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Mmabana Arts Culture and Sport Foundation POSTPONES the Taung Cultural Calabash

The Taung Cultural Calabash(TCC) Festival was founded on a strong premise to develop the creative arts sector in the province. Unlike many arts festivals, the Taung Cultural Calabash Festival is grounded within a strong development ethos that's infuses every aspect of the festival from the performances to the venues and management style.

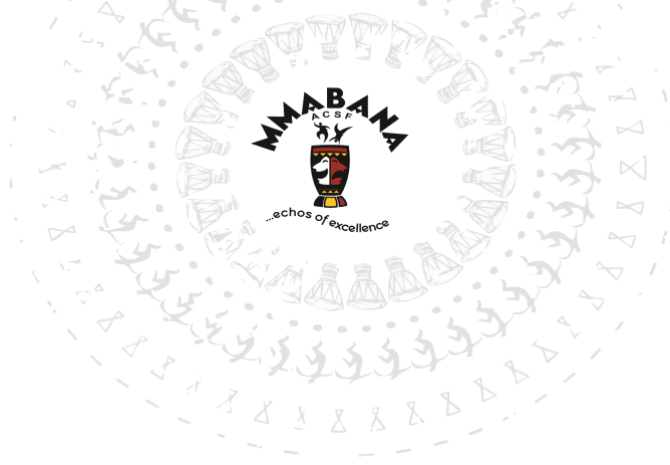
The festival began as a one-day event in the village of Taung near the famous "Taung Skull", the Taung Cultural Calabash was designed to stir the pride of people in their diverse arts forms by allowing them platforms to express their various artistic disciplines. The festival later grew to a three-day event and expanded the programme offering by introducing a set of provincial competitions to uncover and nurture the creativity of the North West Province's young creative practitioners.

2022/23 financial year the entity had planned to host the TCC main festival between the 14-15 October 2022 at the Mmabana Taung Center. After the deliberations that took place on the 13th October 2022, emanating from the disruptions at the Mmabana Taung Center, the entity's board and management has taken a decision to postpone Taung Cultural Calabash event to ensure safety amongst all Mmabana stakeholders.

The entity will issue out an invite to its patrons for a stakeholder engagement to try and find an amicable way to preserve the flagship festival, dates and venue will be communicated soon on the entity's website.

The Mmabana board, and management envisions to create more sustainable platforms for the creative arts practitioners in the North West province. The 2022/23 financial year and beyond the entity predicts to host more developmental and professional programmes to ensure sector growth in the North West Province.

The entity would like to apologies to all the stakeholders, practitioners, artists and broader community for the inconvenience caused by this necessary postponement, as



it is in the interest of insuring security for all parties involved and the successful hosting of the event.

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