



THE PLATFORM

The 2013 Monologue Competition and bursary recipients are two of the items included in this issue. There is also news about festival matters and, below, details of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

We hope you find this first *Platform* for 2014 helpful as you begin planning for a new speech and drama year.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, 10 MARCH 2014

TIME: 16h00

VENUE: EDEN COLLEGE,
FRANCOIS ROAD, GLENMORE, DURBAN.

Diarise the date and join us for the meeting
and refreshments afterwards.

Notice of Meeting and Agenda to follow.

SCHOOLS and STUDIOS:

Please return your membership forms
by 28 February.

ADJUDICATORS:

Please return your panel forms by 15 February.

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Professor Elizabeth Sneddon

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Vyvienne Ball

2013 BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Sibahle Sibiya	Northlands Girls' High School	ELIZABETH SNEDDON BURSARY
Clarize Coetzer	Arboretum Primary School	JILIAN HURST BURSARY
Matthew Reinders	La Lucia J.P. School	HAZEL MEYER BURSARY
Alok Rambehary	Bluff Christian Academy	HAZEL MEYER BURSARY
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Sita Moodley	Hillary Primary School	
Jocelyn Fellowes	Howick Prep. School	
Luke Rennison	Howick Prep. School	
Tyron Barnard	Manor Gardens Primary School	
Keryn Scott	Westville J.P. School	
Joshua Pienaar	Westville S.P. School	
Drew Townley	Westville S.P. School	
Jacob Blewitt	Westville S.P. School	
Trent Lilford	Westville S.P. School	
Emma Geyer	Winston Park Primary School	
James Haw	Winston Park Primary School	
Ross Blackbeard	Winston Park Primary School	

Thank you to all these schools for their support and generous donations to the Bursary Fund.



HOW BURSARIES ARE AWARDED

- Bursaries are optional as is the amount donated.
- Should a school wish to offer a bursary the amount donated should be paid on submission of your festival entries.
- After the festival the adjudicator puts forward nominations for the bursary to the school. The final decision on the bursary recipient rests with the school.
- The Speech and Drama Association reviews all other nominations that are submitted during the year and selects additional recipients for the Elizabeth Sneddon, Jilian Hurst and Hazel Meyer Bursaries.
- The bursaries are to be used for speech and drama tuition only.

For more information about bursaries please contact the Festival Director.

From the festival director...

Festival 2014 is well underway.

Membership and booking forms were posted to schools and studios in January. If you haven't received this correspondence please contact me.

Entry forms are being posted as dates are booked. If you have booked a date for the first or second term, but have not received your entry forms, please follow up with me.

The 2014 - 2016 English and Afrikaans syllabi are now available. A copy of the English syllabus will be posted to you when your membership fee is paid. If you wish to order the Afrikaans Syllabus, or additional English books, don't forget to tick the relevant boxes on your membership form. The isiZulu Syllabus has not changed so please continue to use the 2011 - 2013 book. If you don't already have it, this can also be ordered.

Workshops: Now is the best time to have a workshop, especially if you have new staff members, who might appreciate some guidance in preparing for the festival. Workshops are arranged to suit each school's particular needs and are held at your school at a time and on a date chosen by the school. Contact the office for more information.

Fees: Despite increased costs we have kept the fees for individual items at the same as last year, i.e. R15 per item for all grades. Group items are now R60 for all grades. The usual concession of having one free entry if a pupil enters three different individual items, still applies.

Turn to the back page for the full schedule of fees for 2014.

Payments: When you send through any proof of payment please include supporting documents so that I know what you have paid for.

Finally, and especially if you are a new festival convenor, don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything you are not sure of. I will be happy to guide you through the process of organising your festival.



NOW
is the time
to book
workshops
and festivals!

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2013 BRUCE PIPER AWARD MONOLOGUE COMPETITION

The competition, an important event on our calendar and a highlight for the high school drama students who qualify to take part, was held on 2 November 2013.



Professor Mervyn McMurtry and Mr Charli Wiggill, who adjudicated the competition, said they were impressed with the high standard of all the performances.

The well-deserved winner was Sibahle Sibiya, from Northlands Girls' High School, pictured on the left with Mrs Elmarie Louw.

Other participants were Caitlin Beaumont, Yolanda Ngidi and Kiara Sardha (Northlands GHS), Stacey Smith and Abigail Gambo (Grosvenor GHS), Nkosazane Dambusa (Kingsway High School), Gemma Adey, Elischke de Villiers and Georgina Borros (St Anne's College), and Robyn Ivey (Jo Caro Studio).



Charli Wiggill, Sibahle Sibiya and Mervyn McMurtry.

Congratulations to these top twelve candidates who were selected from over 140 high school pupils who presented monologues during the festival last year.

Congratulations to Brett Beiles, who was awarded Highly Commended in the Writers' Circle's Humorous Poetry Competition, for his poem, "The Magic Tree".

This poem can be found in our new syllabus along with many others written by local poets.

The Afrikaans syllabus also consists of an exciting and varied selection of all new poems.

Enjoy them!

2014 FEES

Annual membership fee per school/studio	R 300
All individual entry fees	R 15 per item
All group entry fees	R 60 per item
Admin fees (see your Remittance Form)	Sliding scale
Workshop fees	R 400 per hour
English & Afrikaans syllabus	R 100 each
isiZulu syllabus	R 50 each
Booklet on group categories	R 30 each
Late entry fee penalty	R 250
Travel/accommodation donation (where applicable)	R 600 per day (per adjudicator)