

NAF to stage first Mandela Bay Arts Festival in 2022

The National Arts Festival, in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, has announced that it will be staging the inaugural Mandela Bay Arts Festival from 23 September - 1 October 2022, featuring an array of artists from the city and Eastern Cape region performing live.



Audiences can expect performances, workshops and craft and design exhibitions throughout. Strict adherence to the prevailing Covid-19 protocols will be observed at all performances and events.

National Arts Festival CEO, Monica Newton, said “As we know from the National Arts Festival, the Eastern Cape is brimming with cultural and creative talent that deserves more exposure. The Mandela Bay Arts Festival is an arts experience by the city and for the city, where residents and visitors can see and celebrate the talent that’s right on our doorstep.”.



Image by Robyn Davie: National Arts Festival CEO Monica Newton

The Mandela Bay Arts Festival will provide a mix of entertainment, more serious and contemplative drama, comedy, visual exploration, music and family fare. The event will be an excellent opportunity for school groups to take a cultural dip and will also feature workshops aimed at local artists as well as some created for the general public.

The full programme will be announced in August 2022 and the presenters have pledged to make ticket prices as accessible as possible - with some elements of the event offered free of charge.

Speaking to the significance of the festival, Nelson Mandela Bay executive mayor Eugene Johnson, said, "The Mandela Bay Festival joins Nelson Mandela Bay's vibrant arts, culture and entertainment scene at a time when we are rebuilding our arts and tourism economies. The Festival is committed to working with local artists and arts organisations to present a multi-disciplinary showcase of the best that our city has to offer for all communities. We are looking forward to working with the National Arts Festival to create this exciting new initiative."



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The call for submissions of work to be considered for the Festival is now open.

Artists who are living and working in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, in the Eastern Cape and artists who are working in collaboration with artists and projects in the city are invited to submit their proposals before 8 April 2022.

The link to the application form can be found [here](#).

Artists are invited to attend an informational webinar about the Mandela Bay Arts Festival on 3 March 2022 at 3pm. Registration is open [here](#).

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