

ARTSCAPE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL 2025

The objective of the High School Drama Festival is to give learners a platform to express their creativity, opinions, and societal issues through drama. This platform offers them an opportunity to engage a captivated audience while broadening their horizons through the immersive world of live theatre. The festival introduces them to the enchantment of professional lighting, sound and staging, fostering an understanding of the discipline necessary for performers. Moreover, it serves as a training ground for theater etiquette and discipline, nurturing their growth as aspiring artists.

Theme: Envision a better tomorrow (narratives that inspire and uplift). Each participant must provide a synopsis and rationale for their chosen theme upon entry. Once the entry form is submitted, no alterations to the theme are permitted. This chosen theme will remain unchanged throughout both the Audition and Main Festival scheduled for August 2024.

High School Drama Festival - Audition Round

The group to submit the entry form and a 10-Minute Audition Video of the play by Monday 12th May 2025.

Schools are required to prepare a **30 to 60-minute** original production based on their own interpretation of the theme. A **10-minute** extract taken from the play should be presented as an **Audition Video**. Strict adherence to the time frame of 10 minutes for the audition video is crucial. PLEASE NOTE: Although not a strict rule, we recommend that a maximum of 6 actors are chosen for your play. This is due to the size of the Arena theatre where your play will be performed in August. Schools are encouraged to keep set pieces, technical requirements (lighting & sound) and décor to as bare a minimum as possible.

High School Drama Festival – Main Festival

The adjudicators will select plays that will be staged in the Artscape Arena the week of 18th to 22nd August 2025. The selected Schools will be required to showcase the full 30 to 60-minute production. An Awards Ceremony event will be held at Artscape on 22nd August 2025, after the last performance.

The winning drama will be included in the youth theatre programme at Suidoosterfees during April/May 2026.

For more information on the audition process, please contact Tania Williams-Kaponda

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Closing date for entry forms and audition video submissions: 12th May 2025.



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ENTRY FORM: HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL 2025

Please ensure that all contact information is correct.

Full name of school / organization		
Address:		
Contact Educator:		
Tel:		
Cell:		
Email:		
Alternate Educator:		
Tel:		
Cell:		
Email:		
Principal's name (printed):		Principal's signature:
Play name:		
THEME(S):		
A brief synopsis about your performance piece. <i>(Synopsis could be typed and send as an attachment)</i>		

NB: **Auditions Videos: 10 Minute audition video and entry form to be submitted by Monday, 12th May 2025. When submitting the audition video, please use your school's name as file/document name.**
Audition videos could be saved in your **Google Drive** and the link the link could be send to slu@artscape.co.za or use **WeTransfer.com** to send the video file.

For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Tania Williams-Kaponda
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