

Bokamoso Youth Theater Returns to DC



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Origins of the Bokamoso Youth Theatre

You will need the Flash Player to see this video about Bokamoso.

Seekers Church has a long and positive history with the **Bokamoso Youth Theatre**, a ministry of the Anglican Mission of Tumelong in Winterveldt, South Africa. Winterveldt is a sprawling, semi-rural community of several hundred thousand residents about 40 kilometers north of Pretoria, coming to terms with many challenges in the new South Africa. Unemployment, teenage pregnancy, abuse, crime, malnutrition,

broken families, HIV/AIDS are just a few of the symptoms of the broken “circle of courage” in the region. The community also has many gifts, including a mix of African languages, cultures and peoples – Zulu, Sotho, Tsonga, Venda, and cultures from other African nations like Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

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This year a fundraising breakfast will be held to raise more money for the youth center in Winterfeldt. The event is January 15 at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, on Nebraska Ave. NW across from American University. A free breakfast (8:30-9:30) will be served for 300 people, during which the Bokamoso group will briefly perform, then two youth and their mentors will speak. Finally, an 8-minute video about the youth will be shown.

To contribute, write **Bokamoso Scholarship Fund** on the memo line of checks and mail to:

Sue Johnson, Treasurer
Seekers Church
7818 Byrds Nest Pass

Annanadale, VA 22003

Contributions are tax deductible and make wonderful “alternative gifts” for family and friends. Simply ask for a gift card.

[Click here for more information about the Youth Centre.](#)

Complete schedule of performances

January 13 (Sunday)	10:00am	Seekers Church Service A Christian Community In the Tradition of Church of the Saviour 276 Carroll Street NW Washington DC 20012
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<p>January 15 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>8:30am</p>	<p>Bokamoso Dream Breakfast Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church 3401 Nebraska Avenue NW Washington DC 20016 The public is welcome. Seats available as space permits. Plan to arrive early and park by 8:15am.</p> <p>Contact Chris Bridgeman for more information: chbridgeman(at symbol)comcast.net or 301.320.4836.</p>
<p>January (Thursday)</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>Hope and a Home Performance 15th Street Presbyterian Church 1701- 15th St NW (at R St.) Washington DC</p> <p>Contact: Crystal Stewart via cstewart(at symbol)hopeandahome.org or 202.387.7091</p>
<p>January 19 (Saturday)</p>	<p>2:00pm</p>	<p>THIS EVENT CANCELLED Smithsonian African Art Museum</p>
<p>January 20 (Sunday)</p>	<p>9:00am 11:00am</p>	<p>Christ Church Services both worship services 118 North Washington Street Alexandria VA 22314</p>
<p>January 29 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>10:30am</p>	<p>Wesley Seminary 4500 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington DC 20016 on campus and street parking limited, suggest American University parking lots a few blocks away</p>

<p>February 1 (Friday)</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>VOICES a new play, plus traditional songs/dances George Washington University Marvin Center Theatre 800 21st St. NW Washington DC 20006 The public is invited to this performance including traditional costumes. Tickets available at the door (\$30). Please encourage the youth by coming and bringing a friend or two!</p>
<p>February 3 (Sunday)</p>	<p>9:00am 11:00am</p>	<p>Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church Services performing at both worship services 3401 Nebraska Avenue NW Washington DC 20016</p>