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# Land of Khinyinyi

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Directed by Mhlanguli George & Maxwell Xolani Rani Choreographed by Maxwell Xolani Rani & Mhlanguli George

A collaboration of CTDPS Dance Performance Students and performers from Baba Yaya African Performing Arts Academy

27th & 28th October 2022 20h00 The Little Theatre UCT Hiddingh Campus Bookings: www.quicket.co.za



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### Synopsis

This dance performance traces the story of a dark love and betrayal that poisons the village of Khinyinyi. Inspiration for this performance is drawn from the African religious practices of the Yoruba people of Southwestern Nigeria, specifically their *Orishas* (Gods and Goddesses). This narrative focuses on the four *Orishas*: *Shango, Ogun, Oya,* and *Yemaya*.

The culmination of our research is a narrative structure and composition that sets this story in South Africa, where we believe it to be artistically relevant. We made use of the stories of the *Orishas* to stimulate our (re)imagining of material and dance vocabulary that encourage an embodiment of story. Through movement investigation and dramaturgy, we attempt to show how African stories from diverse countries can be similar and address common themes, while exploring this richness in diversity and potential for new fictional works.

#### About the CTDPS:

"The Centre for Theatre, Dance & Performance Studies (CTDPS) at the University of Cape Town (UCT) focuses on teaching Dance and Theatre performance as forms of critical inquiry, creative expression, pedagogy and public engagement. We view performance as a public platform for contemporary ideas, allowing us to examine and question the fundamental concerns of our times in a space that is at once critical, emotional, and collaborative."

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#### About BABA YAYA African Performing Arts Academy:

#### "Liberating Creative Excellence"

The BABA YAYA African Performing Arts Academy is dedicated to providing training and opportunities in the arts to talented youths from under-resourced communities. The NGO specifically works with highly skilled teachers and creatives in order to offer its students an environment of excellence. With a rigorous dance, performance and investigative oriented curriculum, the objectives of the organisation are to transform its students into the creative leaders of the future.

#### Directors & Choreographers

Maxwell Xolani Rani and Mhlanguli George

## Performers

#### (CTDPS)

Happiness Sikhwai Ilene Steenkamp Kamogelo Dooka Zandile Salukazana Zanele Salukazana

(BABA YAYA)

Yonela Macibela Entle Matyathanga Sisipho Mponzo Mcebisi Fani Nico Masepe Lulama Noboza Wongalethu Kasba