

## Shakespeare used to inspire pupils on stage

The Shakespeare Schools Festival will be held from Monday to Thursday July 28 to 31 at the Artscape Theatre, and from Tuesday to Thursday August 26 to 28; and Tuesday to Thursday September 2 to 4 at the Somerset Playhouse, Somerset West.

The festival is in its fourth consecutive season and has reached over 500 pupils and teachers in the Western Cape, Gauteng and Kwa-Zulu Natal.

"We recently held cast workshops at Artscape theatre where participating schools came in for a two-hour workshop that is aimed at allowing participants to meet each other, engage in general drama activities and some specific exercises that are examples of rehearsal moments that they can use at their own spaces", says festival director Kseniya Filinova-Bruton. "These workshops will be leading up to the actual festival."

The festival will give students an opportunity to create and present

an original drama on a professional stage while also learning the discipline to being a performer.

It was established in the United Kingdom as additional education programme, aimed at improving language and social skills through the performing arts.

Each year, the festival encourages schools to perform 30-minute versions of Shakespearean plays.

Schools taking part in this year's Cape Town programme include Claremont High School, Wynberg Boys' High School, Wynberg High School, Herschel Girls' School, Norman Henshilwood High School, Bergvliet High School, LEAP Science and Maths School, Vista Nova High Drama Club, Sans Souci Girls' High School, Constantiaberg Home Educators, Springfield Convent Senior School, Shiloah Christian School, SACS and the Lalala project

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Dance studios, schools, companies, groups, independent dance-makers and choreographers have until 5pm on Friday June 27 to apply to be part of the Baxter Dance Festival. No late entries will be considered. Choreographers need to supply a DVD of recent work. Application forms can be downloaded from [www.baxter.co.za](http://www.baxter.co.za) or [www.facebook.com/BaxterTheatre](http://www.facebook.com/BaxterTheatre). They are also available from the Baxter's reception desk in the main foyer. Completed forms should be sent to Nicolette Moses. They can be faxed to 021 650 5260 or emailed to [baxterdancefestival@uct.ac.za](mailto:baxterdancefestival@uct.ac.za), or they can be hand-delivered to the Baxter Theatre Centre, Main Road, Rondebosch, marked clearly for her attention. Pictured are dancers from Dance for All at the 2013 Baxter Dance Festival.

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A Malay experience was held at Cantray House in Constantia on June 8 when Malay culture was celebrated. Pictured at the event, from left, are Tauriq Toefie, Qudasaya Azad, Bashera Hendricks, Mariam Farrah Ajiet, Nashiya Salie who was a finalist in the Face of Melayu Cape 2013, Nadiema Omar the project leader, Moegamat Hartley and Abdullah Waggie.

### What's On

#### Book sale

Lions Club of Bergvliet will hold its monthly book sale at Meadowridge Park n Shop, on

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