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MACUFE 2025 OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN A TRADITIONAL SPECTACLE

The 2025 Mangaung African Cultural Festival (MACUFE) was officially launched amidst a fanfare of cultural display on 1 August 2025. Proudly clad in traditional attires (*Modianyewe*, *Seaparankwe*, *Seanamarena* and other cultural regalia), the flagship programme of the Free State Provincial Government was officially unleashed in a ceremony led by the Premier of the Free State, Me Maqueen Letsoha-Mathae. The launch was attended by stakeholders representing a diversity of the cultural, artistic, governance and civil society landscape.

Scheduled to be staged from 3 to 7 September, the 2025 MACUFE programme was unpacked with unequivocal messages delivered about what will be showcased during this cultural epitome of the Free State.

In her no holds barred message, Premier Letsoha-Mathae underscored the cultural, and socio-economic significance of MACUFE. The Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Me Ntombizanele Sifuba, reinforced the Premier's message about the need for the return of MACUFE after two (2) years of absence.

Living up to the commitments made by the stated executive authorities, a formidable programme has been put together to showcase a multicultural and multidisciplinary artistic programme to be staged as follows:

Event	Date	Time		Venue	Entrance Fee
MACUFE Film Festival	3 and 4 September	10h00 – 16h00		Wesleyan Church (Waaiohoek)	Non-Ticketed event (entrance is free of charge: <u>First come, First Serve</u>)
MACUFE Dance Fiesta	3 and 4 September	12h00 – 15h00		Bloemfontein Civic Theatre	Non-Ticketed event (entrance is free of charge: <u>First come, First Serve</u>)
MACUFE Theatre Festival	3 to 5 September	16h00 – 18h00		Bloemfontein Civic Theatre	Non-Ticketed event (entrance is free of charge: <u>First come, First Serve</u>)
MACUFE Main Theatre Festival	4 to 5 September	18:00 – 20:00		Bloemfontein Civic Theatre	R50.00
MACUFE Comedy and Poetry	5 September	15h00 – 17h00		Bloemfontein Civic Theatre	Non-Ticketed event (entrance is free of charge: <u>First come, First Serve</u>)
MACUFE Visual Arts, Crafts and Literature Exhibition	3 to 6 September	09h00 – 17h00		Mimosa Mall	Non-Ticketed event (entrance is free of charge: <u>First come, First Serve</u>)
MACUFE Hip-	5	17h00 –		Rose Gardens	R100.00

Hop vs. Amapiano	September	00h00		
MACUFE Main Festival	6 September	12h00 – 00h00	Rose Gardens	R200.00
MACUFE Gospel Festival	7 September	12h00 – 00h00	Rose Gardens	R150.00

“Not only are we on a path to recalibrate MACUFE as a pride of the people of the Free State, but we are also presenting this cultural pilgrimage in such a way that it is accessible to many people. The ticket prices, and the non-ticketed character of some of the MACUFE platforms, is a testimony to our commitment to make arts and culture accessible to all. We call upon the beloved patrons of this programme to join us at the various MACUFE shows in the quest for the celebration of our cultural heritage”, stated MEC Ntombizanele Sifuba.

A solid artistic line up has been put together, consisting of the crème de la crème in the music industry such as the following, amongst many others: Makhadzi; Vusi Nova; Thandiswa Mazwai; Judith Sephuma; Sannere; DJ Kwesta; Durban Gogo; Scotts Maphuma; Mawhoo; Ntate Stona; Jaziel Brothers; Semito; Press; Soweto Gospel Choir; Jabu Hlongwane; Thinah Zungu; Tshepiso Mpotle; Teboho Moloi; Lebo Sekgobelo; Esethu Mngxuma and Ayanda Ntunzi.

The full line up per each show, ticket outlets and other details will be communicated in due course.

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