



25 November 2019

DISABILITY FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN MANGAUNG

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) in partnership with Free State Performing Arts and Transport for People with Disabilities will stage the 2019 Disability Arts Festival organized to celebrate various talents of people with disabilities by creating a platform for them to showcase their talents. The Disability Arts Festival will be staged under the theme: **#PutYourselfInMyShoes**. This festival will take place at a time when South Africa celebrates Disability Month. Disability Month is used to raise awareness to and protect the rights of persons with disabilities. The month culminates in the International Day of Persons with Disabilities that is observed on 3 December around the world.

It is also an opportunity to reflect on progress we have made in addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities as we commemorate 25 years of democracy. Government is encouraged that we have made significant progress in realizing the political and socio-economic rights of persons with disabilities as entrenched in the Bill of Rights as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The event is scheduled as follows:

Workshop

DATE: 29 November 2019

VENUE: Civic Theatre, BFN

TIME: 13:00

Main Festival

DATE: 30 November 2019

VENUE: Dr. Rantlai Molemela Stadium, BFN

TIME: 09:00

Beauty Contest

DATE: 01 December 2019

VENUE: Civic Theatre, BFN

TIME: 13:00

Visit to Heritage Sites

DATE: 02 December 2019

VENUE: BFN

TIME: 09:00

International Disability Day Celebration

DATE: 03 December 2019

VENUE: Dr. Rantlai Molemela Stadium, BFN

TIME: 08:00

Commenting about this Disability Arts Festival MEC Limakatso Mahasa stated that, "During this month we reflect on the challenges faced by persons with disabilities, as well as their achievements and goals. We reflect on what inclusion can do for society, as well as what persons with disabilities have accomplished for themselves. We want to strengthen partnership between government, business and civil society towards addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and releasing their human potential. We

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need to educate South Africans that persons with disabilities are competent and skilled contributors to the growth and development of our country.”

Your media house is invited to cover this event.

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