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IN SUMMARY

- We talk about books, careers, education, health, the arts and numerous other topics. We aim to provoke the audiences to begin discussions with their imaginary world in perspective.

The annual Storymoja Festival starts on September 17 and runs for five days. We caught up with the liaison officer, Mr Alex Kandie and engaged him on what book lovers can expect this year.

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The theme 'Imagine the world' is a repetition from last year. Why?

'Imagine the World' is a dynamic theme and we feel that we haven't exploited it. The Storymoja Festival acts as a platform where conversations that would ideally not take place anywhere else find room.

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What can people expect that

In terms of artists, we have live musicians, poets, spoken word on.

In terms of the actual sessions discussions, book discussions, among many others.

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We have nine different venues at the museum, up from last year's six, where different activities take place at the same time. So, a lot of different activities happening at the same time. Any tips for a newcomer?

There are always six exciting sessions to choose from at any one time. Carefully mark them. There are six venues at the site; familiarise yourself with the site map.

There is a festival bookshop where all book signings take place; please carry money to buy autographed books. Visit exhibition booths and enjoy various offerings and services and the night events are a must attend. Grab your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

The headliner is Wole Soyinka. Which other big names?



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Attendance has been increasing every year. Does this mean that Kenyans are appreciating the written word more?

When the festival began in 2008, roughly 300 people were in attendance.

Last year, more 6,000 people showed up and we believe the numbers would have been higher. Unfortunately, we had to close down the festival on the Saturday afternoon due to the Westgate siege where we lost one of our prominent artists, Prof Kofi Awoonor from Ghana.

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