

# A bouquet of innovation

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Day 1 of the 24th Design Indaba 2019 conference kicked off with the buzzing of excitement and activity at the Artscape Theatre in Cape Town. The conference takes place from 27 February - 1 March 2019, and we were off to a good start with a simple registration process and fast Wi-Fi to upload and post to our creative social-media heart's content.

This year's MCs include lyrical poet Lebo Mashile who returns to the stage after doing such a sterling job at Design Indaba 2018, multi-talented artist, actress and music supervisor on the film, *Rafiki*, Patricia Kihoro and theatre director/playwright/actor Lucas De Man who will also be speaking at the Design Indaba Conference for the first time, took to the stage and introduced this year's event as a 'bouquet of innovation'.

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Our MCs did a quick check to see who in the audience were from different countries around the world (there were many local and international audience members), and then challenged those who were live-streaming to take part in the [#makesomenoise](#) challenge and post their shout-outs on social media to spread the love amongst fellow-audiences around the world.

Next, the first speakers/performers were introduced as bringing together art, history and design...

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