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Thanks to the generous support of the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund, Laduma Jungle trainees take to the stage at the Masque Theatre from 4-9 July at 11h00 with *River Of Life*, an African fairytale about a rural village a river and a special princess.

Created by the Laduma Jungle trainees at the start of the year with the support of Jungle Theatre Company's Vincent Meyburgh, Mfundo Hashe and Nimray Kruger, the play has toured schools and community events such as City of Cape Town's National Water Week programme, eMzantsi's 4WAYLIVE and Peninsula Paddle at Princess Vlei on World Environment Day. The performance also introduced the topic of water in the eMzantsi primary schools twinning programme which kicked off in term 2.

In preparation for the run at the Masque Theatre the Laduma Jungle trainees have been learning about publicity and marketing in order to promote the show.

Tickets are only R30 and are available on the Masque Theatre booking line: 021 788 1898 during office hours. *River of Life* is best suited to 5-10 year olds, "but is great fun for the whole family" says Laduma Jungle trainee Candice Waries, of Ocean View.

The Whale Show hailed a MASSIVE success

The revival of *The Whale Show* at the Kalk Bay Theatre was a great success with 3 full houses. An extra show was added to the bill on the second Saturday as tickets sold like hot cakes.

Without a funding partner for the theatre run, Jungle Theatre Company (JTC) ploughed organizational funding from the Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust (as administered

by BoE) into the project to get the show on the road. New cast member Unathi Speelman replaced the one time Jungler Stuart Palmer as Wave.

Drawing new audiences to the theatre, JTC's Artistic Director and *The Whale Show* stalwart Vincent Meyburgh said: "A wonderful theatre space filled with young faces took *The Whale Show* to a new level of interactivity."

The Whale Show will return to the public stage as part of Out The Box's Arts for a Sustainable Earth programme in September, thanks to the support of the Lorenzo and Stella Chiappini Trust (as administered by BoE) and it is intended to continue on a tour of underprivileged schools in the greater Cape Town area. For information about Out The Box: <http://www.outtheboxfestival.com/>

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Helping to prevent local disasters



Spirit of Water has been out on the road visiting informal settlements in preparation for the winter season. Jungle Theatre Company is working with the City of Cape Town's Disaster Risk Management team across the metro pole visiting communities with information about how to prevent flood damage, reduce health risks and what to do in an emergency. The cast have really pulled together to get this show on the road.

With winter setting in, this outreach touring production has proved to be quite a challenge. The tour has so far visited communities in Maspihumelele; Overcome Heights; Mfuleni; Philippi; Gugulethu; Milnerton and Table View and continues to Strand, Khayelitsha, Mitchell's Plain and Durbanville, finishing up at the end of the month. JTC thanks Disaster Risk Management for continuing this valuable community project.

Change across the board

At Jungle Theatre Company's AGM in May, a new board was elected. Celia Musikanth, marketing manager of the Masque Theatre was voted in as chairperson; Fatima Damon, community activist and stand up comedian from behind the veil, was appointed vice chairperson; Miranda Tait, JTC's project coordinator became the treasurer and Janneke Baveld was re-elected as secretary. JTC also welcomed new board member Simone Falconer to the team. JTC welcomes people to apply to be members of the

organisation and instead of membership fees, JTC requests that members are active and give some of their time to the organisation, for example helping to distribute flyers and posters, offering professional advice and guidance; or help with clean ups etc.

For more information about becoming a member of this dynamic and innovative organisation and for a membership form please contact Miranda on: 021 788 5641 or info@jungletheatre.co.za

NEWS IN BRIEF

JTC's Vincent Meyburgh attended the Assitej World Congress in Copenhagen and Malmoe in May. Under the auspices of the 2010 Inspiring a Generation programme, Vincent took part in workshops and talks and saw numerous children's and youth orientated plays performed by theatre companies from all over the globe. JTC says a big thank you to Yvette Hardie (who has now been elected as the president of Assitej International) for providing this inspirational opportunity.

Vincent Meyburgh and Managing Director Lorraine Tanner have been selected to participate in the Arts and Culture Trust's Building Blocks Master classes. Vincent will be learning about Leadership in the Arts and Lorraine will be covering Monitoring and Evaluation in the Arts. JTC is very grateful to Arts and Culture Trust for inviting JTC staff to be part of this process.

Vincent Meyburgh facilitated drama skills training for UNIMA SA (a puppetry arts umbrella organisation). This has been the third youth drama skills training programme JTC has delivered this year to people who work with children and youth.

JTC is getting together the whole team for an Open Space session to map the future of the organisation. The management committee, core artistic team, Laduma Jungle trainees and board members will all have the opportunity to shape the short term and long term future of Jungle Theatre Company, together. Sam Pearce and Khanyiselo Silo will be facilitating the process enabling JTC to grow.