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## **Kure Kure / Faraway**

**A tale of ancestors, identity, atavism, migration and DNA**

### **On tour nationally; summer & autumn 2019**

Zimbabwean born multi-instrumentalist, dancer and actress, Anna Mudeka, brings her tour de force one woman show, *Kure Kure/ Faraway*, to audiences across the UK over summer and autumn 2019.

*Kure Kure/ Faraway* chronicles the mass exodus of Anna's ancestors, the Bantu tribe, across central Africa and frames it in her personal struggle of balancing a quest for global adventure while remaining true to the traditions of her dynastic forebears. It's a story of identity, assimilation, and challenges faced by migrants, as relevant in ancient times as they are today.

Told through the music, dance and mesmerising ululation of the Shona people, accomplished mbira player Anna sets the scene for an epic odyssey traversing legends of the African diaspora, evoking ancestral and modern identities. From the fabled great march of the Bantu Tribe across the Tanganika and Baka regions to Zimbabwe some 5000 years ago, *Kure Kure/Faraway*, explores seismic shifts in the regions' cultural history.

Homage is paid to the spiritual deity and she-warrior Nehanda who united the Ndebele and Shona tribes to rise up in the first Chimurenga war against western colonialists in the late 1890's and whose execution has defined Zimbabwean nationalism ever since. Anna conjures the sensory influence of her grandmother in a deeply personal soundscape, contrasting

this with the emotional jolt of moving to a new country and finding herself alone, vulnerable, excited and empowered.

**“I am a proud Bantu, Munhu, Ubuntu - human being. My identity, my history, my ancestral beliefs, my DNA has made me who I am. I am everything and everyone who has lived before me!”**

*Kure Kure/Faraway* is a multi-dimensional show that employs Anna’s traditional skills as a highly talented mbira (thumb piano) player, drummer, singer and dancer set alongside multi-media imagery and video. Many of the shows are accompanied by interactive and immersive workshops, perfect for all ages and abilities to learn clapping rhythms, shakers & drumming, dance moves and so experience a true taste of Zimbabwean culture. An invitation to remember ancestors, their wisdom and their stories, these workshops offer an insight into the uplifting and soulful spiritualism of a Bira Shona celebration.

*Kure Kure/Faraway* is an original theatre work devised by Anna Mudeka and a team of associate artists. Directed by David Farmer, produced by Arts La’Olam and co-commissioned by Norwich Arts Centre, this tour has been funded by Arts Council England. For a taste of *Kure Kure/Faraway*, click [here](#)

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# Kure Kure / Faraway Tour Dates 2019

## JUNE

Wednesday 5 June show 7pm Norwich Arts Centre 01603 660352

<https://norwichartscentre.co.uk/>

Saturday 15 June Presentation 2.15pm

St Antony's College, Oxford University

margaret.ling@geo2.poptel.org.uk

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creativity-and-innovation-tickets-53087788003>

Thursday 20 June show 7.30pm

Wells Maltings, Wells-next-the-Sea 01328 710885

<https://www.wellsmaltings.org.uk/>

Saturday 22 June show 7.30pm The Cut, Halesworth 0300 303 3211

[newcut.org/](http://newcut.org/)

Friday 28 June show 7pm Rosemary Branch Theatre, Islington, London

[www.rosemarybranchtheatre.co.uk](http://www.rosemarybranchtheatre.co.uk)

Saturday 29 June workshop 2pm, show 7pm Tom Thumb Theatre, Margate

[www.tomthumbtheatre.co.uk](http://www.tomthumbtheatre.co.uk)

## SEPTEMBER

Friday 6 September show 7.30pm

The Auden Theatre, Holt 01263 713444

<https://audentheatre.co.uk/>

Friday 20 September show 7.45pm

Northern Stage, Newcastle Upon Tyne 0191 230 5151

<https://www.northernstage.co.uk/>

Saturday 21 September show 7.45pm

Sir John Mills Theatre, Ipswich 01473 211498

<https://easternangles.co.uk/>

Sunday 22 September Interactive Performance 1pm Art Eat Festival, Ipswich Waterfront 07990 802776

<https://www.arteatfestival.com/>

Saturday 28 September workshop 2pm show 7.30pm MAC Birmingham 0121 446 3232

<https://macbirmingham.co.uk/>

## **OCTOBER**

3/4 October Applause Rural Touring TBC

<https://www.applause.org.uk/>

Saturday 5 October w/s 2pm, show 7pm

Westcliff St George's Church, Southend on Sea 01702 436659

Saturday 12 October show 7pm Zion Arts Centre, Manchester 0161 226 1912

<https://www.z-arts.org/>

Friday 18 October show 7pm The Curve, Slough

[www.thecurveslough.com](http://www.thecurveslough.com)

Saturday 19 October workshop 3.30pm show 7pm Cloverhill Community Centre, Norwich 01842 751975

<https://leapinghare.org/leaping-hare-box-office/>

Sunday 20 October workshop 2pm Colston Hall, Bristol

[www.afrikaeye.org.uk](http://www.afrikaeye.org.uk)

Sunday 20 October show 7pm Zion Bristol 0117 923 1212

[zionbristol.co.uk/](http://zionbristol.co.uk/)

Tuesday 22 October workshop 2pm show 7pm Coast Arts Festival, Cromer Community Centre

[coastarts.co.uk](http://coastarts.co.uk)

Thursday 24 October workshop 2pm show 7pm Firstsite Gallery, Colchester  
07900921916

<https://firstsite.uk/>

Friday 25 October workshop 2pm show 7pm St George's Guildhall Kingslynn  
01553 764864

[www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk](http://www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk)

26/27 October workshop 2pm show 7pm ArtsReach Rural Touring TBC

<https://artsreach.co.uk>

## **NOVEMBER**

Friday 1 November show 7pm The Exchange Twickenham, London  
020 8240 2399

<https://exchangetwickenham.co.uk/>

Saturday 2 November workshop 2pm

Polish Language School, Charles Burrell Centre, Thetford 01842 751975

<https://leapinghare.org/leaping-hare-box-office/>

Saturday 2 November show 7pm

Carnegie Hall, Thetford TBC 01842 751975

<https://leapinghare.org/leaping-hare-box-office/>

7/8/9/10 November workshop 2pm show 7.30pm Highlights Rural Touring  
Scheme TBC [www.highlightsnorth.co.uk](http://www.highlightsnorth.co.uk)

Thursday 21 November workshop 2pm show 7pm Diss Corn Hall 01379 652241

<https://www.thecornhall.co.uk/>

Friday 22 November show 7pm

Seagull Theatre, Lowestoft 01502 589726

<http://www.theseagull.co.uk/>

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