



KESHO AMAHORO

= FACT SHEET FOR ALL =



- **What is Kesho Amahoro?**

Kesho Amahoro (Peace Tomorrow) is a musical that portrays what life is like for children in a refugee camp. It is a true story set in a Rwandese refugee camp in 1994 and follows the journey of Esperance and her siblings as they fight to stay together and, hopefully, find their parents. The show celebrates the triumph of the human spirit. The script was written by Lizzie Jago: She used to work in refugee camps in East Africa, but later her career turned to teaching in Nairobi, Kenya. Here, she met Anna Rusbach, who agreed to assist her with the writing of this musical by composing the music and lyrics.

- **How is this related to Downs Junior School?**

63 children from Downs Junior School (Years 5 & 6) have been rehearsing the scenes and songs from Kesho Amahoro since January 2013 for 2 hours every Wednesday with Miss Rusbach and Mrs Hill. On Friday 19th July they will be joined by 35 children travelling from Nairobi, Kenya. On 26th, 27th and 28th July, Kesho Amahoro will be performed on stage at the Rose Theatre Kingston as part of the International Youth Arts Festival 2013.

- **Open Invitation (informal) to Weekend Fun**

After whole cast weekend rehearsals with the Kenyan children, we will all be 'hanging out' at Preston Park and Brighton Beach – feel free to join us:
Saturday 20th July - Preston Park 5pm – 7pm: Bring your own food, drink, blankets
Sunday 21st July - Brighton Beach 5pm – 7pm: Bring your own food and drink
(Please note: Parents must supervise their own child at all times)

- **Tickets**

If you would like to support the children of Downs Junior School in Kingston and come to see one of the three shows, you can buy tickets at www.rosetheatrekingston.org, call the Rose Theatre Box Office Tel: 08444 821556 or visit www.keshoamahoro.com for a direct link to ticket sales. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

