

OLAF

OTJOMUISE LIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

OLAF 2025

A Garden of Expression
Celebrating Community Through the Arts

PROGRAMME

31 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER

2025

31 OCTOBER - PLANTING THE SEEDS

PERFORMANCE ART

ELIZABETH MCLAREN

12:00-13:00

AS PART OF HER TRAINING IN CHOREOGRAPHY, ELIZABETH MCLAREN IS EXPLORING IDEAS THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED THROUGH MOVEMENT. TOGETHER WITH AWARD -WINNING DANCER SERAYA MENTOR SHE WILL USE THE ENVIRONMENT OF ZOO PARK AS STIMULUS FOR A DANCE AND MOVEMENT PERFORMANCE.



MUSIC

BOTSELO

16:00-17:00

BOTSELO IS AN ENSEMBLE OF WELL EXPERIENCED MUSICIANS. THE BAND IS COMBINING DIVERSE CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS, RHYTHMS AND FLAVOURS FROM DIFFERENT CORNERS OF AFRICA, EUROPE AND ASIA FOR AN UPLIFTING PERFORMANCE WITH A POWERFUL LIFE AFFIRMING MESSAGE.



DANCE

KULA RODRIGUES

13:00-14:00

KULA RODRIGUES IS A NAMIBIAN ARTIST, WHO LIKES TO USE HIS MULTI-FACETTED APPROACH TO CHALLENGE HIS AUDIENCE TO REDEFINING THEIR DEFINITION OF ART. FOR OLAF HE WILL SHOWCASE A CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZING DANCE, RAP, LIVE PAINTINGS AND DRUMMING.



MUSIC

STEVEN AFRIKANER

17:00-18:00

STEVEN AFRIKANER FOCUSES ON ETHNOMUSICOLOGY AND THE PRESERVATION OF ETHNIC HERITAGES FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME. FOR OLAF 2025 STEVEN WILL PRESENT THE "FRUITS OF FOLKLORE", BRIDGING TRADITIONAL KHOEKHOEGOWAB STORYTELLING WITH CONTEMPORARY SONIC LANDSCAPES.



PERFORMANCE ART

ZINGERWINGZ

14:30-15:30

ANGELINA AKAWA (ZINGERWINGZ) IS PERFORMING A PIECE CALLED "MBWITISM" AT OLAF 2025. AS PART OF HER MOBIARTS TOUR IT EXPLORES TENSIONS OF CULTURAL IDENTITY. SHE COMBINES ACTING, MUSIC AND SPOKEN WORD, INVITING THE AUDIENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A DIALOGUE ABOUT CULTURAL AUTHENTICITY.



MUSIC

ONE BLOOD

18:00-19:00

ONE BLOOD IS AN AWARD-WINNING GROUP MADE UP OF SIBLINGS DAPHNY NGUVITJITA KAUNE AND VICTOR NGATUVESE KAUNE. THEY REPRESENT A UNIQUE MUSICAL BLEND OF OVIRITJE AND DISCO. SINCE THEIR DEBUT IN 2008, ONE BLOOD HAS BECOME AN INDISPENSABLE FORCE IN THE NAMIBIAN MUSIC SCENE.



STORYTELLING
ORI

15:30-16:00

ORION "ORI" TJIURU KUAJONGANGA IS AN EMERGING MULTI-TALENTED NAMIBIAN ARTIST. ROOTED DEEP WITHIN A SOULFUL AFRICAN SOUND, ORI IS MIXING STORYTELLING AND MUSIC. FOR OLAF 2025 SHE WILL BRING US HER STORY OF TOIVO, DELIVERING WORDS OF COMFORT AND CONFRONTATION AT THE SAME TIME.



OTJOMUISE LIVE ARTS FESTIVAL (OLAF) IS CO-PRODUCED BY THE NATIONAL THEATRE OF NAMIBIA (NTN) AND GOETHE-INSTITUT NAMIBIA, POWERED BY THE NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ENERGY 100FM. THE OTJOMUISE LIVE ARTS FESTIVAL AIMS TO BRIDGE LIFE AND ARTS IN THE CITY BY BRINGING SHOWCASES OF CREATIVITY TO WINDHOEK'S PUBLIC SPACES.



BRING CAMPING CHAIRS...

FOLLOW AND TAG US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



1 NOVEMBER - FULL BLOOM

MUSIC CIRCLE
NAJAH

11:00-12:00

NAJAH IS A NAMIBIAN SINGER-SONGWRITER, CRAFTING MUSIC THAT HEALS, CONNECTS AND CELEBRATES COMMUNITY. FOR OLAF 2025, NAJAH INVITES HER AUDIENCE ON A PARTICIPATORY MUSIC JOURNEY ROOTED IN UBUNTU TO CO-CREATE SOUNDS THROUGH RHYTHM, VOICE AND BREATH.



SPOKEN WORD
FROGMAN K

15:00-16:00

SIBALLI "FROGMAN K" KGOBTESI IS A NAMIBIAN PEOPLE'S POET, CELEBRATING UNITY IN DIVERSITY. DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM OUR DAILY LIVES, HERITAGE AND TRADITION, HIS WORK FOR OLAF 2025 FOCUSES ON THE FIRST CITIZENS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA - THE SAN - AS WELL AS DONKEYS.



PERFORMANCE ART
MAVETJIUA HAIMBODI

12:00-13:00

MAVETJIUA HAIMBODI IS AN ARTS RESEARCHER AND DANCER RE-ENTERING THE PERFORMANCE SPACE AFTER A 10 YEAR ABSENCE. HER PIECE FOR OLAF IS A COMMENTARY ON SEPARATION, UPBRINGING, FAMILY, AND WHERE PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES IN THE WORLD AS A RESULT OF COLONIALISM AND CAPITALISM.



MUSIC
LELA

16:00-17:00

LELA IS A NAMIBIAN SINGER-SONGWRITER. ONCE A HIP-HOP AND R&B ARTIST, SHE HAS RE-BRANDED HER SOUND TO AFRICAN FOLKLORE. ALTHOUGH HER MUSIC FOCUSES ON DIFFERENT THEMES, THE MAIN FOCUS IS ON HERITAGE, AS A REMINDER TO THE PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THEIR CULTURAL-ROOTS.



DANCE
MARIA ANITA

13:00-14:00

MARIA ANITA IS AN AFRO-FUSION DANCER FROM WINDHOEK. SHE USES DANCE TO CELEBRATE THE COLLECTIVE POWER OF HER GENERATION, TRYING TO LET HER BODY EXPRESS ITSELF WITHOUT HESITATION. FOR HER PERFORMANCES SHE TAKES THE AUDIENCE ON A JOURNEY THROUGH AMAPIANO MIXED WITH AFROPOP.



MUSIC
O.U_SLOW

17:00-18:00

FORMED IN 2021 BY FRONTMAN CHARL VRIES, O.U_SLOW HAVE ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NAMIBIAN MUSIC SCENE. WITH THEIR FIRST EP (RELEASED IN 2025), THE BAND HAS CEMENTED THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE ORIGINAL NAMIBIAN MUSIC, THAT STRETCHES VARIOUS GENRES.



INTERDISCIPLINARY PLAY
SOUL X PRESS

14:00-15:00

THE ENSEMBLE "SOUL XPRESS" CONSISTS OF NAMIBIAN ARTISTS JAZEMA HANGERO, DAVID BEUKES, VERIPUAMI KANGUMINE AND KUZAJATU X MAAMBERUA. FOR OLAF 2025 THEY ARE EXPLORING THE TENSION BETWEEN OVAHERERO TRADITIONS AND THE REALITIES OF MODERN NAMIBIAN YOUTH.



MUSIC
TAPZ

18:00-19:00

TAPZ IS A ZIMBABWEAN-BORN PERFORMING ARTIST, SONGWRITER, AND ACTIVIST. FOR OLAF 2025, HE IS JOINED BY A BAND OF WINDHOEK-BASED MUSICIANS FOR A PERFORMANCE OF REFLECTION, GRIEF, AND CELEBRATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED.



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