

FINGO FESTIVAL

by Bulelani Boo. Photos from the festival's website and Facebook-page.

The Fingo Festival is a festival devoted to art as a platform to promote social cohesion and social transformation within Fingo Township and Grahamstown. We aim to do this by hosting workshops, dialogues and fun activities for children and young people during each day of the Fingo Festival.

HOW IT BEGAN

The idea emerged in 2011 from a group of individuals who saw a need to bring a creative spark into the township during the National Arts Festival. Working together, the Khulumani Support Group, Save Our Schools and Community, Double You Arts and the Fingo Revolutionary Movement registered a venue called Fingo Festival with the National Arts Festival, to be hosted in the township. The event marked the beginning of a community awakening in terms of demonstrating our ability to host a fun, creative and safe space that has potential to grow. Not only is this festival a fun zone, but it also broadens into a potential recognition base for individuals with distinguished abilities.

VISION

Our vision is an interconnected community brought together by visual art, drama, music and edutainment unconditional of race, creed or class. We would like to see a transformed community, in which skilled and creative individuals are able to participate in community development, as far as contributing in the growth of our country's economy.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to bring together individuals from different fields e.g. business, art and the



society at large to form a networking base. This means creating a platform to stimulate interaction, through dialogues, performances and exhibitions which will promote social development and social cohesion.

ACTIVITIES TODAY AND DEVELOPMENTS

We have been hosting an annual festival dating back from 2011 that has drawn local, national and international artists and audience to showcase, exhibit and display their talents and skills in Grahamstown. This includes event organising, sound hire and concept building.

RESULTS – WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

We have achieved a vibrant art culture between Grahamstown artists and the locals. Fingo festival has been able to provide a platform for the performing arts at large.

WHAT NOW, THE FUTURE

We would like to create an Art Centre/Hub establishments and new challenging art avenues. blishments and new challenging art avenues.

