



Goethe-Institut Kenya P.O.Box: 49468 . 00100 GPO Nairobi

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MobiArts Concert

Promoting African Cultural Exchange Within the Continent



The Goethe-Institut Kenya is hosting Ghanaian artist Tommy Wá and Kenya's very own Labdi for a concert on Friday, 2nd October, as part of its regional project, MobiArts Tour.

The touring project promotes cultural exchange among African performing artists by creating platforms to meet and connect with new audiences from across the continent. It is keen on championing continental artistic mobility to broaden the notion of artistic success beyond mobility to Europe, which is often regarded as a particularly desirable pathway for African artists. The disciplines included within this project are storytelling, stand-up comedy, dance, music, slam poetry, and theater.

Through MobiArts, audiences not only get to experience new music, but also new sounds, beyond popular ones like Afrobeats, – in some instances from unique instruments. For example, Labdi's *Orutu*, an ancient Luo instrument that was once reserved only for men, became a compass for her. It led her to elders and hidden archives, to stories buried in silence, and to music nearly erased by time. It taught her that every sound holds a memory, every rhythm a lineage. Today, she is a custodian of culture, devoted to reviving and reimagining indigenous music.

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Tommy WÁ, a Ghanaian poet, visual storyteller, and singer-songwriter, has developed a unique musical style rooted in Afro-inspired sounds. He derives his sound texture from a blend of contemporary folk, Indie and retro-soul music. This musical blend efficiently travels the expanse of Tommy WÁ's Nigerian roots and caters to the musical cravings of Accra, the Ghanaian cosmopolis where he is based.

Through the MobiArts tour, Labdi and Tommy WÁ, along with artists from Rwanda and Côte d'Ivoire, tour four African countries. By pairing artists, the tour promotes connection between the two countries and the two artists who possess different performance disciplines.

EVENT DETAILS

2nd October 2026, 6pm
Goethe-Institut, Auditorium
Free Entry, No RSVP

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About the Goethe-Institut

The Goethe-Institut is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institute, active worldwide. It contributes widely to the promotion of artists, ideas and works. In Nairobi, the Goethe-Institut connects with partners across the country to foster Kenyan-German cultural and educational exchange through cultural projects and trainings, co-productions, school collaborations, information and knowledge platforms as well as German language teaching. <https://www.goethe.de/ins/ke/en/index.html>

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