

VALANGA KHOZA



***AWARD-WINNING
MUSICIAN***

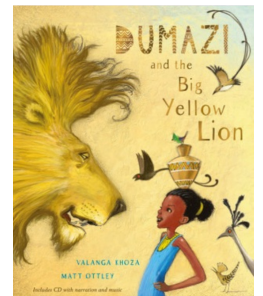
STORYTELLER

REFUGEE

AUTHOR

VALANGA KHOZA is a consummate storyteller and musician, shaping tales of his life into captivating presentations. Valanga was born in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. He grew up in a traditional setting surrounded by lively singing, drumming and dancing. The Limpopo area is rich in traditional healers, orators and storytellers, highly respected throughout Africa. These were his neighbours. Their nightly ceremonies carried songs and rhythms passed down through thousands of years. Valanga carries these influences through his songs and storytelling. He is also influenced by his travels throughout the world which were driven by his struggle against racism and his fight for freedom of the black people in South Africa.

EARLY LEARNING – GRADE 3 Valanga tells stories of his childhood in rural South Africa, magically weaving traditional South African instruments into his performances whilst singing in English, Zulu, Shangaan and Xhosa. The instruments include drums, kalimba, marimba, shijororo (jaw harp) plus many others that are home made. Valanga is the author of the newly released children's book "Dumazi and the Yellow Lion" published by Scholastic in 2019, which is gaining international acclaim.



SINGING WORKSHOP Valanga will work with your school choir or group of students, introducing them to the joyous music of South Africa. The songs will be both original songs by Valanga and traditional songs and chants in up to 3 or 4 part harmony (ability dependent). Valanga will present the workshop with many stories that will give students an insight into the meaning and culture of the songs. He will have the students singing, moving and grooving!

DRUMMING / PERCUSSION WORKSHOP VICTORIA ONLY, OR BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT (UP TO 25 STUDENTS) Valanga will teach students the traditional rhythms of South Africa using the djembe, dun duns and other hand percussion. He will take them on a rhythmic journey, exploring the different cultures of South Africa with simple vocal chants to accompany the drumming.

COMMENTS FROM SCHOOLS

View a sneak peek: <https://youtu.be/DvaV5BQO11k>

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

*"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

"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

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Feedback for Valanga Khoza



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

