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# South African music group offering workshop for schools



Dynamic South African music group Medleko Meropa, a hit of the 2015 Inland Sea of Sound Festival, are returning to Australia and will again run workshops and performances for schools in the NSW Central West.

Supported by Arts OutWest, Medleko Meropa will spend two weeks in the region including performances at the national regional arts conference and festival Artlands Dubbo (October 27-30) and the Inland Sea of Sound Festival in Bathurst (November 4-5).

The seven visiting members of Medleko Meropa are from Pretoria (Tshwane) and surrounding townships in South Africa. Drawing on various South African musical traditions, the group use percussion such as drums and marimba, vocals and dance to create a high energy performance which engages with people of all ages and backgrounds. The members of Medleko Meropa are all highly skilled musicians with international performance experience as well as skills in community engagement and participation.

The group are offering workshops and interactive performances for schools and community groups. The sessions would be around an hour long and can cater to all age groups.

Workshop options include Interactive performance of African music and dance; a drumming circle workshop (suitable for groups with own drums) or dance workshops (African movement). Workshops are available, for a small fee, between Monday 31 October and Monday 7 November.

Medleko Meropa's have been funded by the Office of the Mayor of Tshwane, South Africa for their Australian visits.

Contact Arts OutWest for more information and to book a workshop on 6338 4657 or email [artsoutwest@csu.edu.au](mailto:artsoutwest@csu.edu.au)