

# Simphiwe Dana brings back Moya to the Artscape Theatre

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Creative songwriter, singer and social activist Simphiwe Dana is excited to announce the return of Moya at the Artscape Theatre in The Mother City later this month.



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Directed by artistic director and choreographer Gregory Maqoma, Moya will be staged at the Artscape Theatre on 26 and 27 January 2024, with a creative fusion of contemporary African dance and movement by the dynamic dancers of Vuyani Dance Theatre.



Simphiwe Dana set to dazzle Cape Town this January

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## 🎯 *What is your purpose?*

To leave the world a much better place than how I found it.

## 🎯 *What does music mean to you?*

Music is proof that the God entity exists.

## 🎯 *My music is about...*

Embracing and understanding the human condition.

## 🎯 *What is your motto?*

In being there for others, do not forget that you matter too.

🎯 ***Fame is about...***

Being put on a pedestal, deservedly or undeservedly. What you do with it can be game-changing.

🎯 ***Retirement will happen when...***

When I have grandkids to take care of.

🎯 ***I don't do...***

Small talk.

🎯 ***I would love to co-write with...***

Asa.



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🎯 ***Where do you go for inspiration to create?***

I go into my home studio.

🎯 ***What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?***

Being on stage is absolutely the best part.

🎯 ***The song you must do during every show?***

*Nkwenkwezi*

▣ ***Any funny moments on stage?***

I once tripped on a monitor and fell.

▣ ***My heroes are...***

Miriam Makeba, Mercedes Soda and Busi Mhlongo.

▣ ***My style icon is...***

The women from the African villages.

▣ ***What makes you stand out?***

My off the tangent perspectives on life.

▣ ***Any nicknames?***

Sim, Simz.

▣ ***If you were not a musician, what would you do?***

Though I don't see myself without music, if I had to, I'd be a writer.

🎯 ***Pick five words to describe yourself?***

I asked someone and this is what they said: Intense, intelligent, eccentric, socially awkward, politically savvy.

🎯 ***Five must-have songs on your Spotify playlist, please.***

Any song from these artists: Mercedes Sosa, Mariza Buika, Salif Keita, Toumani Diabate

🎯 ***Greatest movie ever made?***

*Inglorious Basterds.*

🎯 ***What book are you reading?***

None at the moment. I'm on holiday.

🎯 ***What song changed your life?***

*Jerry* by Dorothy Masuka.

🎯 ***Who do you love?***

My entire family.



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🎯 ***What is your favourite word?***

Actually.

🎯 ***Top of your bucket list?***

Travel and work the world over.

🎯 ***Your greatest achievement?***

Writing music that is evergreen.

🔴 **What do you complain about most often?**

South African politics.

🔴 **What is your biggest fear?**

Abandonment.

🔴 **Happiness is...**

Being loved, warts and all.

🔴 **On stage, I tend to...**

Switch between being very self-conscious and forgetting myself completely.

🔴 **The best life lesson you have learned?**

Be selfish with your time when it comes to self-care. You can't be there for others if you can't be there for yourself.

🔴 **What has been your favourite journey so far?**

Definitely *Moya*

🔴 **Do you do charity work, and if you do – what do you do?**

At the moment I'm taking a break from activism and focusing on myself. But my record speaks for itself.

🔴 **Wishes and dreams?**

Good health.

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