



### 2015 Festival Ambassadors:

Multicultural Arts Victoria and the Festival is proud to acknowledge this year's Ambassadors, leaders in their artistic practice and representing the changing face of diversity in the arts:

Farkhonda Akbar, Lina Andonovska, Victoria Chiu, James Henry, Moses Iten, Ajak Kwai, Lamine Sonko, Sinit Tsegay, Wang Zheng Ting and Chi Vu.

### Visible Music Sessions:

**Sunday 11, 18, 25 October at 3pm**  
Foxtel Festival Hub  
FREE

### Spoken Word Sessions:

**Thursday 15 & 22 October at 1pm**  
MPavilion  
FREE

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## IGNITING IMAGINATION

Multicultural Arts Victoria in partnership with Melbourne Festival present Igniting Imagination 2015 for the fifth year in a row. This project builds dynamic new bonds with our culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and brings exceptional artistic talent from Australia's emerging, Indigenous and refugee communities to the stage.

In 2015, Igniting Imagination encompasses a range of Festival Ambassadors, a program of free performances at the Foxtel Festival hub each Sunday during the Festival, as well as a program of spoken word at MPavilion.

### Visible Music Sessions:

**Sunday 11 October, 3pm:**  
Kenyan funk soul meets Ethiojazz and Latin rhythms:  
Louis Majiwa  
The Lalibelas ft. Nhatty Masn with Oscar Jimenez

**Sunday 18 October, 3pm:**  
Hazara poetry meets Nueva-Cumbia and African roots:  
Farkhonda Akbar ft. Lapkat  
Cumbia Cosmonauts X Olugbade Okunade & Amadou Kalissa

**Sunday 25 October, 3pm:**  
Trip hop meets Amharic rhythms, Iranian folklore and Persian melodies:  
Beatrice ft. Supina Bytol & Sinit Tsegay  
Reza Fazeli  
Saharnaz Kia

### Spoken Word Sessions:

**Thursday 15 October, 1pm:**  
Featuring surrealist romance from Sean W Whelan and Polynesian mana from Grace Vanilau.

**Thursday 22 October, 1pm:**  
Featuring Ebony Moncreif, Abdul Hammoud and Abe Nouk exploring our cultural identity, life and love.

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