

**DEADLINE EXTENSION: 9TH APRIL**

### COUNTIES ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER

Kisumu, Siaya, Migori, Kakamega, Mombasa, Lamu,  
Kwale, Homabay, Kiambu, Nyeri, Embu, Machakos,  
Nakuru, Narok, Uasin Gishu & Trans Nzoia



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Kenya Cultural Centre Incorporating the Kenya National Theatre in partnership with the Kenya International Theatre Festival Trust will be running a theatre capacity building & competition program dubbed County Theatre Fiesta (CTF) for Fifteen select counties in six training centres.

Objectives of the program:

- Train and nurture theatre talents at the county level
- Promote Theatre awareness within counties
- Encourage a theatre-going culture in Kenyan counties
- Select theatre groups from the counties to perform at the Kenya International Theatre Festival (KITFest2025)

The program will train theatre companies with a maximum of 10 individuals per group, by holding a 10 days virtual training and 10-days physical training in select training centers before the Gala Edition, at the Kenya National Theatre during KITFest2025. One outstanding theatre group from each county will be facilitated to represent their county at KITFest2025.

The theme of this year's CTF is "A Decade Of Connecting Cultures", which emphasizes the role of theatre in raising awareness about social issues and the need for collective action to address them. The Program will commence in April and end in November. For this years' program only theatre companies/groups from the following counties are eligible to register; Mombasa, Kiambu, Embu, Nakuru, Kisumu, Uasin Gishu, Siaya, Migori, Nyeri, Lamu, Kakamega, Kwale, Machakos, Narok and Trans Nzoia.

Please visit: <https://kitfest.co.ke/county-theatre-fiesta-2025> for more detailed information.

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# UPCOMING SHOWS





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### BAND WEDNESDAY

Date: Every Wednesday

Venue: Kenya National Theatre: Wasanii Corner

Band Wednesday is a weekly music event held at the Kenya Cultural Centre every Wednesday. This event showcases a diverse array of musical acts, ranging from emerging talent to established artists. Each week, the stage is set for a fresh lineup of performances covering various genres and styles. The venue provides an intimate setting that fosters a connection between the performers and the audience allowing for an engaging and immersive musical experience.



### PAL LIVE

Date: Every Thursday

Venue: Kenya National Theatre: Wasanii Corner

Poetry After Lunch is a platform run by Kenya Cultural Centre incorporating Kenya National Theatre (KCC-NT). The main aim of PAL is to identify, develop and nurture artists' talent through capacity building, networking and partnerships. As a platform, PAL's vision is to develop artists for social-economic stability. It is important to note that PAL not only focuses on spoken word but also integrates other types of performances.



## UPCOMING SHOWS

### FRAGMENTS THAT SHAPE US

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Kenya National Theatre (Cheche Gallery)

Join us for a great two hours of your Friday. There are two shows 3pm and 7pm. See you there.

Get tickets now on the link below

<https://gigs.madfun.com/event/333>

KCA UNIVERSITY PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS



Namalwa Njoroge Emmanuel Baraza Kirsten Gakii Samuel Oyole Amy Muthoni Cindy Barasa Leah Wanjira Bonnie Lukunza Dr. Zippy Okoth Ndiangui Muya

## FRAGMENTS THAT SHAPE US

**Cheche Gallery (Kenya Cultural Centre)**  
Friday 4th April 2025  
3- 5PM & 7-9PM

**A Self-Revelatory Theatre**

For more info: 0740214160

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### HORIA MWAKI

Date: 4<sup>TH</sup> to 6<sup>TH</sup> April

Venue: Kenya National Theatre (Main Auditorium)

Andŭ a Mũmbi Production Presents: 'Horia Mwaki'

A Hilarious Gĩkũyũ Comedy Play at Kenya National Theatre. Prepare for a rib-cracking experience as Andŭ a Mũmbi Production brings you Horia Mwaki, an exciting Gĩkũyũ comedy play set to light up the Kenya National Theatre – Main Auditorium.



## UPCOMING SHOWS

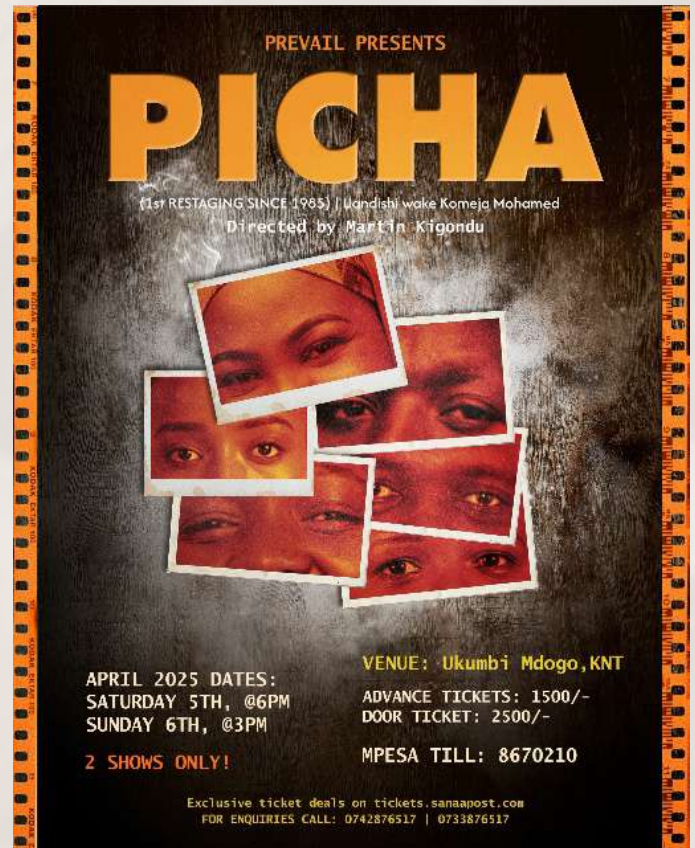
### PICHA

Date: 5<sup>TH</sup> to 6<sup>TH</sup> April

Venue: Kenya National Theatre (Ukumbi Mdogo)

PICHA is a deeply emotive family drama performed fully in Swahili as written by Mohamed Komeja and directed by Martin Kigundu. The Prevail Prevail presents production is produced by both Komeja and Kigundu and stars Lucy Wache, Suzanne Karani, Polyann Njeri, Fadhili Kerosi with Michael Ndunda as Mkwajumrefu and Suki Wanza as Mwanambali. This is PICHA's 1st revival since 1985.

See you on the 5th&6th at Ukumbi Mdogo



### SHE SAID NO!

Date: 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Kenya National Theatre (Main Auditorium)

Another comedy play by the Crony Production; 'She Said No' is happening on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Don't miss out!



## UPCOMING SHOWS

### AGAINST THE TIDE

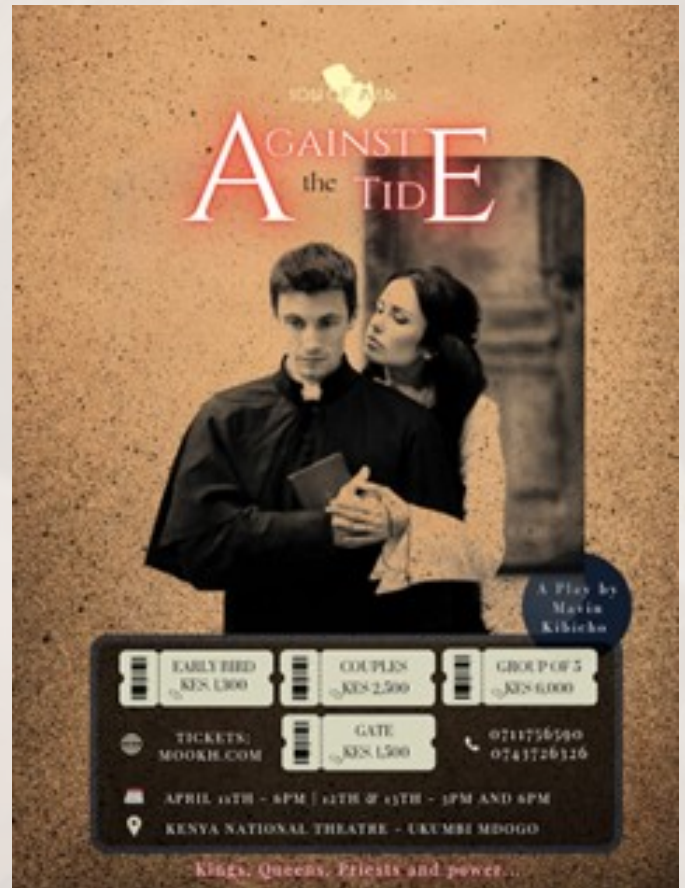
Date: 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Kenya National Theatre  
(Ukumbi Mdogo)

AGAINST the TIDE- THE MUSICAL.

A spectacular theatrical experience at the Kenya National Theatre Ukumbi Mdogo.

Make your reservations now!



### Tao Mbaao Mbaao Na Watoto Festival

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Kenya National Theatre (Ukumbi Mdogo)

Calling all little artists, young creatives, and fun-loving families! On April 18th & 19th, the Kenya National Theatre is transforming into a wonderland of creativity, play, and hands-on fun!

This is not just an event—it's an adventure! 🏰 ✨

A place where kids let their imagination run wild, create something magical, and have an absolute blast!

Don't miss the fun!



## UPCOMING SHOWS



### Let Me Explain

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Kenya National Theatre (Main Auditorium)

1 man, 1 stage, 1 mic, you are all welcomed for a KONKI NATION EXPERIENCE an experience of a lifetime.

Grab early birds tickets at Madfun.com.

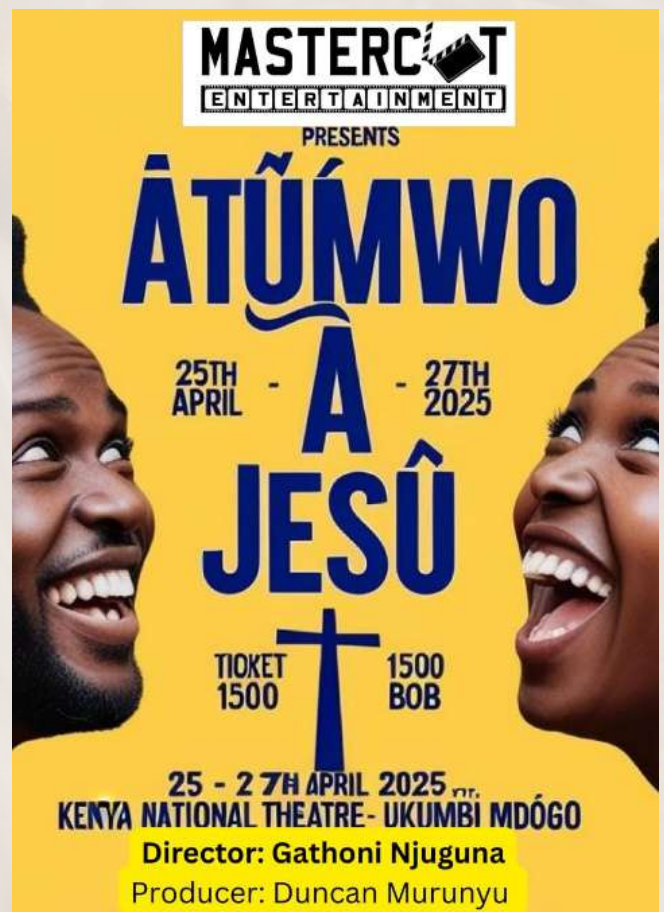
### ATUMWO A JESU

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Venue: Kenya National Theatre (Ukumbi Mdogo)

The year is 2025, and we have 21st century disciples. What would disciples in the 2025, living in Kenya be doing?

Come watch this hilarious play.





## UPCOMING SHOWS



### SERRO LIVE

Date: 25th 2025

Venue: Kenya National Theatre  
(Main Auditorium)

\*SERRO LIVE\* is a live concert experience headlined by SERRO, one of Kenya's most captivating vocalists, marking her first-ever solo production at Kenya National Theatre on April 25th. The show will celebrate her musical journey, featuring songs from her debut album KUWE, the Misimu EP, and her upcoming album, Dusk To Dawn\*. This one-of-a-kind performance promises an unforgettable night of impactful live music.



## AUDITIONS



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# AUDITIONS AUDITIONS

TRAVELLING THEATRE

ACTORS &  
ACTRESSES



### REQUIREMENTS:

MUST BE AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL  
MUST BE ATLEAST 19YRS AND ABOVE TO 30YRS  
MUST BE PASSIONATE ABT ACTING  
MUST BE COMMITED FOR NEXT 6 MONTHS  
MUST BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND KISWAHILI  
MUST POSSESS KENYAN ID  
CARRY PASSPORT PHOTO  
MUST BE DISCIPLINED  
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APRIL**  
2025

FROM 1PM

AUDITIONS

# GRAND ARTWAYS PRODUCTION

ACTORS AND ACTRESSES NEEDED FOR TRAVELLING THEATRE

## REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Talented and Passionate about stage acting
- ✓ Fluent in English & Swahili
- ✓ Available for Rehearsals
- ✓ Age between 18\_28yrs
- ✓ Setbooks Acting Experience is an added advantage

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025 9:00AM-1:00PM

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AUDITIONS



# SAVANNAH ARTS THEATRE



Invites all actors & actresses to an



# AUDITION!

**Venue: Kenya National Theatre**

**Date: 7th April, 2025**

**Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Prepare a Monologue!**

**Contact: 0794175775 or 0719741251**



# KCC-NT

## ENGAGEMENTS





## Kenya Cultural Centre and Kenya International Theatre Festival Trust Launch County Theatre Fiesta 2025



In a significant stride towards nurturing theatre talent across Kenya, the Kenya Cultural Centre incorporating the Kenya National Theatre, in partnership with the Kenya International Theatre Festival (KITFest) Trust, has launched the County Theatre Fiesta (CTF) program. This theatre capacity-building and competition initiative will engage fifteen selected counties, strategically grouped into six training centers.

The County Theatre Fiesta aims to train and nurture theatre talent at the county level, promote awareness and appreciation of theatre, and encourage a theatre-going culture. Additionally, it will identify outstanding theatre groups from participating counties to perform at the Kenya International Theatre Festival (KITFest 2025). Themed **“A Decade of Connecting Cultures,”** this year's County Theatre Fiesta underscores the vital role of theatre in addressing social issues and fostering collective action for meaningful change.



To ensure the successful execution of the program, KCC and KITFest Trust recently conducted a workshop focused on selecting trainers and developing a comprehensive training module. The workshop brought together program staff and consultants to create a well-rounded training curriculum that will equip thespians with essential skills in acting, directing, marketing, producing, stage management, lighting & sound design, entertainment law, wellness, and scriptwriting.





Following this, the selected trainers participated in the Training of Trainers workshop, which equipped them with the necessary skills to develop content for various courses and create assessment criteria. This retreat aligned trainers with the County Theatre Fiesta's vision, guided them in structuring comprehensive content for nine identified courses, and equipped them with effective content delivery techniques. Trainers also developed standardized assessment criteria to evaluate artist performance and fostered collaboration to strengthen the program's impact.



With the groundwork now laid, the County Theatre Fiesta is set to commence, bringing theatre closer to communities and offering aspiring thespians a platform to hone their craft. The program not only seeks to elevate theatre at the county level but also to provide a gateway for the best performers to showcase their talents at KITFest 2025, further cementing Kenya's position as a hub for vibrant theatre arts.

As the program unfolds, the Kenya Cultural Centre and KITFest Trust remain committed to promoting a thriving theatre industry that connects cultures, empowers artists, and transforms communities through performing arts.



## Kenya Cultural Centre Advances Certification Efforts for Poetry Theatre Trainees Through RPL Training



The Kenya Cultural Centre incorporating Kenya National Theatre (KCC-NT) continues to make significant strides in promoting and developing the cultural and creative industry. As part of its commitment to nurturing talent in the performing arts, KCC-NT successfully implemented the Poetry Theatre Artistes Training under the Poetry Theatre Development (PTD) Project. This initiative, funded by Ignite Culture: ACP-EU Culture Programme (Eastern Africa), was designed to address the knowledge, skills, and professional development needs of both aspiring and practicing poets.







To facilitate the assessment of Poetry Theatre Artistes Training graduates, KCC-NT staff members and Poetry Theatre Development trainers participated in an intensive RPL training program. The training, conducted by TVET-CDACC in collaboration with the Kenya School of TVET, took place from March 10th to 14th, 2025, at Kabete National Polytechnic. The program covered essential aspects, including understanding the RPL framework, awareness creation, counselling and facilitation, assessment and certification processes, monitoring and evaluation, and final assessment of the participants. Through these components, participants gained critical knowledge and skills to conduct assessments effectively and guide trainees through the certification process.



The successful completion of the RPL training marks a significant milestone in KCC-NT's mission to professionalize the poetry theatre sector. Equipped with the necessary expertise, the Centre's trainers are now well-positioned to facilitate the certification of Poetry Theatre trainees, ensuring their talents and efforts are formally recognized. This development reinforces KCC-NT's commitment to fostering excellence in Kenya's creative and cultural landscape.



## Kenya Cultural Centre Participates in Performing Arts Week & World Theatre Day Celebrations



Mombasa City played host to the 2025 Performing Arts Week, a week-long celebration that culminated in the grand observance of World Theatre Day on March 27th. The event, organized by key theatre practitioners in Mombasa and the broader Coastal region highlighted theatre's transformative power and its role in fostering peace and inclusivity.

In 2023, the Kenya Cultural Centre launched the Performing Arts Week and World Theatre Day celebrations in Mombasa County, setting the stage for a annual tradition. This year, theatre organizations in Mombasa united to mark the occasion, bringing together artists, creative spaces, and stakeholders for a week-long celebration of theatre's impact on society.



The Kenya Cultural Centre played a significant role in the 2025 celebrations, reaffirming its commitment to promoting artistic growth and cultural exchange. A key focus of the event was the integration of schools from across the Coastal region, nurturing young talent while fostering meaningful engagement among theatre practitioners, enthusiasts, and stakeholders.



The festivities, held from March 21st to March 27th, saw the participation of various theatre organizations, schools, and stakeholders, including The Little Theatre Club, Swahilipot Hub, Alliance Française de Mombasa, Creative Art 254, Jukwaa Arts, and SambaSports Youth Trust, among others. The week featured a wide range of activities aimed at nurturing young talent while engaging theatre practitioners and enthusiasts.



This year's Performing Arts Week demonstrated the immense potential of theatre as a unifying force, promoting social harmony and creating a nurturing environment for young talent. The successful celebration in Mombasa emphasized the importance of theatre in shaping a peaceful and inclusive society, ensuring that the performing arts remain a pillar of cultural expression and dialogue in Kenya.



# HAPPY WORLD



## THEATRE DAY!

**Michael Pundo**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
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Today, as we join the global theatre community in celebrating World Theatre Day, we reflect on the profound impact of theatre in shaping societies, igniting conversations, and advancing human connections.

I am particularly excited about the remarkable strides we are making as a country to elevate theatre and the performing arts. In 2023, the Kenya Cultural Centre launched the Performing Arts Week and World Theatre Day celebrations in Mombasa County. This year, I am thrilled to see that Mombasa County has embraced this vision and taken up the mantle with great enthusiasm. Theatre organizations in the county have come together to lead a week-long celebration, uniting artists, creative spaces, and stakeholders in a shared appreciation of the transformative power of theatre. Kenya Cultural Centre is proud to participate in these celebrations, standing alongside our partners and theatre practitioners in reaffirming our commitment to the growth of the performing arts.

In line with our mission to promote theatre across the country, the Kenya Cultural Centre, in partnership with the Kenya International Theatre Festival, is also implementing the County Theatre Fiesta and Audio Play Masterclasses. These initiatives will empower artists in grassroots theatre companies through capacity building, paving the way for a thriving and economically sustainable theatre industry.

Additionally, our Poetry Theatre Artistes Training and the Ngoma na Sarakasi Cultural Arts Program continue to enhance artistic skills, provide economic empowerment, and expand entertainment experiences for Kenyans. To celebrate excellence in theatre, we also host the Kenya Theatre Awards, recognizing outstanding productions, artists, and the legacy of industry icons. The annual Performing Arts Conference further strengthens the industry by providing a platform for dialogue on the current state and future of the arts.

This year, we are excited to drive the **"Twende Theatre"** campaign—Swahili for "Let's Go to the Theatre." Through our various initiatives and programs, we are spearheading this campaign to not only fill theatre seats but also to revive the performing arts industry, empower artists, and reinforce Kenya's cultural identity. By strengthening theatre-going culture, we aim to create more opportunities for artists, enhance audience engagement, and ensure that theatre remains a vibrant and integral part of our society.

As we mark this World Theatre Day, let us renew our commitment to artistic excellence, and to the continued growth of theatre in Kenya and beyond. Let us celebrate theatre not just today, but every day, ensuring that its power to inspire, educate, and transform remains alive for generations to come.



## PICTORIAL

### Celebrating World Theatre Day in Machakos with County Theatre Fiesta 2025 Trainers





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