

PROGRAMME

Artscape Women's and Humanity Festival 2025 Schedule

ICONS: Judge Albie Sachs and the late Prof Nomvula Mthethwa (overall); Virginia Davids (music); Themi Mtshali-Jones and Faruq Valley-Omar (theatre); Sue Williamson (visual arts)

Date	Time	Item	Venue
10 July	18h00	Womens Festival launch	Marble Foyer
25 July	19h00	Journey Through Song	Arena
26 July	19h00	Journey Through Song	Arena
28 July	19h00	This bra is a Psycho - FDR (with audience)	Arena
29 July	19h00	This bra is a Psycho	Arena
30 July	19h00	This bra is a Psycho	Arena
31 July	19h00	This bra is a Psycho	Arena
1 August	19h00	This bra is a Psycho	Arena
2 August	15h00	This bra is a Psycho	Arena
	19h00	This bra is a Psycho	Arena
3 August	1500 – 17h00	Knit and Natter	Resource Centre
6 August	19h00	I Want to Call You Daddy	Arena
7 August	19h00	I Want to Call You Daddy	Arena
8 August	12h00 – 13h00	WOMEN'S RADIO SHOW	on FMR 101.3
	12h00	1000 Women	Chandelier Foyer
	17h00 – 17h30	DISCUSSION with Marlow Valentine of IAM, followed by:	iSibaya
	18h00 – 19h00	SHORT FILMS and Q&A Screening of Sister Dinges and Mr Isaacs	Isibaya
	19h00	I Want to Call You Daddy	Arena
	20h00	Please! don't call me moffie	Innovation Lounge
9 August	09h30 From 10h00	STALLS and HEALTH SCREENING	Theatre Foyer Well
	13h00 – 13h30	DOCUMENTARY SCREENING featuring the work of Ubuntu Rural Women and Youth Movement and Persons with Disability. Introduction: Vainola Makan	Isibaya
	14h00	DOCUMENTARY SCREENING Lief n Leed - Ons is wat ons is.	Isibaya
	14h00	I Want To Call You Daddy	Arena
	15h30	Please don't call me moffie	Innovation Lounge
	18h00	Women In Jazz Concert	Opera House
10 August	15h00	Voices in Unison	Opera House
15 August	19h00	PASS THE FLAME: Generations Remembering Women Who Sang Us forward	Arena
16 August	10h30	BOOK LAUNCH: Together Apart: The story of Life in Apartheid	Theatre Foyer Well
	12h00 – 14h00	BOOK SWAP: Bring a Book-Take a Book hosted by Woman Zone	Theatre Foyer Well
	14h00 – 17h00	Radio Tygerberg Sis'ters Women's Conference	Opera House
	19h00	PASS THE FLAME: Generations Remembering Women Who Sang Us forward	Arena
23 August	10h30 – 12h30	STORY CAFÉ: Ode to Sara and Isidudla: Sara Baartman and Cultural Body Image	Theatre Foyer Well

WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 9 August 2025 | Venue: Chandelier Foyer

9h30 – 10h00	Guest Arrival entertained by Thandi Swartbooi & Women Unite marimba band
10h00	OPENING ADDRESS – Marlene Le Roux KEY MESSAGE OF SUPPORT – Western Cape Premier Alan Winde KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Judge Albie Sachs Inter-Faith/Cultural Blessings by Grade 10 and 11 learners, members of the Youth Programme of the Cape Town Interfaith Initiative as well as an acknowledgement of the Land by Khoi activist and teacher Zebada January Handing over of STEP-UP FOR CHANGE scroll to Premier Alan Winde in front of WIRE WOMAN dressed as PEACE MESSENGER
11h00	WOMEN WALKING ARTSCAPE procession within the theatre complex led by Women Unite
13h00 – 13h30	DOCUMENTARY SCREENING featuring the work of Ubuntu Rural Women and Youth Movement and Persons with Disability. Introduction: Vainola Makan
14h00	DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: Lief n Lied screening - Ons is wat ons is I want to call you Daddy
15h30	Please don't call me moffie
18h00	WOMEN IN JAZZ - BUSH RADIO 30-year commemoration concert, Opera House

EXHIBITORS AND STAKEHOLDERS

City of Cape Town | First Resource Centre | Ubuntu Rural Women | Hartzenberg Film | IAM | Suidoosterfees | CANSA | WomenZone | The 1000 Women Trust | Lief en Leed | Fine Music Radio | Cape Town Interfaith Initiative | Bush Radio | Connected Development NPC | RX Radio | CCFM | Jetsetting with Janet | Radio KC



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ARTSCAPE WOMEN'S HUMANITY FESTIVAL

10 JULY - 31 AUGUST 2025

*Peace in Action
Working Together*



FOREWORD

In these troubled times, at home and globally, the theme for the *Artscape Women's Humanity Festival* this year is, quite simply, *PEACE in ACTION – Working Together*.



Artscape started on the Peace trail last year when our Festival theme was #STEP-UP for CHANGE. This focused on individuals thinking about, and taking responsibility for, Gender-Based Violence. Our invitation was for everyone, men and women, to sign a pledge and share their action plan to help eradicate the growing scourge of violence against women. The result was many hundreds of signatures all of which have been captured and printed on to a giant banner.

Now we are taking it a STEP further. With the theme *PEACE IN ACTION – Working Together* we will be launching this year's Festival with a hand-over of the #STEP-UP banner to Premier of the Western Cape/ Mayor of Cape Town/ Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture to indicate that the citizens of Cape Town are serious about wanting an end to domestic violence.

But *PEACE in ACTION – Working Together* also means that this year, we are taking a broader look at society, and encouraging women and men to unite. To collaborate in the struggle against violence of all sorts. With the effect of war flash-points across the world causing tension and divisions amongst us at every level, it has never been more important that we work towards Peace by understanding 'the other'. We propose that this be done through the intentional act of listening as well as with kindness and care towards friends, enemies, family and community.

To this end we have chosen six Icons each of whom we feel have embodied these acts through their work. They are: Judge Albie Sachs, Virginia Davids, Thembu Mtshali-Jones, Sue Williamson, Fahruq Valley-Omar and the late Prof Nomvula Mthethwa.

MARLENE LE ROUX
CEO Artscape

As a country, on the 9th of August, we commemorate the historic Women's March of 1956 when women took a peaceful but assertive stance to demand dignity, justice and equality.



Throughout its annual programme, Artscape promotes the performing arts in all disciplines including drama, ballet, opera, musicals and contemporary dance. During our Annual Artscape Woman Humanity Festival, we however focus on women and productions which showcase women. The theme of this year's festival, is *PEACE IN ACTION – Working Together*. With our dedicated programme, we acknowledge the many challenges still faced by women in our society and highlight the importance of working together to overcome these challenges and to ensure an empowered, humane and compassionate society.

We invite you to participate in our festival and to celebrate women together with us.

MR ZAK GORDON
Chairperson, Artscape Council

FESTIVAL ICONS

The late PROF NOMVULA MTHETHWA is remembered as a beacon of resilience against apartheid who established community centres in areas to which black people had been forcibly removed. She was one of the first social workers in the townships, and especially encouraged young people to live their best lives.



FESTIVAL ICONS

JUDGE ALBIE SACHS is a South African lawyer, activist, writer, and former judge appointed to SA's first Constitutional Court by Nelson Mandela. Inspired by women of the liberation movement, he fought for the term 'non-sexism' to be included as a foundational value in our Constitution.



VIRGINIA DAVIDS musical doyenne and Emeritus Professor of Singing at UCT, made her debut at CAPAB with the title role in Verdi's AIDA. Following a long, award-winning career, she has inspired and taught so many including Pretty Yende and Ernestine Deane.



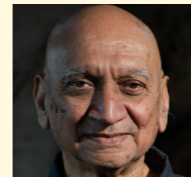
THEMBU MTSHALI-JONES is one of South Africa's most celebrated actors. Notably for her roles in popular television series as well as stage performances. She is also a renowned singer, playwright and teacher. Her autobiography, Theatre Road was written in conjunction with Sindiwe Magona.



SUE WILLIAMSON is a South African artist whose 50yr long career began in the 70's making work that addresses issues of memory and social justice. Well known for her series of portraits of women involved in the struggle for freedom, her work features in galleries across the world. Honoured as a Living Legend by the Dept of Sport, Arts and Culture, her retrospective exhibition There's Something I Must Tell You is currently showing at Iziko's SA National Gallery.



FAHRUQ VALLEY-OMAR, born in Worcester in the days of apartheid, is a stage veteran, director, and international film actor. His contribution to the entertainment industry is not just in his own work, but as a teacher inspiring many young people. His first production in what was then the Nico Malan Theatre, was in Fiel se Kind in 1986 when non-white theatregoers were finally welcomed.



PRODUCTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Ubuntu Rural Women and Youth Movement (Video & Photographic Exhibition)

Date: 10 July – 30 August 2025 **Venue:** Marble Foyer Extension

An Exhibition of Resilience and Resistance

Presented by the Ubuntu Rural Women and Youth Movement in partnership with the Fisherfolk Women of the West Coast, this exhibition highlights the powerful journey of coastal women who, despite socio-economic challenges, boldly resisted mining threats to protect their livelihoods and sacred connection to the ocean.



Journey Through Song

Date: 25 – 26 July 2025 **Time:** 19h00 **Venue:** Arena

Inspired by the true-life story of Ernestine Nur Stuurman, Journey Through Song is a theatrical concert blending beloved works from opera and musical theatre with art songs, contemporary pieces, and Nasheeds – each echoing powerful, real-life stories. Set in a warm, reflective atmosphere, the performance takes audiences on a narrative journey through Ernestine's past, present, and future. Step into her world – as a woman, mother, daughter, and artist.



Performed by Ernestine Nur Stuurman

this bra's a psycho

Date: 29 July – 2 August 2025 **Time:** 19h00 Daily & 14h00 2nd August **Venue:** Arena
After waking up disoriented in a stranger's apartment, THE BRA confronts the trauma of sexual assault. As he tries to reclaim control, he searches for connection through encounters on dating apps – hoping that love might make sense of his pain. But with each trigger, his ality unravels, leading him down a dark and violent path. Unbeknownst to him, he is being watched – the focus of an undercover police operation determined to stop him.



Written & Directed by Zubayr Charles. Age Restriction: No Under 16s

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I Want to Call You Daddy

Date: 5 – 9 August 2025 **Time:** 19h30 **Venue:** Arena

A stirring one-woman theatrical experience that weaves poetry, storytelling, song, and movement into an intimate exploration of single motherhood in post-apartheid South Africa. This genre-defying production is a powerful testament to the love that endures when systems and institutions fall short – a performance that will linger in your bones long after the curtain falls.

Written and performed by Marcé Underwood



Please, don't call me moffie

Date: 8 August 2025 **Time:** 20h00 **Venue:** Innovation Lounge **Tickets:** Free

After viewing a viral online video of a brutal homophobic attack in an unknown Arab country, five Coloured gay men in their late 20s react and share their experiences growing up queer and grappling with identity in Cape Town, South Africa. In a powerful one-man show, Anzio September demonstrates his virtuosity on stage portraying all five characters.

Written and directed by Zubayr Charles. Starring Anzio September



Women in Jazz – A Soulful Celebration

Date: 9 August 2025 **Time:** 18h00 **Venue:** Opera House

Join Bush Radio in celebrating its 30 years of legal broadcasting for an unforgettable evening of rhythm, soul, and empowerment as Bush Radio proudly presents "Women in Jazz" – a concert celebrating the powerful voices, bold creativity, and timeless artistry of women in the jazz world.



VOICES IN UNISON

Date: 10 August 2025 **Time:** 15H00 **Venue:** Opera House

Join us for Voices in Unison – a moving choral celebration of unity, strength, and purpose. This year's performance honours the legacy of Virginia Davids, pioneering South African soprano and vocal coach, whose impact on music and women's empowerment continues to inspire. Through song, we pay tribute to her spirit and lasting influence on our cultural landscape.

Featuring: URC Sarepta Ladies Choir · Voces Aurum · Bosman Adama Choir · Harmony Singers Choir · St Cyprian's Langa · Phenomenal Voices · Stellenbosch University Chamber Choir

PASS THE FLAME: Generations Remembering Women Who Sang Us forward

Date: 15 & 16 August 2025 **Time:** 19h00 **Venue:** Arena

THREE GENERATIONS. ONE STAGE. ENDLESS MUSIC.

A powerful live show celebrating women, legacy, and the unifying force of music.

Featuring the soulful Mabongi Thusi, legendary Dr Thembu Mtshali-Jones, and rising stars KUJENGA, a dynamic band founded by Thusi's twin sons. **Directed by Bheki Khoza**

