

WHALE SEASON BEGINS



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Jungle Theatre Company's *The Whale Show* is returning to the public stage in False Bay after a 3 year hiatus! New cast member Unathi Speelman joins Artistic Director Vincent Meyburgh and Wanda the whale on stage at the Kalk Bay Theatre on 2,3,7,8 and 9 April during the school holidays at 11h00. *The Whale Show* is a story about two characters, the Wondering Whale Watchers, who are on a quest to become like whales. They swirl the audience into a fantastic high-energy adventure juggling to catch food, bubbling under-water music, receiving e-whales from a giant puppet called Wanda. They discover that the ocean is under threat and get everybody involved in taking care of the sea and saving our whales.

Tickets for *The Whale Show* can be booked on the Kalk Bay Theatre booking line: **073 220 5430** and are R50. Don't miss this fabulous family whale tale.

Umlambo Wobomi

"River of Life"

An African Musical Story for the whole Family

Speciall
 Fair Entry plus
 show R45



1.15 pm - 26th March
 at the Constantia Waldorf Fair
 Venue: Drama Hall

For Tickets
 Contact Sarah Iclass 31
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Laduma Jungle Training flows on

Laduma Jungle Trainee group, funded by the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund has been creating Umlambo Wobomi /River of Life in January and February. The production is being rolled out in National Water Week with the City of Cape Town's Water and Sanitation Department at Ratanga Junction. Core team members Mfundo Hashe and Nimray Kruger assisted Artistic Director Vincent Meyburgh with scriptwriting and directing. The 8 trainees created a play based on a story that was told to Cebisa Fubesi, one of the trainees, by her grandmother. Umlambo Wobomi/River of Life will also be performed at Constantia Waldorf Fair on 26 March please see the advert on this page for further details.

Battling the litter on the beaches



The Pick Up Litter Parade finished off its tour of beaches in St James and Kalk Bay with a finale event with the large puppets on Saturday 8 January.

The Laduma Jungle trainees performed a total of 24 interventions thanks to support from local residents, BJK Industries and Kalk Bay and St James Residents' and Ratepayers' Association. Rubbish Wrap has been revived and refreshed for

the Blue Flag Beach Campaign with City of Cape Town's Youth Environmental Schools at the start of March.

Jungle Theatre Company visited Bikini, Mnandi, Standfontein, Muizenberg, Clifton 4th and Camps Bay beaches as part of the awareness campaign.

High schools and primary schools from Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha were bussed to the beach for the event.

Building community capacity

Unathi Speelman and Ntombifuthi Mkhasibe have been training community workers and leaders who work with children and youth in drama techniques. A project funded by City of Cape Town's Arts and Culture Unit has rolled out through the Greater Retreat Youth Forum and Partners with After School Care Projects. Both groups of 8 participants learnt various aspects of putting together a learner led showcase and Jungle Theatre Company will catch up with both organisations in April and May.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Jungle Theatre Company was once again invited to be part of the Cape Town International Jazz Festival providing the Gigs 4 Kids performance at the Waterfront Amphitheatre thanks to ESP Afrika. Junkanew's Monique Fagan made awesome costumes and combined the process with training the Laduma Jungle Trainees in costume making.

JTC hosted 'We Love Jungle' on Valentine's Day introducing people from the fields of performing arts; environment; education and community development. The event showcased 2 excerpts of educational plays A Dog's Life and Shark Dreams.

JTC's AGM has been set for 11 May at 15h30, venue to be confirmed. Anyone is welcome to come along and hear about what Jungle people have been up to over the past year. Please email Miranda Tait on info@jungletheatre.co.za and she will confirm the venue with you nearer the time.

JTC's Ntombifuthi Mkhasibe and Nimray Kruger took part in a creative facilitation training programme with PYE Global at the Novalis Ubuntu Institute in March.

Both the Jungle Theatre Company core acting team and the Laduma Jungle Trainees took part in children's rights training at the beginning of the year. The training gave insights into issues such as child abuse, rights and responsibilities and positive discipline. The training provided by Partners with After School Care Projects (PASCAP) has given the Jungle creative team a new awareness and new abilities as performers and facilitators.