

Artscape 2026 Schools and Youth Programmes

Setwork Productions:

Theatre performances of prescribed literature:

Krismis van Map Jacobs

(Grade 12 Afrikaans Home Language)

Theatre

9 - 24 April 2026

'n Gevreesde bendeleier word na sewe jaar op parool uit die tronk vrygelaat. Almal wonder nou of Map verander het en of hy steeds die ou Map is. Die drama speel af na die gedwonge verskuiwings uit die Kaap na die Vlakte. Dit kyk na die invloed wat sosiale en maatskaplike euwels op die gemeenskap het en gee 'n blik op die leefwyse van die ontworteldes, hulle lief en leed en die desperate hunkering na 'n beter bestaan. Krismis van Map Jacobs tas aan sosiale kwessies soos werkloosheid en armoede wat hedendaags nog steeds van belang is asook die soeke na identiteit en vergifnis. Krismis van Map Jacobs fokus ook op die letsels wat Apartheid op die Kaapse Bruin gemeenskap gelaat het.

Buzani Kubawo

(Grade 12 isiXhosa Home Language)

Theatre

13 - 29 May 2026

Apha u Mnu Thamsanqa ubonakalisa amandla alento kuthiwa luthando. Ukuba apho luthwamilelwa khona akekho onokuluncothula. Sesinye sezipho esanikwa umntu. Ukuba uzama ukohlula abo bathandanayo uzifaka engozini. Ufaka nabanye abantu kulengozi kuba ulwa nesipho esivela kuThixo. Kananjalo abanye bathi basebenzise isiko ukubonakalisa umahluko wezimvo kubantu abadala nesizukulwana esitsha. Kanti ke lento ilisiko liyabola, libeyityhefu, lingasebenzi kwezinye izinto. Uthi ke wena usakuhlakaza uvumbulule okokubola kungalungi njengoko enzile u Zwi lakhe kwelibali libuhlungu kangakanana.

Children, My Africa

(Grade 12 English First Additional Language)

Theatre

22 July - 4 August 2026

In a township classroom in the Eastern Cape in 1984, an idealistic teacher attempts to instil a love of learning in his gifted pupil, but political unrest and the generational divide soon culminate in an explosive conflict with tragic consequences.

Written during the twilight years of the apartheid regime, Athol Fugard's seminal 1989 play, My Children! My Africa! presents a candid and moving portrait of a country on the verge of revolution. This modern classic is Fugard's hymn to the power of youth, education, hope and ideas.

Hamlet

(Grade 12 English Home Language)

Opera House

12 - 15 August 2026

"Discover the timeless classic of Shakespearean tragedy in 'Hamlet,' a masterpiece of human emotion, revenge, and moral introspection. Delve into the enigmatic world of Denmark's royal court, where young Prince Hamlet grapples with his father's suspicious death, his mother's swift remarriage, and the weight of avenging a murder most foul. Explore the complex characters, intricate plots, and the profound themes that have made 'Hamlet' an enduring and iconic work of literature. Join us on this journey through a world of treachery, betrayal, and the haunting question, 'To be or not to be?' as we unravel the secrets of 'Hamlet'."

The High School Drama Festival

The objective of the High School Drama Festival is to give learners a platform to voice their creativity, views and social concerns through drama on a professional stage to a captive audience. This experience broadens their horizons by experiencing the magic of live theatre, professional lighting and sound. They are able to learn the discipline, essential to being a performer. This Festival will also enable them to obtain theatre discipline and etiquette.

Date:	Event/ Action	Venue/email submission
19 May 2026 - closing date for entries and video submissions	High School Drama Festival – 10-minute Audition pieces	Video and entry form submission to slu@artscape.co.za
17 - 21 August 2026	High school Drama Festival - Finals	Arena

Schools Arts Festival

The Schools' Arts Festival gives learners the opportunity to showcase their talent on a professional stage. The festival stimulates a love for theatre and the performing arts while creating an individual sense of self-esteem, pride and achievement. The project encourages nation building as kids and their parents from different cultural backgrounds come together to experience a common goal. Selected items from schools participating in the Schools' Arts Festival will be showcased at the Gala event on the 3rd September 2026.

Date:	Event/ Action	Venue/email submission
3 June 2026	Closing date for Schools Arts Festival entry form submissions	Entry form submission to slu@artscape.co.za
12 - 31 August 2026	Schools Arts Festival	Theatre
3 September 2026	Schools Arts Festival Gala	Theatre

Artscape Youth Jazz Series: Soloists and School Band Festival

In 2003 Artscape launched the Youth Jazz Festival. The project spans over 10 weeks and includes a mentorship programme with the aim to perform at the Youth Jazz Festival in June 2025. The focus of this festival remains the continuous skills development within the jazz genre to foster the investment of cultural democratization of our country. The project has grown extensively to accommodate the enormous interest and exceptional talent of young jazz musicians.

Date:	Event/ Action	Venue/email submission
17 April 2026	Entries form submissions and auditions	slu@artscape.co.za
12 June 2026	Youth Jazz Series: Soloists	Theatre
13 June 2026	Youth Jazz Series: School Bands	Theatre

Youth Classical Concert

Artscape and the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra showcases young singers and solo instrumentalists at the Youth Classical Concert. The works presented, as well as a good variety in the overall programme content, plays an important part in the final selection of soloists. The main criteria is that entrants must be bona fide music students, that they perform at a high standard and are a resident or studying in the Western Cape.

Date:	Event/ Action	Venue/email submission
May 2026 (dates will be confirmed)	Closing date for entries and auditions	tbc
5 September 2026	Youth Classical Concert	Theatre

ARTSCAPE



Proscenium Drama Competition

Theatre

6 to 9 May 2026

The Proscenium Drama Competition offers high school learners from grade 8 to 12 the opportunity to participate individually and express their creativity at a national level.

The aim of the competition is to introduce the young actors to the world of the performing arts. This includes theatre, television, radio and dubbing.

After the national elimination rounds, 70 finalists will be invited to participate in the final rounds at the Artscape Theatre from 6 to 9 May 2026. Visit www.proscenium.pro

Tickets for all productions will be available online on Webtickets, at Artscape Box office or at Pick-a-Pay and Boxer outlets.

Setwork Group bookings can also be done at Artscape Box Office or through Artscape Dial-A-Seat at +27 21 421 7839 or +27 21 421 7695

For more information send an email to slu@artscape.co.za

Or visit the Artscape Website at www.artscape.co.za

ARTSCAPE



an agency of the
Department of Sport, Arts and Culture