

OTJOMUISE LIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

06-13 NOVEMBER 2021

“Bridging life & the arts in the city”

PROGRAMME

Co-produced by
National Theatre of Namibia &
Goethe-Institut Namibia





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Tobias Hainyeko Primary School
Eldorado Secondary School



STATEMENT BY FESTIVAL PRODUCERS

2021 marks the inauguration of OLAF (Otjomuise Live Arts Festival); an annual live arts festival that aims to bridge everyday life and the arts in Windhoek, by offering opportunities for live artistic forms to be showcased and/or exhibited within the city's public spaces. Co-produced by the National Theatre of Namibia and Goethe-Institut Namibia, OLAF is largely brought about by the inaccessibility of the majority of Windhoek's inhabitants to various artistic expressions; often limited to indoor, and at times, inaccessible areas of the city. Thus, OLAF offers opportunities for immersive, experimental, and refreshing artistic forms to be showcased or installed in public sites where life and the arts can meet. This is to reflect not only the city's environmental character, but also its rich heritage and artistic expressions that it holds, which its inhabitants need to be impacted by.

The name Otjomuise stems from the Otjiherero name for the city, which means 'place of steam'.

The week-long programme features free small-scaled happenings, installations, performances, and public engagements spread across the city. The themes covered include:

- Leisure and scenery; access to collective pleasure.
- Identity and collective-public memory.
- Navigations of everyday socio-economic issues.

Set to take place on an annual basis, the festival ultimately aims to contribute towards a city that enables dynamic and accessible live artistic forms for cohesion, collective reflections and enlightenment.

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DAY 1

FESTIVAL OPENING
SATURDAY, 06 NOV 2021



12H00

LAUNCH

by His Worship The Mayor, Dr. Job Amupanda

Featuring:

- Equipped Dance Academy
- Live drumming by Banger Drummers Ent.
- Spoken word by Werner Claasen
- Live music by Tchuku Tchukus

14H00

FEMINISM IN NAMIBIA

Frieda Mukufa

Poetry/Spoken Word

Venue:

UN Plaza Park

Notes:

The poem is about the perception and reality of feminism in Namibia. It's a piece that narrates what feminists and allies go through on a daily in Namibia; from the protests to the personal experiences and ill-treatments.

15H30

DANCE PERFORMANCE

Equipped Dance Academy

Dance

Venue:

UN Plaza Park

Notes:

Live dance.

18H30

CHILL WITH RENCHA

Rencha Murere

Sound/Music

Venue:

Lanzarote Playground, Rocky Crest

Notes:

*A calming performance filled with poetry and soulful music.
A mixture of original Neo-Soul, R&B and Spoken Word.*

DAY 2

MONDAY, 08 NOV 2021



14H00-17H00

RURAL ART

John Makanga

Interactive Installation

Location:

Babylon Playground
(near Dr. Aupa Indongo Primary School)

Notes:

An interactive installation with arriving participants.

18H00

ARTWORK BY A THOUSAND

Jaimee-Lee Diergaardt

***Creative Community
Engagement***

Location:

Tugela Park, Wanaheda

Notes:

*An interactive canvas that anyone can contribute to.
The aim is to get non-artists involved in the art making
process and hopefully leave with a sense of involvement
and new sense of appreciation for the arts.*

19H00

AXUE (THROWN AWAY)

Marchell Linus So-oabeb

Dance/Movement

Location:

Suiderhof Park, Suiderhof

Notes:

*A performance depicting the struggle of a
young black man that lived during the apartheid times.
Along with the theme of alcoholism, the performance depicts
the deplorable state black men lived through that time.*

DAY 3

TUESDAY, 09 NOV 2021



13H00-14H00

PANTSULA ***XallaMo & Jox Man***

Dance/Movement

Location:
Post Street Mall

Notes:
Pantsula Dance

15H00

PSA - DON'T DO IT! ***Ruusa Luvindao***

Poster Campaign
Inauguration

Location:
Telecom / Ministry of Justice Courtyard,
Independence Avenue.
Windhoek, CBD.

Notes:
Poster campaign to raise awareness on mental health struggles.

18H30

WIE? ***Lize Ehlers & Adriano Visagie***

Drama/Theatrical Performance

Location:
Visarend Playground), Khomasdal 27

Notes:
A performance poem unpacking Coloured identity in everyday life experiences.

DAY 4

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOV 2021



13H30

BANTU CHILD ***Counney Kemp***

Poetry/Spoken Word

Location:
UN Plaza: Park Area

Notes:
A spoken word piece speaking on the phases of a black child in modern society.

15H00-17H00

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT ***Chantal Kambrude & Taleni Hishoono***

Interactive Exhibition

Location:
Mika Shimbuli Park, Shandumbala

Notes:
Visitors to our site are encouraged to bring something permanent to write with which they can share a 'Word of Encouragement' directly on the sculpture.

19H00

THE [EARTH] PROJECT ***Gift Uzera & Muningandu Hoveka***

Performance Art / Body Art

Location:
Wanaheda/Greenwell Soccer Field (Claudius Kondovanzu Street)

Notes:
The [Earth] Project explores the relationship between the human as a manifestation of earth, and the relationship between the human and its home.

DAY 5

THURSDAY, 11 NOV 2021



14H00-17H00

MURAL INAUGURATION ***Ndako Nghipandulwa***

Live Public Mural Painting

Location:

Eldorado Secondary School

Notes:

Public Mural Inauguration

17H30

HIDDEN BI GENDER ***Rodelio Lewis***

Performance Art / Body Art

Location:

Cramer's Café, Independence Av.
(performance starts at Hilton Hotel parking area)

Notes:

*Cramer's Café, Independence Ave.
(performance starts at Hilton Hotel parking area)*

19H00

DAMASFUSION QUARTET ***Damafusion***

Live Music

Location:

Otjomuise Shopping Centre, Parking Area

Notes:

A small music concert comprising of renditions of well-known Namibian folklore songs. Expect both upbeat as well as soulful, mellow percussive music, great vocal harmonies, and fusion of both contemporary and traditional works of art presented to the inquisitive Namibian youth.

DAY 6

FRIDAY, 12 NOV 2021



15H00

HAPPINESS COMES FROM WITHIN ***Veruschka Garises***

Public Mural

Location:

Tobias Haiyneko Primary School, Okuryangava

Notes:

A mural that promotes and portrays an essence of happiness, pleasures of life's simplicity.

16H00

LIVE DANCING ***Equipped Dance Academy***

Dance/Movement

Location:

Hakahana Open Market.

Notes:

Live dance.

19H00

STREETLIGHT ***Kate Matzopoulos & Angelina Akawa***

Creative Community Engagement

Location:

Telecom / Ministry of Justice Courtyard, Independence Avenue.
Windhoek, CBD.

Notes:

A verbatim site-specific theatre production bringing homeless youths' stories to life verbatim under a streetlight. The piece engages with homeless youth; listening, recording and documenting their stories.

DAY 7

SATURDAY, 13 NOV 2021



11H00-13H00

EACH ONE, TEACH ONE, REACH ONE! **Lucky Shikongo**

Community Engagement:
Improvisational Theatre Workshop

Location:
Namibia Women's Centre Area, Okuryangava

Notes:
Educational workshop for children using Improv Theatre/Theatresports methods to facilitate learning of leadership skills, self-expression, communication and hygiene practices.

12H00-17H00

BLOW YOUR MIND IN ART **Vezembouua Ndukireepo**

Interactive public mural

Location:
Concrete courtyard opposite A.I Steenkamp Primary School, Richard Kamuhukua St.

Notes:
An abstract mural to be co-produced interactively with arriving participants and neighbourhood-based youth.

15H00

THE STRUGGLING ARTIST **Whilzahn Gelderbloem**

Performance Art / Body Art

Location:
CoW Headquarters, Parking Area, Independence Ave.

Notes:
A performance artwork depicting the struggles of being an artist in Namibia.

18H00

FESTIVAL CLOSING **Various Artists**

18H00 Festival Closing:

- Banger Drummers Ent.
- Equipped Dance Academy
- Spoken Word

19H00 Closing Concert Featuring:

- MarvTown
- Nga-I
- Adora & Asserdeep
- ML Musik
- Big Ben

Location:
UN Plaza: Park Area

Notes:
Festival closing including performance art, spoken word and live music.

To start at UN Plaza Park, and later at basketball courtyard

**Keep a look out for the blue
OLAF banner as a landmark
on all sites!**



OLAF LOCATIONS



1. Eldorado Secondary School
<https://goo.gl/maps/tMzJnmfov79J3ZxTA>
2. Otjomuise Shopping Centre
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5482896%2C17.0281181&z=17&hl=en>
3. Visarend Street Park, Khomasdal
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5394121%2C17.04142&z=17&hl=en>
4. Suiderhof Park, Suiderhof
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5923303%2C17.0865785&z=17&hl=en>
5. Zoo Park, Windhoek CBD
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5671574%2C17.0852887&z=17&hl=en>
6. Lanzarote Playground, Rocky Crest
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.577536%2C17.0454261&z=17&hl=en>
7. Wanaheda/Greenwell Soccer Field (Claudius Kondovanzu Street)
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5133193%2C17.0286249&z=17&hl=en>
8. Lanzarote Playground, Rocky Crest
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.577536%2C17.0454261&z=17&hl=en>
9. Tobias Haiyeko Primary School
<https://goo.gl/maps/mkaUtwd9RoYQfnJx8>
10. Hakahana Open Market
<https://goo.gl/maps/37jVidryUG8jJ2nW9>
11. Tugela Park, Wanaheda
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5162729%2C17.0378145&z=17&hl=en>
12. UN Plaza,
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5212515%2C17.0485827&z=17&hl=en>
13. Babylon Park
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.4915181%2C17.0592035&z=17&hl=en>
14. Namibia Women's Centre, Okuryangava
<https://www.google.com/maps?q=-22.5105738,17.0541268&z=17&hl=en>
15. Mika Shimbuli Park, Shandumbala
<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=-22.5210088%2C17.0635954&z=17&hl=en>
16. Post Street Mall
<https://goo.gl/maps/sT5Gr3c9kgZjYu4N7>
17. Telecom / Ministry of Justice Courtyard, Independence Avenue. Windhoek, CBD.
<https://goo.gl/maps/eRVrt3VWKgx4LCi7>
18. Cramer's Café, Windhoek CBD.
<https://goo.gl/maps/jHsV5N2zmoWlfvGV8>



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