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November 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. You will also get to be informed on 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 to provide 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.

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Reimagining Theatre



KENYA INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL

VENUE
KENYA NATIONAL THEATRE

EARLY BIRD	1,000
ADVANCED	1,200
STUDENT	500
COUPLE	1,800

3rd - 15th NOVEMBER 2026

TICKETS ON: THEATREKE.COM

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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.



CRAFT MARKET DAY

Date: Every Wednesday
Venue: Kenya National Theatre

Discover the vibrant spirit of Kenya at the Maasai Market! Shop unique handmade crafts, colorful beadwork, and authentic treasures every Wednesday at the Kenya National Theatre.

Come experience the culture, support local artisans, and take home something truly special.

UPCOMING SHOWS

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.



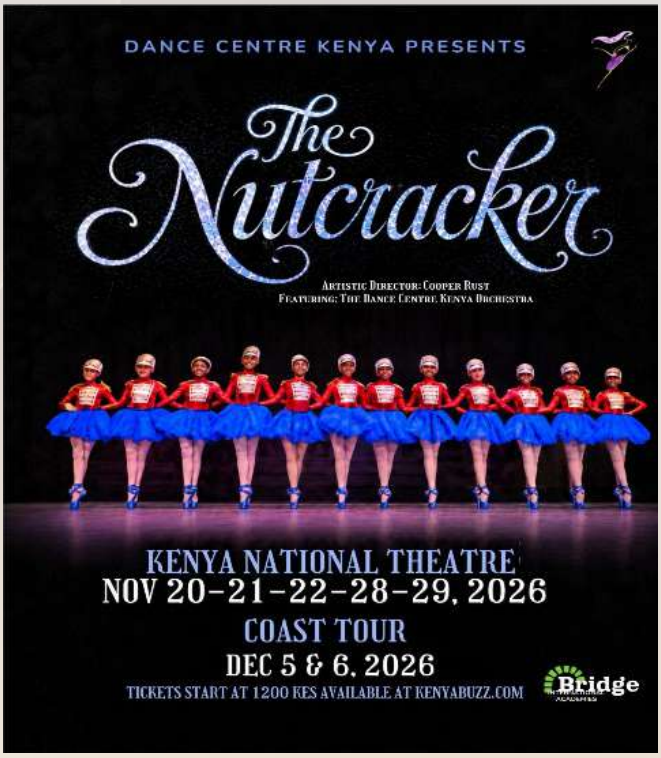
KENYA INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL.

Date: 3rd – 15th November 2026
Venue: Kenya National Theatre: Main Auditorium.

We are excited to spotlight the upcoming Kenya International Theatre Festival 2026, a vibrant celebration of theatre, creativity, and cultural exchange. This year's festival embraces the theme Reimagining Theatre, bringing together diverse voices and creative expressions from around the world.



UPCOMING SHOWS



THE NUTCRACKER.

Date: 20th– 29th November 2026
Venue: Kenya National Theatre: Main Auditorium.

The Magic of Christmas Begins on Stage! The countdown to a magical festive season is on! Get ready for The Nutcracker, presented by Dance Centre Kenya, as we bring this beloved Christmas ballet to life with dazzling dancers, enchanting music, and spectacular performances.
Make it a festive season to remember

Tickets available at KenyaBuzz.com.



WHAT WOMEN WANT.

Date: 24th November 2026
Venue: Kenya National Theatre: Main Auditorium.

What women want? A story you don't want to miss! What happens when love, expectations, and the mysteries of the heart collide? Get ready for an unforgettable theatrical experience filled with laughter, drama, and thought-provoking moments!
A captivating stage production that promises to entertain, spark conversations, and leave you thinking long after the curtains close.

Grab your tickets early.

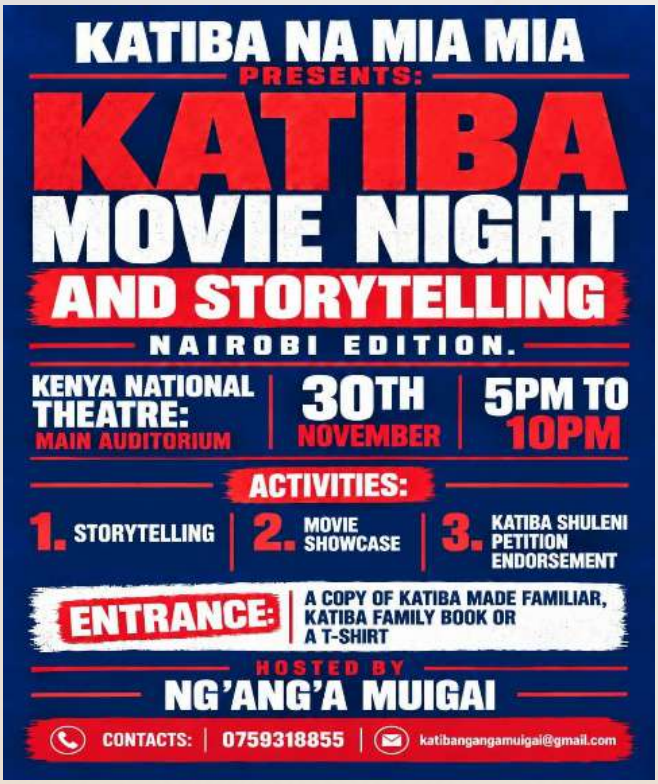
UPCOMING SHOWS

KATIBA MOVIE NIGHT.

Date: 30th November 2026
Venue: Kenya National Theatre: Main Auditorium.

Every story matters. Every voice counts. Every conversation can make a difference. Katiba Movie Night & Storytelling – Nairobi Edition is more than a movie night. It's an opportunity to share experiences, explore ideas, and strengthen our understanding of the Constitution through the power of stories. Come ready to listen, learn, reflect, and connect with fellow Kenyans.

Remember to bring a copy of Katiba Made Familiar, the Katiba Family Book, or a T-shirt for entry.





KCC-NT
ENGAGEMENTS

KENYA CULTURAL CENTRE JOINS JUKWAA ARTS PRODUCTIONS TO POWER WIMBI LA SANAA FESTIVAL 2026 IN MOMBASA



The Kenya Cultural Centre (KCC) joined Jukwaa Arts Productions for the 2026 Wimbi la Sanaa Festival. The five-day multidisciplinary arts and culture festival ran from 6th to 10th October 2026 under the theme *Creating Arts, Building Community*.

The festival brought together emerging and established artists across theatre, music, dance, poetry, film and visual arts. It was held at three venues in Mombasa County: the Little Theatre Club, Alliance Française de Mombasa in Nyali, and Wildwaters.

The festival opened on 6th October at the Little Theatre Club with a Festival Bonanza. The day included a dance battle, an opening ceremony, film screenings, a workshop on reawakening childlike joy in performance, and a Visual Arts Hour. A masterclass on digital storytelling and monetizing the digital economy followed, and the evening closed with opening gala performances.

On 7th October, *Bahari Huru* Day put environmental conservation at the centre of the programme. Participants took part in a mangrove planting activity and a panel discussion on storytelling and conservation. The day also featured a poetry open mic and the play *Maji Kichungini*.

Fem Fusion Day on 8th October celebrated women in the arts through Swahili arts showcases, workshops, performances, a panel discussion and the play *1982 ni Mimi*.



The festival moved to Alliance Française Mombasa in Nyali on 9th October for *Art Cocktail*, which featured workshops, a panel discussion, a game hour and performances. It concluded on 10th October with a Music Concert at Wild waters, headlined by guest artist Nameless.

Wimbi la Sanaa aims to give artists a platform to showcase their talent, preserve cultural heritage, and contribute to community development in Mombasa and beyond. Its objectives include empowering women in the arts, creating economic opportunities for creatives, promoting social cohesion, and raising awareness of issues such as peace, justice and marine conservation. It also seeks to position Mombasa as a hub for artistic innovation and cultural tourism.

GROWING TREES, NURTURING PEACE: MUKUTANI UNITES FOR A GREENER AND MORE PEACEFUL FUTURE

2,000 trees planted as environmental conservation meets community peacebuilding during Mazingira Day 2026 in Baringo South.



Mukutani, Baringo South, came alive with a powerful message of environmental responsibility, unity and hope as the Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture and Children Services, Hon. Hanna Wendot Cheptumo, led the 2026 Mazingira Day celebrations at Mosuro on Saturday, 10 October 2026.

Held under the national theme, "Our Environment, Our Responsibility: Collective Action for Tree Growing and Environmental Stewardship," the celebration reinforced the country's commitment to growing 15 billion trees by 2032. A total of 2,000 trees were planted, marking a significant step towards restoring the local environment and promoting a culture of environmental stewardship.

Beyond the environmental agenda, the event carried a deeper message: trees can be a symbol of peace, unity and shared responsibility. In Mukutani, where communities have experienced tensions arising from competition over pasture and water resources, tree growing provided an opportunity to bring people together around a common cause. The initiative demonstrated how environmental conservation can complement peacebuilding by encouraging cooperation, dialogue and collective ownership of natural resources.





The celebrations brought together Ministry officials, county and local leaders, representatives of the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), and members of the local community.

In a gesture of solidarity and support for vulnerable households, Hon. Cheptumo also donated school bags, school uniforms, sanitary towels, food supplies and tree seedlings to community members. The support underscored the Ministry's commitment to community welfare, children's well-being and creating an enabling environment for learners to remain in school.

The occasion highlighted the importance of combining environmental action with meaningful community support. It also reinforced the message that lasting peace and sustainable development require active participation from communities, leaders and institutions.

As the newly planted trees take root, the focus now shifts to protecting and nurturing them. Community ownership, regular watering, assigning tree custodians and monitoring survival rates will be essential to ensuring that the 2,000 trees grow into a lasting environmental legacy.

The Mukutani Mazingira Day celebration was more than a tree-planting exercise; it was a demonstration that a greener environment and a peaceful community can grow together.

KCC CHOIR STRIKES A CHORD OF PATRIOTISM AT 2026 MASHUJAA DAY CELEBRATIONS



On 20th October 2026, the Kenya Cultural Centre KCC Choir brought patriotism, unity and cultural pride to life at the Mashujaa Day celebrations held at Rurii Stadium in Mathioya Constituency, Murang'a County. Invited by the Permanent Presidential Music Commission PPMC , the choir performed for dignitaries and members of the public, offering patriotic and culturally relevant music that spoke to the spirit of the day and the heroes it honours.

The choir took to the stage three times over the course of the celebrations, and each appearance showed the musical excellence, discipline and professionalism that have become its hallmark. Audiences were treated to a lively and polished repertoire, delivered with the confidence of a group that had prepared thoroughly for the moment.





One performance in particular created a moment that people will be talking about for a long time. As the choir sang Tushangilie Kenya, Murang'a County Commissioner Mr Hassan Bulei was so captivated that he stepped forward and joined the singers in dancing to the song. The crowd responded warmly, and the spontaneous scene captured exactly what the choir set out to achieve: music that brings leaders and citizens together in celebration of the nation.



Behind the success of the day was the dedication of the choir members themselves. Their commitment, teamwork and punctuality were evident from start to finish, supported by thorough rehearsals and careful coordination under the guidance of Choir Director Mr Kevin Sunga. It was a team effort that translated into a confident and memorable showing on a national stage.



The choir expressed its sincere appreciation to the Permanent Presidential Music Commission for the invitation, to KCC Chief Executive Officer Mr Michael Pundo for his support, and to the Murang'a County leadership for their hospitality and cooperation throughout the engagement.The appearance marked an important milestone in strengthening the choir's visibility and reaffirmed the role of music in promoting patriotism and national cohesion. Through every song and every performance, the KCC Choir continues to give voice to national pride, proving that music remains a powerful force for bringing Kenyans together.

KENYA CULTURAL CENTRE HOSTS AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR, EXPLORES CULTURAL AND CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS



The Kenya Cultural Centre (KCC) was delighted to host the Austrian Ambassador to Kenya, Dr. Simone Knapp on 28th October 2026, for a courtesy visit and a brief meeting with the Centre's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Michael Pundo.

During the meeting, Mr. Pundo briefed the Ambassador on the Centre's mandate to promote the performing arts, nurture emerging talent, and facilitate cultural exchange. The discussion also highlighted the Centre's role as a platform where artists, creatives, and audiences come together to celebrate Kenya's diverse cultural heritage.

Both parties expressed keen interest in exploring opportunities for collaboration between Kenya and Austria. Areas identified for possible partnership include artist exchanges, joint performances, sponsorships, and masterclasses. Such initiatives would offer Kenyan artists the chance to learn from and engage with Austria's rich artistic tradition, while also introducing Kenyan culture to audiences in Austria.

The visit reflects the Centre's commitment to building international partnerships that strengthen the performing arts sector and open new avenues for creative growth and cross-cultural understanding.

The Kenya Cultural Centre extends its appreciation to Dr. Knapp for her visit and looks forward to continued engagement with the Austrian Embassy in the months ahead.



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