

## Press Release for Immediate Release

### OBEAH OPERA ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA DURING WOMEN'S MONTH



**Obeah Opera**, the handclapping, foot-stomping, spirit-lifting, magical musical sensation, is thrilled to announce its international premiere tour in South Africa this August, in celebration of Women's Month. This powerful and uplifting production will be visiting the **Soweto Theatre**, **Performing Arts Centre of the Free State**, and the **South African State Theatre**, ushering the first ever collaboration between the three giant Theatres, bringing a unique and vibrant cultural experience to audiences across the country.

Obeah Opera is a groundbreaking musical that redefines the narrative of the Salem witch trials from the perspective of Caribbean enslaved women. Written and composed by Nicole Brooks, this all-female a cappella production fuses rich harmonies and rhythmic complexity, creating a mesmerizing and deeply moving experience. The opera's powerful storytelling, infused with Caribbean folklore and spirituality, has garnered critical acclaim for its innovative approach and compelling performances.

The tour's timing during South Africa's Women's Month is particularly significant, as Obeah Opera highlights themes of female empowerment, resilience, and unity. This celebration of women's voices aligns perfectly with the spirit of Women's Month, honouring the contributions and strength of women throughout history and today.

Audiences can look forward to a captivating performance that transcends traditional opera. Obeah Opera promises an immersive experience filled with dynamic a cappella singing, intricate choreography, and a compelling narrative that resonates with audiences of all backgrounds. The show's energy and magic are set to inspire and uplift, making it a must-see event this August.

Obeah Opera is a Canadian Opera created by Nicole Brooks co-produced in South-Africa by Asah Production and MyArts International; featuring a talented ensemble of performers dedicated to bringing this extraordinary story to life. The production team is committed to delivering a high-quality, unforgettable experience that celebrates cultural diversity and female empowerment.

*"We are incredibly excited to bring Obeah Opera to South Africa, especially during Women's Month. This opera is not just a performance; it's a celebration of women's strength and spirit, and we can't think of a better place to share this message than in South Africa,"* **said Nicole Brooks, creator of Obeah Opera.**

*"Woman's month is significant in south Africa and amplifying the voices of our women and girls is vital in the artistic industry. Obeah Opera will showcase diverse expressions with exceptional talent by women for women coming from around the globe. It is an honour for Soweto Theatre to be the first leg of this tour which is our first collaboration with our national theatre counterparts. This is a must see, a true reflection of the spirit of Imbokodo,"* **voiced Soweto Theatre's General Manager Vincent Motau.**

Join us in celebrating Women's Month with the unforgettable experience of Obeah Opera and be part of a cultural journey that honours the strength and spirit of women through the power of music and storytelling.

Tickets for the Obeah Opera International Premiere Tour will be available for purchase from R100 to R150. For more information on performance dates, venues, and ticket sales, please visit the three venues websites and [www.obeahopera.com](http://www.obeahopera.com).

### **About Soweto Theatre**

Opened on June 4, 2012, Soweto Theatre stands as a dynamic cultural hub in the heart of Soweto, Johannesburg, South Africa. Architect Lawrence Chauke's modern and captivating design houses multiple performance spaces, including a 436-seat main auditorium, a 120-seat black box Blue Theatre, another black box, the Yellow Theatre with a maximum seating capacity of 80 pax, a multifunctional area, and an outdoor amphitheatre with a capacity of 3000.

This venue serves as a catalyst for the local arts scene, providing a platform for diverse expressions such as theatre, dance, music, and visual arts.

Beyond its architectural significance, the theatre is a vital community space, fostering the growth of both emerging and established artists. Through a rich array of performances, festivals, and educational initiatives, Soweto Theatre continues to play a central role in shaping the cultural identity of Soweto and fostering unity and creativity within the community.

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