

  AVIJOZI 26 WHERE CREATIVITY AND TECHNOLOGY MEET  					
SATURDAY 31 October	Studio 1 - Upstairs Front	Studio 2 - Upstairs Back	Studio 3 - The Big One	Studio 4 - The Grande	SATURDAY 31 October
8:00	ON-SITE CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION OPEN PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ON AVIJOZI.COM TO SPEED UP CHECK-IN				8:00
9:00					9:00
10:00	Show Us Your Reel Rob van den Bragt (Chocolate Tribe), Uzoma Dunkwu (Scroll Entertainment)	Netflix's The Polygamist: Producing a Global Supernovela Moderator: Thapelo 'Tabz' Motloung (Soweto Film Market) Gugu Zuma-Ncube, Pepsi Pokane, Rolie Nikiwe (Stained Glass TV)	Building a Distinct Sonic Identity Moderator: Leote Taylor (SACII) Zwai Bala (Bala Foundation), Robot Boii (Robot Boii Productions), Lesego Mlangeni (Chee), Zethu Mashika (Stained Glass TV)	Netflix's The Polygamist: Writing a Global Supernovela Moderator: Soliana Tewolde Busisiwe Zwane, Nthabi Tau, Nontutuzelo Magoxo, Thuli Zuma (Stained Glass TV)	10:00
11:15	From Service Work to Original IP: New Pivots in VFX & Animation Industry Moderator: Nick Cloete (AnimationSA) Jason Joubert (JayJoBear), Tshepiso Phiri (Known Associates), Lola Aikins (Mollo Studios), Mak Mogoba (GFC)	Gaming & Comics: The Overlooked Slice of the Funding Pie Moderator: Amantle Dipheko Lesego Mailula (Majesty Comics), Thabo Tsolo (Space Salad) Avuzwa Ntshongwana (Southgame Studio), Tapelo Zama (Afrogeek), Rachel Van Rooyen (Wits Digital Arts)	Masterclass Music and Performance & Live Performance Robot Boii, Calvin Maphatane, Linda Khumalo (Robot Boii Productions)	Netflix's The Polygamist: Perfect Casting Moderator: Mathabo Tlali (Zazi Creative) Gugu Gumede (Joyce Gomora), S'dumo Mtshali (Jonasi Gomora), Kwanele Mthethwa (Matipa Nkosi), Vuyo Biyela (Freedom Gomora)	11:15
12:30	Building IP and Slates for a Global Audience: Inside the NFVF Animation Funding Slate Moderator: Lodi Matsetela Nadine Cloete (NFVF), Tshepiso Phiri (Known Associates), Nosipho Maketo-van den Bragt (Chocolate Tribe)	Policy and Incentives: Making South Africa Competitive for Creative Tech Investment Moderator: Adwoa Ankoma (Electric South) Francina Ntsimane (GDED), Nick Cloete (AnimationSA), Joel Phiri (Known Associates), Sabelo Mnukwa (CCI Action Lab)	Masterclass Music's Narrative Architecture Zwai Bala (Bala Brothers Productions)	Masterclass Eyes of Wakanda: Emmy Award Winning Animation Character Design Uzoma Dunkwu (Scroll Entertainment)	12:30
			STEAM Music Performance		
13:45	Pitching Session Chocolate Tribe Writers Call Moderator: Boluwatife Kolawole (Chocolate Tribe) Fidel Namisi, Nadine Cloete (NFVF), Angie Mills (AFDA), Andrina Moodley (Story Oasis), Kay Carmichael (The Animation School), Pachomius Njolai (Fortiche), Rob van den Bragt (Chocolate Tribe)	Masterclass 4Flieks: Building Sustainable Distribution Channels for African audiences Thabo Rametsi (Nguniverse)	VFX, Animation and Content Development: A New Era Chocolate Tribe Tiaan Franken (Chocolate Tribe)	AVIJOZI Film Screenings Short film 'Ubani Lore?' (SA), SIGGRAPH Animation Compilation (USA), 'Ten Ton Spirit' (SA)	13:45
15:00		Women's Hour: Beyond the Muse Moderator: Zanele Morrison (PayMint SA) Layla Swart (Yellowbone), Zimkhita Gova (AWFII), Dorette Nel	The Polygamist: From Rejected Manuscript to Netflix Global No.1 The Anatomy of an African Hit Moderator: Vuyokazi Mnyengeza (Chocolate Tribe) Sue Nyathi (Author of The Polygamist)	Masterclass Directing: Crafting Human Emotion Emmy Nominated Director for 'Philipstown' Paul Ward (Giant Film)	15:00
16:00					16:00
16:15	One World, Many Screens: Building Transmedia IP Moderator: Jess Alexander (Wits Digital Arts) Jenna Gien (Mind's Eye), Isabelle Rorke (AnimationSA), Sthembiso Mphehle (Dipopaai Studios), Wako Sefara	Virtual Production & Infrastructure Gap: Financing Studios, not just Stories Moderator: Lesley Williams (LDW Consulting) Simon Makwela (Maureen Grace), Tshepo Skosana (Merake Studios), Ulrico Grech-Cumba, Beth Arendse (BASA), Kate Marsay (Build Wealth Consulting)	Masterclass Acting: Acting The Part Bonko Khoza	Insights to Directing Moderator: Kopedi Aphane (APN Studios) Mandla Walter Dube (Pambili Media / DGSA), Andile Sinqoto (DGSA)	
17:15	The Business Case for African Animation IP Moderator: Thandiwe Mlauli (Yezi Studios) Kgosi Ntono (KN Studios), Uzoma Dunkwu (Scroll Entertainment), Tafadzwa Hove (Willowmead Productions)	How Do We Achieve Real Impact in the Creative Tech Industry? Moderator: Lai Reineth Mokoena (Chocolate Tribe) Wandile Molebatsi (CCI Action Lab), Sabelo Mnukwa (CCI Action Lab), Mxolisi Xaba (Pixel Creators), Buzwe Bam (Pixel Creators)	The Elephant in the Room: Has AI become a taboo topic? Moderator: Chelsi Goliath (Wits) Tanya Blaeser (Animation School), Hilton Treves, Angus Davidson (Wits), Tiaan Franken (Chocolate Tribe)	Reflections on VFX work in the South African Industry Moderator: Kyle Sibanda (Chocolate Tribe) Adze Ugah (The Bomb), Rob van den Bragt (Chocolate Tribe)	17:15
18:00			AVIJOZI 2026 Closing		18:00
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