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Letter of Invitation to the Mitambo International Theatre Festival (MITF).

**Dear Mohsen Seraji,**

The Zimbabwe Theatre Academy would like to invite you to participate in the Mitambo International Theatre Festival which is to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2019.

MITF will be running under the theme, 'Emerge'. The Zimbabwean annual international theatre festival will showcase plays drawn from local and international artists in Harare. A broad range of different forms of theatre performances, master classes and paper presentations are going to be part of this exciting 5 day creative cultural gathering.

MiTambo, a shona word for plays, truly encapsulates what the festival is about; a platform through which local communities can access and celebrate the diversity of cultural identity and artistic expression. Mitambo Fest, aims to uncover and support what theatre can be and, what it can enable communities to do. It seeks to harness the unique energy and power of theatre as an immediate engagement tool for transformation of ordinary people. As a way of enhancing the visibility of theatre the festival will also have a cultural exchange component. This potential

cross-pollination of ideas, aesthetics and professional artistic potential between local and international artistic initiatives will enhance the Zimbabwean theatre landscape towards performing arts taking on an active role in the socio-economic growth of our society.

The first two days of the festival will be dedicated to workshops and symposiums intended to encourage artistic innovation and engagement. Our hope is for this inaugural festival to present a new dawn for theatre in and out of Zimbabwe.

The event organizer will cover your accommodation from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, passes to the Festival grounds, most of the meals and local transportation. We look forward to seeing you in Harare this October.

Best Regards,

Zimbabwe Theatre Academy