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Studios Kabako Wins 2014 Curry Stone Design Prize

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The Curry Stone Foundation has named Studios Kabako as the 2014 Curry Stone Design Prize Winner.

The prize, now its seventh year, is one of the most recognized social impact design awards and celebrates socially engaged practitioners and the influence and reach of design as a form for improving and strengthening communities. Each winner receives a grant and becomes a subject for short documentary films.

The Congolese performance and theater studio was created to address social memory, fear, and hope in the aftermath of civil war. Through its cultural programs and urban interventions, the studio aims create a network for dance and artistic expression in a city that is geographically and culturally isolated.

Studio Kabako has steadily developed its presence in Kisangani, the Republic of Congo, by producing and performing works in the city; offering youth programs in many artistic forms including dance, choreography, video, cinema, music, theater, and literature; and providing the facilities and technical expertise to help residents produce art that exposes the city's most critical issues. The company has reinvested more than one third of its revenue into Studio Kabako's activities in Kisangani.

Though the studio maintains offices and recording rehearsal studios in the city center, it has brought its works to more rural areas by organizing a series of mobile performances. The studio is currently working with Viennese architect Barbel Muller to build two more facilities within the city and through these projects, experimenting with environmentally friendly technologies, communal living systems, and educational models.



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