

Country: *Kenya*

Name: *Amani Peoples Theater*

Artistic Medium: *Theater*

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Objective: Provide the space and skills for individuals and communities to respond to conflict in all its forms and in all levels of society in a creative and redemptive way that reaffirms the sanctity of human life.

The Amani Peoples Theater is a group of young African artists who are committed to using their drama and theater skills to transforming the culture of conflict in their communities and to create stories of peace. The program integrates theater and education along with entertainment to achieve its goals and promote dialogue and alternative value systems in its society.

The group works mainly with grassroots and middle level communities in rural and urban Kenya as well as people in special circumstances. It travels to peace festivals and youth conferences to spread its ideas. It has traveled and given performances and workshops in Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Thailand, Denmark, France, Austria, USA and Sudan. It publishes « Mbiu » the Call for the Artist-Peacebuilder a quarterly newsletter.

Their core programs include « Theater for peace » which holds workshops and performances with grassroots communities, a « Basic Training Program » which teaches theories of conflict, leadership skills and community approaches to peace building. « Drama Therapy » utilize drama in therapeutic sessions and is aimed at internally displaced people and children as well as refugees.