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GENERAL PRESS RELEASE

FOR THE ATTENTION OF
VIR DIE AANDAG VAN

SEROTE GUEST SPEAKER AT KWASA GRADUATION

Renowned poet, author and head of the ANC's Department of Arts and Culture, Wally Serote, is the guest speaker at NAPAC's Kwasa group's graduation ceremony on Sunday 23 February.

Kwasa's first group of young interns graduate from a year's course in the performing arts at NAPAC, having taken classes in voice training, dance, movement, acting and English and completed short modules on stage management, publicity, theatre administration and creative writing.

The group performed in **Peace Child**, a children's oratoria, **Usukulonke**, a contemporary dance piece, **Vikela**, a giant puppet and dance show on marine conservation commissioned by the South African Sugar Association and have performed with well known music groups **Mahlathini and the Mahotella Queens** and the **Ladysmith Black Mambazo**.

The musical **Taxi Jam**, currently playing in The Natal Playhouse Studio, premiered in August last year and embarked on a tour of Natal's townships, proving to be a great success.

The graduation ceremony after the last performance of **Taxi Jam** on Sunday 23 February sees the group receiving their course diplomas, ending an exciting and successful year. Mr Serote will address the group and guests at the special ceremony.

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