

Hlakanyana production marks celebration of Africa Day

The UJ Arts Centre is showing the theatre production *Hlakanyana* to mark the celebration of Africa Day on 25 May.



Hlakanyana is set to bring folklore, award-winning music and magic to the Keorapetse William Kgositsile Theatre. Directed by Janice Honeyman and featuring some of South Africa's most promising emerging artists, *Hlakanyana* features a cunning, unethical creature, depicted in animal or human form, who is the long-awaited son of the chief of a village - but instead of being a uniting force, he leaves devastation in his wake.



Athol Fugard's *Blood Knot* comes to The Baxter

4 May 2022



A retelling of the traditional Zulu folktale, *Hlakanyana* is an Afrofuturistic fusion of traditional folklore in a contemporary world. The trickster Hlakanyana is an anti-hero, beset by isolation and forging a path in a rapidly changing world.

Many of the issues South Africa is facing now, such as gender-based violence, corruption, the lack of mentorship and moral guidance and uncertainty are explored through the medium of folklore. On a more personal level, isolation and the revising of people's worldview and growing dissatisfaction with the status quo are also found in the fabric of the play's script.

In its ninth draft, perfected by MoMo Matsunyane, *Hlakanyana* is ready to draw audiences under its spell with a stellar cast including Sandisile Dlangalala, Dolly Louw, MoMo Matsunyane, Sibusiso Mxosana, Manakomba Ndimande, Siphiwe Nkabinde, Mphumzi Nontshinga and Kensiwe Mathebula Tshabalala.



Kunene and the King premieres at Joburg Theatre

5 May 2022



"Since inception, the FADA Interdisciplinary Theatre Programme facilitated the collaboration of second-year students from across the faculty on the design of various elements of a professional production produced by UJ Arts & Culture. With *Hlakanyana*, this interdisciplinary and collaborative intent of the programme was embraced by extending these creative processes to a range of professionals including writers, actors, musicians, composers, dancers, and choreographers to create the much anticipated musical we are delighted to present in partnership with Madevu Entertainment," said Pieter Jacobs, head of UJ Arts and Culture.

Hlakanyana will run at the UJ Arts Centre on the University of Johannesburg's Kingsway Campus in Auckland Park from 25 May to 8 June. Go [here](#) to book tickets.

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