

VALANGA KHOZA



SINGER

STORYTELLER

DANCER

MUSICIAN

WRITER

VALANGA KHOZA was born in South Africa, where he spent his youth in Alexandra (a black township of Johannesburg) and in rural Transvaal. Music, dance and storytelling were an integral part of his community, where many could neither read nor write. Following his migration to Australia in 1976, Valanga, a consummate musician since youth, has devoted himself to performing. His solo engagements include: supporting Kanda Bongo Man, Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Geoffrey Oryema.

THE PERFORMANCE: OUT OF AFRICA

Although first and foremost a singer/instrumentalist, Valanga is also a consummate storyteller - his school performances are highly theatrical with more than a touch of comedy. He manages to impart the rhythmic vitality of African music with a passion and spontaneity that never fails to captivate his audience.

Suitability: Kinder to Year 12

Duration: 50 - 60 minutes

THE PRESENTATION: FREEDOM & APARTHEID

Interweaving contemporary African music in his talk, Valanga recounts his childhood in South Africa and the events that led to his exile as a member of the South African Students organisation. Having revisited South Africa on many occasions since 1992 he is able to give a broad insight into the current situation.

Suitability: Year 7 - 12 students, especially English & SOSE

Duration: 60 minutes

View a sneak peek on the Nexus Arts YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/DvaV5BQO11k>

COMMENTS FROM SCHOOLS

"Valanga is terrific with the kids. He had them completely spellbound"
Springvale Nth PS

"They loved his music, but on top of that we had many comments from students about his really having given them an insight into what it was like growing up as a black person in South Africa. We were impressed by the way he adapted to the different Year levels ... extremely personable and a sparkling entertainer".
St John's College, Dandenong

"As a music specialist ... I cannot speak highly enough of the quality of his work. Valanga established a high level of rapport with the children who responded enthusiastically to him"
Kangaroo Flat Primary School



Cost per student: \$5.00 + GST

Suitability: Grades K – 12

Minimum: 120 students per session

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- Feedback from Primary Schools



He's fantastic. Excellent crowd control, great dynamics, colours, action, drama, music, movement, fabulous stories...A wonderful performance.

Moonee Ponds Central School, VIC

We loved every minute of it...kids were totally absorbed...no-one tells a story like he does...wonderful, polished performance.

St Peters Rochedale QLD

Well, Valanga was everything you said he would be. He held the infants school of about 150 children entranced.

St Judes The Apostle, VIC

Mesmerised...very dynamic, upbeat and affirming. Valanga grabbed the children's attention straight away with his EYES.

St Dymnys, QLD

Without exception, all staff commented on Valanga's great ability to engage students. It was wonderful to see the smiles and hear this diverse group of children all joining in the singing.

Belmore Specialist School, VIC

Overwhelmingly joyful...enthusiastically enjoyed every word, every movement...COME AGAIN!

St Hilda's School, QLD

Looking around the auditorium, all you could see were smiling faces and students hanging off Valanga's every word.

Canterbury College, VIC

The room was a-buzz with excitement and enthusiasm.

Caloundra Christian College, QLD

Fantastic! Particularly his stories of racism...Wonderful! Wonderful!

Tarwin Lower/Fish Creek Primary School, VIC

One pre-schooler laughed so much he cried! We loved every minute of it.

St Peters Catholic Primary School, QLD

Fantastic! Grateful to have had the opportunity. The students were so engaged. They didn't take their eyes off Valanga or the whole hour. They were so impressed by Valanga's music, stories and charisma, they would have stayed chatting to Valanga all day.

Banksia Beach State School, QLD

Very funny and matched beautifully with our school values and Harmony Day.

Driver PS, WA





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- Feedback from Secondary Schools



Fantastic: Our Year 9 & 10s have never stayed so focused!! Fantastic, Amazing, Enthralling. Come again!
St Stephen's College, QLD

Valanga captured a group of tired Year 12 students who had just returned from camp. From the very beginning they were enthralled...A fantastic morning!
Mackillop College, VIC

His message, his music and his wonderful rapport with both staff and students will be remembered for many years to come. We feel privileged to have been able to see him perform.
Broome SHS, WA

A great cultural experience. Fantastic, entertaining and very special to hear from one who has so much warmth with the audience. We wanted to hear more!
St Mary's DHS, TAS

The students were mesmerised. The staff too were captured and entertained by his dynamic personality and delivery. What a great storyteller.
Haileybury College, VIC

Superlative storyteller. The weaving of racist events into the stories to illustrate the apartheid regime was masterful.
Redeemer Lutheran College, QLD

A most enjoyable experience performed by a man with an exuberant and likeable personality. You should not miss it!
Derby DHS, WA

Fantastic – the students were the best I've seen them. Valanga held 300 students spellbound; the warmth he exudes is magic. Teachers were over the moon.
Kingston HS, TAS

Valanga has that ability to increase cultural understanding without boring students. It is a challenge to keep them interested on a hot afternoon in a hall – Valanga did this *superbly*.
Kyneton Secondary College, VIC

Overwhelmingly joyful. All audiences enthusiastically enjoyed every word, every movement. Sessions could have been twice as long!
St Hilda's School, QLD

Valanga was compelling. His story and the way he presented it led the audience on a wild roller-coaster of emotions...
St Michael's Collegiate School, TAS

