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Deputy Minister of Tourism at live stage recording of heritage-based stage play

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The Deputy Minister of Tourism, Tokozile Xasa, will be attending and thereafter addressing a live DVD recording of a stage production entitled “Innocent Africa: The Battle of the Sexes”. This is to promote cultural and heritage tourism through youth development.

This event is part of a programme that was initiated by Aubrey Silinyana, a Mdantsane-based filmmaker, in June 2014. A partnership was initiated with Zanempucuko High School, situated in Ilitha Township near the small town of Berlin. The school has a total student enrolment of 857 pupils and serves Ilitha Township, Lingelitsha Township, Ndevana and the villages of Tshabo and Dongwe. The total number of pupils who participate in the programme is 78 learners, made up of 51 girls and 27 boys.

The aim of the programme is to produce a world class stage theatre DVD (6 July 2015) and feature film (10-19 December 2015) that will showcase the culture of the Xhosa as it was in the 17th century through drama, song and dance. During this process it is envisaged that the young participants will acquire skills in scriptwriting, acting, photography, cinematography, video and film editing, singing and traditional dance choreography. Secondary gains include young people learning more about the Xhosa language, culture and customs.

Date: Monday 6 July

Time: 10h30 for 11h00

Venue: The Guild Theatre, East London

For more info on the programme:

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