

# Ganda *Mandingo* Syndicate

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# A NOTE FROM THE CULTURAL TEAM

The cultural program of the Alliance Française de Kampala has now found its cruising speed and the projects are following one another, as diversified as dynamic.

For this September-October program, we are continuing and developing partnerships with the cultural actors of Kampala. Indeed, Kampala is a city with an impressive cultural dynamism! Whether it is in bars, in exhibition spaces, in cultural centers or even in the street, culture is everywhere in Kampala!

The Alliance Française wishes to be part of this artistic emulation and to support existing projects while bringing specificities to the cultural landscape. This is why we are partnering this month with Nyege Nyege, with the arrival of digital artist JA Dupont who will form and manage the visual scenography of one of the stages. We are also partnering with the Pearl Rhythm Festival which has been bringing traditional Ugandan music to life for several years! The arrival of the Ghanaian musician Kyekyeku and the great lady Mama C, former Black Panther and multi-talented artist are events not to be missed!

The most important event this September is the arrival of the three world-renowned musicians: Habib Koité, Joël Sebungu and Aly Keita! Ganda Mandigo Syndicate will be there for a unique concert: the fruit of a several-day residency, the instruments and vibes of West and East Africa will blend together to make their style resonate in the magnificent auditorium of our friends at the National Theatre.

And because the Alliance Française never stops, it is obvious that other events will take place in our beautiful Basement venue with a special place for Ugandan artists: fashion, film, music, visual arts, everything!

Our equipment, whether it is our hall or our technical material, is also at the disposal of artists and cultural actors: do not hesitate to contact us to inquire about the conditions of renting our premises and equipment!

We hope to see many of you dancing and celebrating culture in all its forms! The Alliance Française de Kampala is an open and dynamic place, whether you want to create a project, have a drink, learn a language or just have fun, everything is possible at the AFK!

## AFK CULTURAL OFFICE

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**BACK TO MY ROOTS**  
**FASHION MEETS FRENCH SONGS**  
Designer: Josephine NAKAFEERO

**DATE: Saturday, 3rd September**  
**TIME: 7 PM**  
**VENUE: AFK Basement**

*Indonesian food available for sale.*

**FREE ENTRY**

"Back to my roots" fashion meets French songs and as Jose House of Creations will be showcasing their latest collection featuring live performance by Vincent Meyer World Music Quartet a French artist.

**ANCESTRY - EXHIBITION**  
**- DANIEL ATENYI**

**DATE: 12th - 24th September**  
**OPENING: Friday, 16th September**  
**VENUE: AFK**

13 artworks for sale, priced between  
450,000 UGX and 1,500,000 UGX

**FREE ENTRY**



The drawings are built around the concept of symbolism and realism. They are a representation of the lifestyles and experiences of the world today. In some cases, the works are juxtapositions of reality against what exists in other realms, manifesting in visuals of almost spiritual beauty.

In the drawings, the artist does not represent the human form in the literal sense, but rather a version of our higher self, our 'soul'. This also explains the choice of the monochromatic form.

These are all complementary elements at the centre of which the artist finds his main aesthetic inspiration: the people of the Omo Valley in Ethiopia.

15<sup>TH</sup> | 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022



## DIGITAL MAPPING BY J-A DUPONT DURING NYEGE NYEGE FESTIVAL

**DATE:** 15th - 18th September

**VENUE:** Itanda Falls, Jinja

**ENTRY FEE:** USD 95USD FOR FULL  
FESTIVAL



J-A Dupont is a French-Colombian transmedia artist that uses projection mapping and performance to build bridges between distant disciplines and concepts, and will conduct a paint mapping workshop and scenography of one of the stages in the framework of the Nyege Nyege festival.

This performance is supported by the Institut Français and the Alliance Française de Kampala.

## OPEN MIC POETRY - THE ULTIMATE SLAM POETRY

**DATE:** Saturday, 24th September

**TIME:** 7 PM

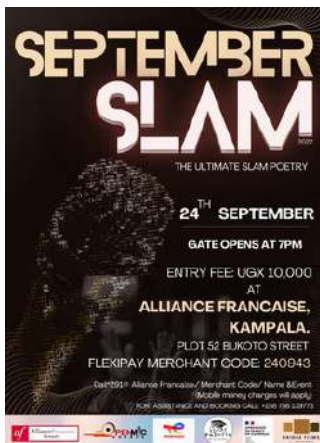
**VENUE:** AFK Rooftop

**ENTRY FEE:** 10K UGX

The September Slam is on again, awesome spoken word artists on stage as always, good people fired up to share their poetry at an inspiring evening.

Don't miss acts from **St Nelly Sade** and **Jungle the man eater** as they showcase a battle slam of **Lugaflow** and **Lusoflow**.

Come with a friend and experience some of the best poems and stories in September.



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(Ticket + Cocktail)  
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Entrance  
**75.000 UGX**

Early bird Discount  
**50.000 UGX**



# Mandingo Syndicate

**Habib Koité | Joel Sebunjo | Aly Keïta**

at **National Theatre, Dewinton Road** on **30th September** at **7:00pm**

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# GANDA MANDINGO SYNDICATE

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Habib Koité was born in Thiès, Senegal, and is a Malian singer and musician.

He grew up among the griots, then entered the National Institute of Arts in Bamako thanks to the support of his uncle. After becoming a teacher there, he started his career and quickly became known as a prodigy in his field. He is indeed known primarily for his unique approach to playing the guitar by tuning it on a pentatonic scale and playing on open strings as one would on a kamale n'goni. His music is also influenced by traditional Malian sounds, but also blues or flamenco

His work and his band Bamada are recognized worldwide, he has received numerous awards and collaborated with the world's greatest musicians.



**HABIB  
KOITÉ**

**These three magnificent artists are joining forces for a unique concert!**

With more than 20 years of experience and touring all over the world, these artists will offer you a show as energetic as innovative. After spending a week in residence together, they will create a concert where their West African and East African music merge to create new sounds.

Between Flamenco, Blues, Mandingo, Jazz and traditional music, this concert is without a doubt one of the most outstanding of the year. We are delighted to welcome these internationally renowned artists to the sublime auditorium of the National Theater. A buffet dinner provided by the Sheraton will be offered for VIP seats.



**JOEL  
SEBUNJO**

Joel Sebungu is a Ugandan musician and one of the most visible figures to emerge from the Anglophone. Joel Sebungu is one of a handful of Ugandan folk/world music artists. The multi-instrumentalist's latest album *United Slaves of Africa* is rooted in Pan-Africanism and negritude aspirations, and is spiced up with bits of Ugandan folklore rhythms.

Alongside his Sundiata band, Sebungu has performed around the world and shared a stage with international artistes like Salif Keita, Miriam Makeba, Yossou N'dour and Oliver Mtukudzi.

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Aly Keita is certainly the greatest Balafon player in the world. A specialist of this xylophone-like instrument from West Africa, he has even created his own Balafon to match his style and sound.

Born in Abidjan, he focuses on traditional African repertoire, with western jazz, soft pop and African rhythms.

Starting his career in the 80's he began playing jazz with musician Georges Makinto but quickly opened up to other styles. His experience gave him the opportunity to perform and to be known with success all over the world.



**ALY  
KEITA**





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# & WIN!

**NJOGERA FRANÇAIS - JE PARLE  
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08<sup>TH</sup> | 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022



## THE MWANA WEIKA EXPERIENCE

**Ft: Kenneth Mugabi, Price Love, Afrie**

**DATE: Saturday, 8th October**

**TIME: 6 PM**

**VENUE: AFK Basement**

**ENTRY FEE: 30K UGX**

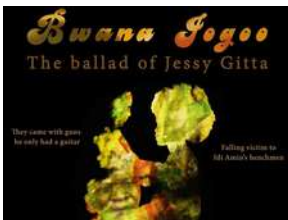
Tickets are available at Alliance Française de Kampala and through Flexipay by dialing \*291#. The Merchant Code is 240943. WAKE is the payment reason.

Wake is an upcoming talented Hip Hop singer who is inspired by all the energies around him, to create a unique sound that cuts through all styles...

He will perform his recent album "Mwana Weika on the track, yo!" which evokes the evolution of children in a new environment.

Inspired by a catalog of traditional ethnic music, Wake mixes samples of Bagwere tribal music with more modern sounds. He will obviously be well supported by Price Love, Kenneth Mugabi and Afrie on his album, but also on this special night! Not to be missed!

# MOVIE NIGHT



## BWANA JOGOO: THE BALLAD OF JESSY GITTA

**Directed by** Michiel van Oosterhout  
2021 (France) · Documentary · 1h 52m

**DATE: Tuesday, 11th October**

**TIME: 7 PM**

**VENUE: AFK Basement**

**FREE ENTRY**

A love triangle between a musician, a president and a queen dancer, leading to the death of the musician at the hands of Idi Amin's State Research Bureau henchmen.

Michiel van Oosterhout is a journalist/filmmaker/researcher from The Netherlands. 'Bwana Jogoo: the ballad of Jessie Gitta' is his 2019 feature music documentary director's debut, which won an award at the Uganda Film Festival that year.



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**Pearl Rhythm festival under the directorship of Jude Mugerwa will in this edition of Akatuuti, develop a body of work which will use different forms of art to address climate change challenges happening in the world currently as seen through the eyes of children.**

The body of art we envision will fuse art forms like folk and ethno music, traditional sounds, dance and visual art together with digital art in order to bring out different textures of expression both to the viewer and listener. The body of work will employ natural sounds in our environment that will be fused with modern synths, to tell a story as seen by

a child. The most exciting bit of the showcase will be fusion of body art and young human models to blend into the whole experience to tell a story of nature and climate change hazards such as wildfires, flooding, drought and vanishing green cover due to deforestation and urbanization.



PRESENTS



**VENUE**  
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## ARTIST LINE UP

- Kyekyeku (France/Ghana)
- Moseb Band (Ethiopia)
- Mama C (Usa/Tanzania)
- General Czarbu, (Uganda)
- Alidekki Brian (Uganda)
- Noah Muhumuza-Infectious (Uganda)
- Afrie (Uganda)
- Andereya Baguma (Uganda)
- Sandra k (Uganda)
- Mercy Bero (Uganda)
- BATWA community (Kisoro)

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- Tushi Nabakyala
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# PEARL RHYTHM Festival

FEE PER HEAD **50K** EARLY BIRD **30K**



The Pearl Rhythm Festival has been held for 9 years since 2012 at UNCC gardens. Aiming to promote young talented Ugandan musician, each year the Pearl Rhythm has presented 4 new talents out of the stage coach academy.

The Pearl Rhythm festival is organized annually by the Pearl Rhythm Foundation Limited, a Ugandan music and creative organization which was created with the support of development partners like Alliance Française de Kampala. The Pearl Rhythm Foundation's value is to strengthen the Ugandan music scene with a link to its original indigenous grassroots cultures, in order to develop a culturally vibrant rooted music industry with artists that showcase a true Ugandan brand.

Come and discover the talents of today and tomorrow, support the local culture, and above all have fun!

## Check Out the List of Library Events for Sept - Oct

September

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### ***L'heure du conte:*** Cornebidouille

12 pm | AFK Library

Open to the public: but only 2 free attendances are allowed if you are not a member. Otherwise 5k per kid.

September

15

### ***Cinéduc***

12:30 pm | AFK Library

Open to the public: only 2 free attendances are allowed for non members/students.

September

17

### ***French club:*** La rentrée

2 pm | AFK Library

Open to the public : but only 2 free attendances are allowed if you are not a member or a student.

September

27

### ***Cercle de lecture***

9:30 am | AFK Library

An opportunity for book lovers to meet and share their " Coup de coeur ". The very first session is scheduled for September 27th.

October

13

### ***Cinéduc***

12:30 pm | AFK Library

Open to the public: only 2 free attendances are allowed for non members/students.

October

15

### ***L'heure du conte:*** Yek Yek et Wak Wak

12 pm | AFK Library

Open to the public: but only 2 free attendances are allowed if you are not a member. Otherwise 5k per kid.

October

22

### ***French club:*** Parlons cuisine

2 pm | AFK Library

Open to the public : but only 2 free attendances are allowed if you are not a member or a student.

October

27

### ***Café philo***

6 pm | AFK Library

A bi-monthly philosophical discussion. Open to the public.

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# TILENGA BIODIVERSITY PROGRAM

As we undertake the development of the Tilenga project, we are conscious of the sensitive nature of the Murchison Falls National Park in which part of our activities are located.

Through the Tilenga Biodiversity program, we are collaborating with various stakeholders including Government, environment and biodiversity experts, Non-Government Organisations and the communities to promote sustainable development of the Tilenga project whilst protecting and conserving the ecologically rich area in and around the Murchison Falls Conservation Area.

The 4 pillars of the program are;

- Reducing human pressures and strengthening the ecological resilience of the Murchison Falls protected area
- Implementing conservation and restoration measures for forests and their connectivity
- Protecting and maintaining the connectivity of habitats in the savannah and proximity of the Bugungu Natural Reserve
- Working with the host community to manage and restore wetlands along the southern bank of Lake Albert



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