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The Whispers

Internationally renowned storyteller shares a personal journal of colonialism



SAINT JOHN – Mbene Mwambene is a Zambian-Malawian actor, journalist, poet, theatre director, dancer and amazing storyteller who has travelled the world sharing his love of using performance to tell a story.

***The Whispers* is a solo physical performance, that brings a personal journey of colonialism to life.** It's a response to both the colonial and current perspective of being black using storytelling, poetry, sarcasm,

music, and body movement. In this performance Mbene traces his family history, asking is a modern Black man free to choose who he becomes?

Currently based in Bern, Switzerland, Mbene first connected with the Saint John Theatre Company in 2017 when both parties were in Konstanz Germany. The SJTC had been in the area to present their production of *An Enemy of the People* at Theatre Konstanz. *"I was immediately impressed with Mbene's work and have been trying ever since to find away to share his work with our community,"* adds SJTC Executive Director Stephen Tobias. *"Now that disruptions of the past two years are behind us, I am excited to finally have an opportunity to work with Mbene here in Canada."*

***The Whispers* will run at the BMO Studio Theatre on November 11 and 12 starting at 7:30 PM.** Tickets for the show are \$25, \$15 for students. In addition to public performances, six local high schools will view a matinee performance. Plans to stream this powerful story into schools throughout Black History Month in February are also underway.

To order tickets visit tickets.saintjohntheatrecompany.com or call the SJTC box office at 506-652-7582 ext. 236.

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