



Instrument-Making
Workshop Series

with

Thandeka
Mfinyongo

at Iwalewahauss, Bayreuth

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Thandeka Mfinyongo is a musician born and raised in Nyanga East, Cape Town. Mfinyongo specialises in two Xhosa instruments, uhadi (gourd/calabash bow) and umrhubhe (mouth-bow). In 2020, she graduated with her Master's in Music Performance at SOAS University of London, majoring in kora (an instrument from West Africa). Mfinyongo is doing her PhD in Ethnomusicology at Rhodes University.

Mfinyongo's musical contributions extend beyond performance; she has collaborated with renowned artists such as the late Dr Madosini and Dumza Maswana. Her dedication and talent have earned her recognition and awards like the Rhodes University Top 100 Award for Arts, Media, Culture & Society. And opportunities to perform at prestigious events like the Joy of Jazz, the National Arts Festival, the Folklore Festival, the Oluzayo Festival, Resonance presented by NewMusicSA, and the South African Strings Foundation.



FREE WORKSHOP SERIES at Iwalewahaus

– Program Overview –

Meet the Artist – Opening Event MONDAY, 09.12.2024

An inspiring evening where Thandeka shares her journey as a traditional instrument practitioner and performer, introducing the fascinating process of instrument-making.

7pm–
10pm

Instrument-Making & Music Workshop Series

Learn to build, play, and master the uhadi (traditional gourd/calabash bow) under Thandeka's expert guidance.

MONDAY, 20.01.2025

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 25.–26.01.2025

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 01.–02.02.2025

MONDAY & TUESDAY, 03.–04.02.2025

Attendance by arrangement, ideally 4 days required

10am–
5pm



Practice Sessions & Final Concert

Further small group practice sessions during February by group arrangements.

Grand Finale Concert & Pop-up Exhibition (public performance by all participants)

Thursday, 13.03.2025

7pm

- Venue: Iwalewahaus, Foyer
- Workshop will be held in **English** (German translation available upon request)
- **No prior musical experience required**
- **Limited to 10 participants**
- All materials included
- Registration deadline: 20.12.2024



Registration & Inquiries:

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