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# Shakespeare

Schools Festival - South Africa

**3 - 14  
MARCH  
2020**

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As a little girl in St. Petersburg, Russia, my home country, I grew up within a theatre family. The experience of being in the theatre space; observing from the wings my mom rehearsing; roaming the corridors of the back stage; popping in to the wardrobe department to look at magical creations of costume designers; acting on stage at the tender age of three – are special moments, which installed my life-long love, and passion for, theatre..



Kseniya Filinova-Bruton

**My life's mission is to give these same opportunities to as many children as I possibly can, in Africa and beyond. I want the theatre to become a special home for them too, and the stage a place where they grow their confidence and self-belief.**

I believe that exposing children and young adults to works of Shakespeare (through our festival) gives them hope that the world can be a better place, and the future can be brighter than the brightest stage light.

It is a joy to behold the faces of the children as they enter the theatre dressing rooms for the first time in their life – wide-eyed with wonder, watch them go through their rehearsals, and finally perform live on stage, with such confidence, to an appreciative audience.

Add to that the creativity of the teacher-directors; the commitment and discipline every cast holds; and the pride and joy within each child, teacher, and parent in the audience. -All of this - and more – continually reminds me of why I do this work.

When I started working on the festival concept in 2009, I could not dream that it will grow to such level and see the 10th year unfolding in this special way, this is truly a humbling experience. I cannot emphasize how deeply-moving every SSF SA festival is for me and this year it is a very special festival indeed. I am humbled to reach our special milestone of 10 year anniversary and deeply grateful to be blessed with the support of my amazing festival team, our theatre partners, the funders, donors and beneficiaries - all of whom playing a massive role for the festival's growth and development. Thank you for being part of nation building for our youth.



Plays will commence 19h00 each night.  
Orders of the play may vary. One interval per night.

### Tuesday, 3 March 2020

Swartland High School.....The Merchant of Venice  
Westerford High School ..... The Merry Wives of Windsor  
Leiden High School .....The Merry Wives of Windsor (Afrikaans version)

### Wednesday, 4 March 2020

Parel Vallei High School ..... Othello  
Worcester Gymnasium .....Twelfth Night  
Hermanus High School ..... A Midsummer Night's Dream

### Thursday, 5 March 2020

Rhenish Girls' High School..... A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Westlake Primary School ..... Othello  
American International School Cape Town .....Much Ado About Nothing  
Desmond Mpilo High School ..... Macbeth

### Friday, 6 March 2020

Chris Hani Arts and Culture Focus School..... Romeo and Juliet  
Victoria Park Primary..... The Comedy of Errors  
Blouberg International School..... A Midsummer Night's Dream

### Saturday, 7 March 2020

We Few.....The Taming of the Shrew  
Generation Schools Blue Moon ..... A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Pioneer School for the Blind ..... Romeo and Juliet

### Sunday, 8 March 2020

Curro Century City..... Othello  
Athlone High School..... Macbeth  
Darul Arqam Islamic School .....Twelfth Night  
Khayelitsha Art School and Rehabilitation Centre ..... Romeo and Juliet

### Tuesday, 10 March 2020

Herschel Girls School..... A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Herschel Girls School..... Macbeth  
South Peninsula High School..... Hamlet

### Wednesday, 11 March 2020

Fairmont High School..... A Midsummer Night's Dream  
John Ramsay High School ..... Romeo and Juliet  
Parklands College ..... A Midsummer Night's Dream

### Thursday, 12 March 2020

Zonnebloem Nest Senior School ..... A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Fish Hoek Primary School..... Romeo and Juliet  
Hoërskool Strand .....Twelfth Night

### Friday, 13 March 2020

Wynberg Boys' High School ..... Macbeth  
Wynberg Girls' Junior School..... A Midsummer Night's Dream  
Wynberg Boys' Junior School.....The Taming of the Shrew  
Kamuzu Academy (Malawi) ..... The Comedy of Errors

### Saturday, 14 March 2020

Lalela Project..... The Tempest  
Vista Nova High School.....As You Like  
De La Bat School for the Deaf.....The Taming of the Shrew



## Since 2011, SSF SA has showcased:

**442 Shakespeare plays across South Africa,  
working with 9 158 learners  
from 455 schools.**

**It has built the capacity of 608 teachers  
as drama and performance arts directors,  
43 guest and student directors  
and 38 volunteer directors and facilitators.**

**Over 9 years the festival has attracted  
a combined audience of  
23 264 people around the country.**

We are committed to reaching out to learners with special educational needs and who are differently-abled, from diverse racial backgrounds, and those living in areas of deprivation. Whether we're engaging young people in the Festival, in a school hall or classroom, our creative approach to education unlocks their potential. With us, young people change their attitude to learning.



**The SSF SA is ideal for young people seeking to explore their potential in a fun-filled, developmental way; simultaneously making their theatre debut on a professional stage in a non-competitive environment.**

The SSF SA is fully interactive, and provides guidance and resources through scripts, training, framework and feedback, allowing Learners and Educators to successfully direct and perform Shakespearean plays from the first line to the final bow.







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**Change a child's life today - become a SSFSA partner**

and you will make a huge difference by helping young people develop  
the skills and confidence they need to succeed in life.

Speak to our volunteers about our SSFSA Support Us Programme during the interval  
– a small donation of only R100 per month will make sure no child is left behind.

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