

Otjomuise Live Arts Festival

PROGRAMME

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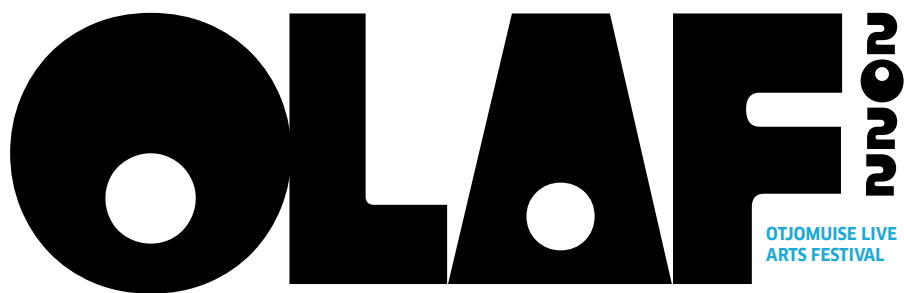
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STATEMENT BY FESTIVAL PRODUCERS

Inaugurated in 2021, the Otjomuise Live Arts Festival (OLAF) is an annual live arts festival that aims to bridge everyday life and the arts in Windhoek, by offering opportunities for live artistic forms to be showcased and/or exhibited within the city’s public spaces. Co-produced by the National Theatre of Namibia (NTN) and Goethe-Institut Namibia (GI), OLAF is largely brought about by the inaccessibility of the majority of Windhoek’s inhabitants to various artistic expressions; often limited to indoor, and at times, inaccessible areas of the city. Thus, OLAF offers opportunities for immersive, experimental, and refreshing artistic forms to be showcased or installed in public sites where life and the arts can meet. This is to reflect not only the city’s environmental character, but also its rich heritage and artistic expressions that it holds, which its inhabitants need to be impacted by.

The name Otjomuise, stems from the Otjiherero name for the city, which means ‘place of steam’. The name of the festival reflects not only the city’s unique environmental character, but also its rich heritage and searing creativity to impact its inhabitants.

For eight days, the programme features free small-scaled installations, screenings, murals, performances, and public engagements spread across the city. The themes cover a wide range, offering various conversations and opportunities for the city’s inhabitants to reflect on.

Set to take place on an annual basis, the festival ultimately aims to contribute towards a city that enables dynamic and accessible live artistic forms for critical engagements and leisure between the city’s creative production and inhabitants.

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BRIDGING LIFE & ARTS IN THE CITY

17H00-18H00

FESTIVAL OPENING	LOCATION
Music & Networking Music by Tapuwanashe Munyayi ft. Toivo Paulas, Sebby Ngateya & Ladislau Bengue	COTA Theatre School

Arrivals, music and networking.

18H00

FESTIVAL OPENING	LOCATION
Festival Launch Including performances by Ou Lokasi Cultural Group and Sven-Eric Müller	COTA Theatre School

20H00

MOONLIT	LOCATION
Spiiriit - Shen Nanyanga & Luminus - David Beukes	3 Circles Viewpoint Windhoek

MUSIC/SOUND

MOONLIT is an auditory experience brought to you by Spiiriit and his long-time collaborator and friend Luminus. Consisting of 16 songs by both artists, the set aims to light the way for reflection and contemplation. The artists hope to take audiences through love and through pain; as they see that only MOONLIT is the middle ground between light and darkness.

10H00-14H00

THE SENIOR ARTIST	LOCATION
Jaimee-Lee Diergaardt <i>*Not open to public</i>	Pioneers Park: Senior Park

CREATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A stimulating and creative engagement with the city's elderly, which creates visual artworks for a drive-by exhibition to be showcased on 18 October.

11H00

RAISING YOUR VIBRATION WITH YOGA & LIVE MUSIC	LOCATION
Johanna "NaJah" Tommasi & Brandy Shoombé	Soweto: UN Plaza Park

INTERACTIVE MUSIC/SOUND

A live music session enticed with a deep 60-minute yoga facilitation. Designed to de-stress and rejuvenate participants, this interactive sound and relaxation session offers an experience that allows participants to transcend their everyday mind, whilst promoting physical and mental wellness.

No registration is required. Participants are encouraged to arrive in comfortable clothing and with their own mats.

18H30

THE [FIRE] PROJECT	LOCATION
Gift Uzera, Munigandu Hoveka & Marchell Linus So-Oabeb	Ausspanplatz: Agostinho Park

PERFORMANCE ART

An immersive performance art piece that is centralized on the multitude of meanings and manifestations of the element of 'fire'. THE [FIRE] PROJECT aims to explore the metaphorically destructive readings of this [fire] precocious element. More specifically, the performers aim to unpack altogether, what 'fire' means in their OvaHerero cultural context.

19H00

RHYMES & RHYTHMS OF KHOEKHOEGOWAB	LOCATION
Steven Afrikaner & Band	Dolam: Sukkot Playground

MUSIC/SOUND

A live music concert aimed at encouraging audiences to embrace the beauty in our languages. Concentrating on Khoekhoegowab phonology; the performance repertoire will highlight the clicks, vowels and consonants in the language while bringing in through storytelling songs – the poetry and idiom expressions found in this language. Steven Afrikaner and band aim to leave their audience with a memorable experience as they live up to the artist's performance tag line...THE RHYMES & RHYTHMS OF KHOEKHOEGOWAB!

14H30

UNAM DRAMA SHOWCASE

UNAM Drama Students

LOCATION

Academia: UNAM, M-Block Park

THEATRE

An experimental performance work by the students of the UNAM Drama department.

15H30

FUTURE OF THE CITY

Titi Tshilumba

Commissioned by National Art Gallery of Namibia

LOCATION

National Art Gallery of Namibia

MURAL INAUGURATION

On the eastern external wall of National Art Gallery of Namibia facing the Robert Mugabe Ave, Titi Tshilumba will be completing a mural depicting what he envisages the future of the city of Windhoek; a city that has art and searing creativity at its center.

Visitors will be invited to add elements to the mural during the inauguration of the mural alongside the artist.

19H00

COSMIC WOMB

PEACEMAKERS - Eric Nengola, Godhardt Muchopa

LOCATION

Windhoek CBD: Zoo Park

MUSIC/SOUND

Cosmic Womb is an embodiment of what Peacemakers are through sound; depicting warmth, vulnerability and leaning into the artists' feminine energies.

As such, Peacemakers invite the audience to experience this expression through an intimate setting, free from distractions.

19H00

SON OF THE SOIL

Michael Namaseb

LOCATION

Katutura Central (Nama Lokasie): Augeikas Open Area

SCREENING

A screening aimed at creating awareness around mental health for black men. SON OF THE SOIL tackles social stigma on mental health illness and black men in Namibia. The documentary aims to encourage the normalization of speaking about mental health with black men in and around Nama Lokasie, which is a community riddled with multiple social ills such as increasing school drop outs and violence.

14H30

HISTORY OF PUBLIC ART IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

LOCATION

Public Talk hosted by NAA

Namibian Arts Association

PUBLIC TALK

A public talk presenting an overview of the development of public arts programming in southern Africa across the decades.

15H00

THE SENIOR ARTIST

LOCATION

Jaimee-Lee Diergaardt

Pioneers Park: Senior Park

DRIVE-BY EXHIBITION

A drive-by showcase stemming from a stimulating and creative engagement with the city's elderly, facilitated by Jaimee-Lee Diergaardt.

15H00

READING AS A SUPERPOWER

LOCATION

Goethe-Institut Namibia Reading Promotion Ft. Waka-Waka Moo & Tangeni

Okuryangava: Namibia Women Centre

STORYTELLING FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

A storytelling and reading session of a Namibian folklore for audiences ranging 3-8 years of age. The project aims to promote reading culture amongst children.

The session will be followed by the Waka-Waka Moo show musketeers and Tangeni to motivate young audiences to read frequently. Free books from the Book Dash Collection and postcards will be distributed.

17H30

HOW ARE THEY STILL HERE?

LOCATION

Keith Vries

Windhoek CBD: City of Windhoek Head Quarters, Curt von Francois Monument

Canceled!

SPOKEN WORD

A spoken word work that includes live poetry reading from the artist's soon-to-be-launched poetry anthology entitled INUNDATED. The work aims to raise awareness about the 1904-1908 genocide and bring questions about the legacy of the genocide to the fore.

19H00

KATUTURA'S FAVORITE SON

LOCATION

Cassidy Karon & Band

Wanaheda: Ceasar's Playground

MUSIC/SOUND

Katutura's Favorite Son (KFS) is an album for the people, tastefully produced with multiple blends, which are tied together by the central theme of Katutura pride, resilience and glory. KFS serves as an urban lokasi hero tale; offering a dynamic reflection of inhabitants.

10H00-13H00

ENABLING PUBLIC ART PROGRAMMING IN NAMBIA: GAPS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

LOCATION

NAA Workshop

Namibian Arts Association

**For invited guests only.*

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

A stakeholder's workshop centered on cementing associations and opportunities towards enabling public arts programming in the Windhoek and beyond.

14H30

HOW DOES PUBLIC ART CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVE LIVELIHOODS?

LOCATION

Public Talk hosted by NAA

Namibian Arts Association

PUBLIC TALK

A public and open talk centered on highlighting the needs and benefits of programming arts across public landscapes. The session aims to articulate the potential for public health from a city's creative production.

15H00

THE SHADE PROJECT

LOCATION

Natache Ilonga & Martin Jimmy Namupala

Khomasdal: Khomasdal Stadium

INSTALLATION

Centred on our current phenomena of climate change, the installation seeks to explore interpretations of the 'production of shade' as a way/method of adapting to the effects of climate change on the Namibian sun in public space.

Commissioned by the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Namibia.

18H30

ESCAPING REALITY

LOCATION

Hozala's Finest (Vencent Angula, Moricha Job, Antonio Brenden Geiseb & Melvin Beukes)

Damara 15: Wilibald Kapuenene St Sifu Stadium (Between Al Steenkamp Courtyard & Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School)

DANCE

Targeted at the community youth, this dance piece is centralized on themes of survival and struggle, and at the same time, offers an opportunity for young audiences to imagine possible futures and fruitful realities.

19H00

CLARINETS DANCING TONIGHT

LOCATION

Christiana Simeon & Klaudia Sheehamange

Goreangab: Woerman Brock

MUSIC/SOUND

Performed by a female duo, the musical showcase will take the audience through a melodious performance from classical repertoires. Audiences are invited to a soothing evening in the heart of Windhoek's informal settlement, Goreangab.

14H30

THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING A PUBLIC ART MURAL: AN OVERVIEW BY PETRUS AMUTHENU AND FRANS UUNONA

LOCATION

Public Talk hosted by NAA

Namibian Arts Association

PUBLIC TALK

Local artists Petrus Amuthenu and Frans Uunona who have recently completed their large public mural, will take listeners on their journey on creating the work. This talk will include an overview of the logistical and creative process of what it takes to commission and produce a public mural within Windhoek's frames.

15H00

LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE

LOCATION

Mervin Claasen ft. Melkizedeck Nehemiah & Moricha Job

Babylon: Babylon Playground

THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

A Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) work that follows the competition between Ding Dong and Tik Tok to win the heart of the most beautiful Moe. However, all the invested strategies keep failing till both Ding Dong and Tik Tok lose the comical battle.

16H00

Q.SURROUNDINGS

LOCATION

Alessa Bollack & Glen Hawkins with Angelina Tashiya Akawa, Reason Jireon Böck & Cyclone Shaanika Shimii

Katutura Central: KCAC Parking Lot

THEATRE

Q.SURROUNDINGS brings together the perspective of 5 young queer people on queerness, normativity and the desire for safer queer utopian spaces.

This Namibian-Austrian-German ensemble brings together through combining, comparing and sharing their stories, as they narrate their different perspectives and lived experiences.

18H30

STORIES FROM CHILDHOOD

LOCATION

Ndayola Ulenga

Suiderhof: Suiderhof Park (Shoe Box)

THEATRE

Stories from Childhood is an operatic retelling of life growing in Windhoek, a northeast area known as Katutura. This retelling, based on stories from matriarchs of families, including, Ulenga's mother, will utilize Namibian music and cultural references to teleport the audience back to a different time, filled with its complexities and its own way, ease of life.

19H00

MELTING POT

LOCATION

Sigera Jazz & Fusion Band (Carlos Kambaekua, Lucky Gawanab, Gerson Doeseb, & Panten Gariseb)

Khomasdal: Visarend Park

MUSIC/SOUND

Sigera Jazz & Fusion Band is a six-piece live performing band that was called to life in 2006 by retired musicians. The ensemble will offer a live music concert composed of southern, folk jazz.

15H00

ANOTHER PARTY WITH HELEN - OR WHOSE FAULT IS IT?

LOCATION

OYO Dance Troupe

Groot Aub: Groot Aub Primary School Netball Court

DANCE

Helen loves Paris. But when another girl, Oenone, starts flirting with him, she decides to cheat too and with Theseus. Set in a modern rural area in Namibia, can those love triangles have a happy ending?

15H00

UUKUMWE (TOGETHERNESS)

LOCATION

Hage Mukwendje

Commissioned by National Art Gallery of Namibia

Katutura Central: Mandume Primary School

MURAL INAUGURATION

Hage Mukwendje is one of Namibia's leading contemporary visual artists whose work depicts the daily lives of the African child. In collaboration with the Mandume Primary School learners, Mukwendje will create a mural that can be enjoyed by both public members and the school's learners.

Visitors are invited to witness the completion of the mural and Mukwendje's artistic process.

19H00

MY BROTHER

LOCATION

Adriano Visagie & Keanu Greeves

Khomasdal: OK Minimarket Shopping Centre

DANCE

My Brother is a dance piece of two Coloured brothers who grew apart due to circumstances beyond their control. Surviving poverty has been tougher on the older brother who had to take responsibility when he too was just a child. My Brother depicts trust, love, hate, forgiveness, and family ties through dance.

19H00

NAMIBIAN MELODIES

LOCATION

Amakhoe & Band

7de Laan Sports Field

MUSIC/SOUND

A live music concert composed of rearranged Namibian traditional songs.

An afternoon filled with a craft market, activities for families and kids, boat cruises, food, drinks and live performances.

12H00 -14H00	CREATIVE WORKSHOP
BATIK WORKSHOP	Interested participants should RSVP via management@penduka.org by Monday 10 October 2022 Participation fee of N\$ 320 per person, inclusive of materials
15H00	SPOKEN WORD
BOIPUSHO Felicitas Mogotsi ft. Adelrica Dihore	
16H00	LIVE MUSIC
MR REGGAENALITY Chakalas (Tshigwedha Pous Pius)	
17H00	STORYTELLING FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES
READING AS A SUPERPOWER Goethe-Institut Namibia Reading Promotion	
18H00	DANCE
HEAR ME OUT Equipped Performance Arts Academy	
19H00	LIVE MUSIC
THE LIVES OF PEOPLE BOTSELO Botselo Band (Ermelinda Thataone, Jean Pierre Ntsika, Moses Saize & Samuel Batola)	
20H00	LIVE MUSIC
DJ DRUMMING Dielo Drums (Adiel van Wyk)	

A Community based workshop introducing participants to the art of making batik fabric.

A poetic performance reflecting on Namibia's post-independent circumstances, realities and opportunities.

Chakalas also known as Mr Reggaenality brings his eclectic sound which has its foundation on Namibian cultures, and blended with various continental and Caribbean reggae sounds.

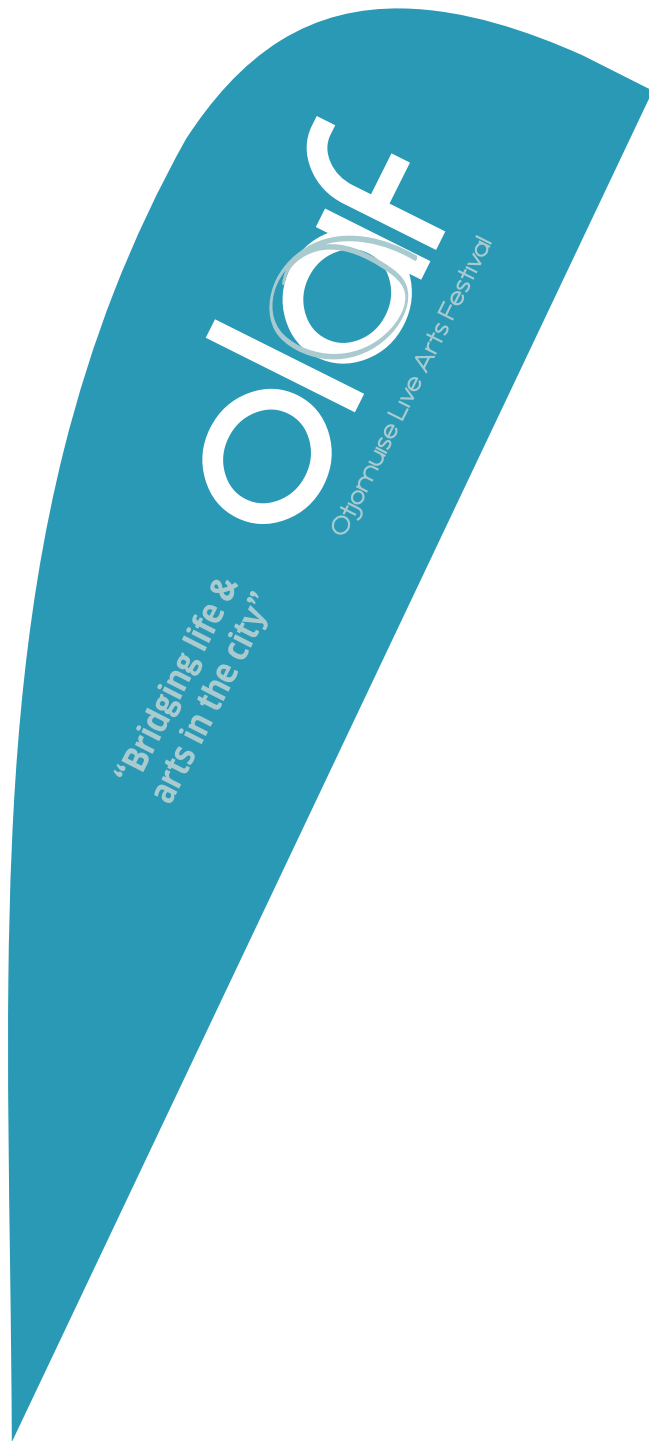
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Free books from the Book Dash Collection and postcards will be distributed.

Young Earth is trying to send a message. As much as our industry is affected, for us not to be heard the planet earth defines the struggles we are in with global warming.

A live music concert based on African folklore and fusion genre from Southern Africa blended with Central Africa.

Dielo Drums fuses live drumming and DJing to create unique musical experiences that are brought to fruition by collaborating with local and upcoming tracks.



Keep a look out for the blue OLAF teardrop banner as a landmark!

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Location Links

1. Theatre School

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2. 3 Circles

<https://goo.gl/maps/FAuhxycqYwCcxJ9D9>

3. Pioneers Park, Senior Park

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4. Soweto, UN Plaza

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5. Ausspanplatz: Agostinho Park

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6. Dolam: Sukkot Playground

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7. Academia: UNAM M-Block Park

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8. Windhoek CBD: National Art Gallery of Namibia

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9. Windhoek CBD: Zoo Park

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10. Katutura Central (Nama Lokasie): Augeikas Open Area

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11. Eros: Namibia Arts Association

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12. Pioneers Park - Senior Park

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13. Okuryangava: Namibia Women Centre

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14. Katutura Central: Freedom Square

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15. Khomasdal: Khomasdal Stadium
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16. Windhoek CBD: City of Windhoek Head Quarters, Curt von Francois Monument
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17. Damara 15: Wilibald Kapuenene St
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18. Goreangab: Woerman Brock
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19. Babylon: Babylon Park
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20. Katutura Central: KCAC Parking Lot
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21. Suiderhof: Suiderhof Park
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22. Khomasdal: Visarend Park
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27. Goreangab: Penduka Village
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28. Wanaheda: Ceasar's Playground
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