

JOIN THE CRADLE OF CREATIVITY !

The 19th ASSITEJ World Congress and Festival newsletter



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ASSITEJ-ING

This week we focus on all things ASSITEJ.

ASSITEJ is celebrating its 19th World Congress in Cape Town, affectionately known as the mother city.

The **OPENING** of Cradle of Creativity will be hosted at the Baxter Theatre from 19:00 for 19:30 and will include tastes of what is to come!

The 4-day Congress of the association will be taking place at the Cape Town City Hall from 22 - 25 May.

We highly recommend that you make use of your booking code to reserve your theatre tickets now, so that you can be guaranteed your seat!

Please contact the Cape Town office if you are having nitty gritty issues with the Computicket website!

ASSITEJ Events



ASSITEJ PLAYGROUND

Date: 17 May 2017
Time: 16:00 - 18:00
Venue: Artscape Chandelier Foyer

Congress delegates, artists and local and international visitors are invited to come and share childhood games from their home nations in this icebreaker event at the Artscape Chandelier Foyer.

A great way to meet colleagues from around the world.



ASSITEJ ARTISTIC ENCOUNTERS & OPEN SPACE

Date 24 May 2017
Time: 9h00 - 18h00
Venue: City Hall

The **Artistic Encounters** are part of the ASSITEJ Congress, but are open to all interested in learning more about the subject of intercultural exchange, and engaging with one another in conversation about artistic work. This is not just for the

This session will be led by Vigdis Jakobsdóttir (Iceland), Stefan Fischer-Fels (Germany) and Tiego Shametja (South Africa).

nominated representatives, but is a much broader invitation to artists to share their experiences of intercultural collaboration and to learn from one another. The **OPEN SPACE** is an opportunity to share ideas about where ASSITEJ should be going in the next three years, and to contribute to the working plan of the Executive Committee!



ASSITEJ PUBLICATIONS EVENING

Date: 21 May 2017
Time: 17:30 - 19:00
Venue: District Six Homecoming Centre
Host: Kgomotso Christopher

An opportunity to learn more about the relevant theatre publications of ASSITEJ and our sister network organisations, UNIMA and IATC, as well as from ASSITEJ South Africa, ASSITEJ Germany, ASSITEJ Mexico, TYA UK and USA, and others. The launch of the ASSITEJ 2017 magazine. A networking, mingling, space for conversation and reflection.



ASSITEJ CLOSING CEREMONY

Date 27 May 2017
Time: 19:30 - 20:30
Venue: Artscape Theatre

The Closing Ceremony of the 19th ASSITEJ World Congress and International Theatre Festival for Children and Young People, the Cradle of Creativity, will take place at Artscape, with performances from Dance for All and the Cape Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

This event will be the formal handover to the hosts of the 20th ASSITEJ World Congress.



ASSITEJ AUCTION

Date: 24 May 2017
Time: 19:30 - 21:00
Venue: Artscape Theatre Foyer Well
Join us for the 2017 ASSITEJ AUCTION

Bid on unique and extraordinary objects while supporting the activities of ASSITEJ and the Next Generation Programme.

On the evening of the 3rd day of the General Assembly, we invite delegates and international visitors to come together for an evening of entertainment, fun and competitive bidding!

All proceeds will go to the Next Generation placement and residency programmes which enables younger



ASSITEJ AWARDS

Date: 26 May 2017
Time: 20:00
Venue: Baxter Concert Hall

The ASSITEJ Awards Ceremony, which takes place at every World Congress will include:

The ASSITEJ INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE (HONORARY PRESIDENTS AWARD) given to a company or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the international artistic field of TYA in the last 3 years.

ASSITEJ will also be presenting 2 new awards:

The ASSITEJ APPLAUSE FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, recognising

artists from around the world to experience international exchange, many for the 1st time.

The event will be a memorable evening for the whole of the ASSITEJ community, including participants of the 2017 Next Generation Programme brought together for the very first time in Cape Town.

the lifetime achievements of a special individual

The Write Local Play Global INSPIRATIONAL PLAYWRIGHTS AWARD for inspiring contributions made by a writer within the field of theatre for young audiences.

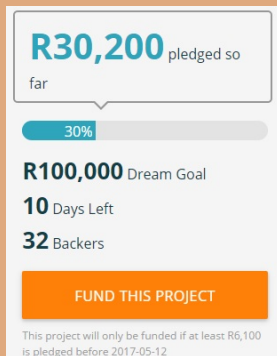
Please join us for this celebratory event!

How can you get involved?



Make a Video about Cradle of Creativity

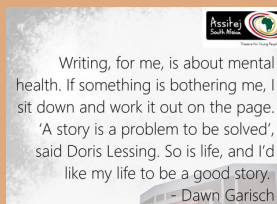
Thank you Sne Dladla for this most awesome video telling our audiences exactly what to do! BOOK NOW!



Crowdfunding Campaign

We got R20 000 in a week! With more than a week left - how far can we take this? Please share widely and encourage people to join the campaign.

ASSITEJ SA is dedicated to ensuring that every child everywhere is able to encounter opportunities for dreaming through the live performing arts. We want as many children as possible - who would otherwise not have the opportunity - to be inspired by the Cradle. [Click here](#)



Write about the Cradle of Creativity

If you would like to write a short piece about Cradle of Creativity to share your thoughts, hopes and experiences of the event, feel free to share them with the Cradle of Creativity communications manager (comms@assitej.org.za).

The piece should not be longer than 250 words. The audience for these pieces are the local public audiences. We are looking for short pieces that help our audiences understand what to expect and what makes theatre for young audiences so very fantastic / your most memorable experience of theatre for young audiences / your reflections on what you experience. Email Yusrah on comms@assitej.org.za

Hashtag

Let us know how your preparation is going for Cradle of Creativity by using the [#cradleofcreativity](#) and or [#assitej2017](#).

[Go to ASSITEJ Website](#)

I CAN'T WAIT.
by Pamela Udoka (Nigeria)

I remember as if like yesterday that the bid for the hosting of the 2017 ASSITEJ festival and world congress was presented 3 years ago Warsaw, Poland. When the bid was presented by South Africa, it was my burning wish for the festival to be brought 'home'. When I had an opportunity to speak in support of the bid, I let the whole world know how I felt and enjoined them to feel same way and vote in support of the bid: that it was not only a South African bid, but a bid from the entire African continent. Vote they did and to crown a very well thought out and very wonderfully packaged and brilliantly presented bid, we won!

Expectedly, I am beyond myself in excitement going to the birthplace of Madiba, the great Nelson Mandela; Mama Africa - Mariam Makeba; Archbishop Desmond Tutu and F. W. De Klerk: pure magic.

I am looking forward to seeing international collaborations and presentations where the relationships between the African countries and the other partner countries are seamless. I am looking forward to having a large number of African countries in one city holding discussions, presentations, productions and festival activities along with other countries of the world, focusing on theatre for children and young people.

I am looking forward to strengthening old friendships and relationships and building new ones. As the dates draw closer and the final details of the travel documents are being finalized.....I just can't wait!!!

See you all soon.

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