

Introducing Wakanyote

Wakanyote Njuguna is a cultural hero of post-colonial East Africa. A revered artist in Kenya, he has an international reputation as a playwright whose comedies and dramas have been widely produced, published and broadcast by national networks including the BBC. He has been a valued contributor at festivals, seminars and workshops in Germany and France, as well as African countries such as Uganda and Botswana. Besides his writing, acting and directing, he is well known as a painter, curator and commentator on the arts. He is Coordinator of the Nairobi Art Studio at the French Cultural Centre, and of the Banana Hill Studio. A man with a vital social conscience, he has written, directed and toured civic education plays around the provinces of Kenya. Like many Kenyans, he is fluent in three languages, does translations from English to Kikuyu and kiSwahili, and was a founding member of the Kikuyu Language Development Board.

Africa Connection Aotearoa is proud to welcome such a unique cultural figure. With the production of the play Muntu, which tells the story of the whole of Africa in dance, song and drama, Wakanyote will bring to this country an unprecedented experience of the true spirit of the continent.

