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FONTAINEBLEAU – Local learner to perform as a troubled person in a mental asylum, in the global finals.

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Jan-Rudolf Britz is the audience favourite in his

category at the finals of the World Monologue Games Global. Photo: Supplied

Out of a group of awesomely talented performers across 50 countries, a local youngster has beaten the competition to earn a place at the finals of the World Monologue Games Global.

The world's largest acting showcase will see Jan-Rudolf Britz, a local Grade 9 learner from Hoërskool Randburg, show his mettle on the world stage.

"I couldn't believe what I was hearing when my name was announced as one of the winners," said Jan-Rudolf.

"I was announced as the audience favourite in my category. This puts me up against the best actors in the world. You might say I'm feeling a little bit of pressure."

The event is judged by industry experts from around the world including renowned actors, film directors and heads of international acting schools. Over a hundred thousand viewers have already tuned in to the qualifiers and regional Livestream finals.

Event founder Pete Malicki, from Australia, has enjoyed the performances at the World Monologue Games 2021.

"We have some incredible performers advancing to the globals this year. I don't envy the judges – picking the winners from each category is going to be one heck of a tough call," he said.

The Games has seen around 5 000 performers from over 100 countries register since its inception last year. Only 95 competitors have won a spot in the global finals.

"The monologue I'm performing is about a troubled person in a mental asylum," Jan-Rudolf added.

"He finds himself in a padded cell and is being observed by the psychiatric staff through a one-sided window. The monologue is challenging my acting skills, but also my skills to perform in front of a camera lens instead of on a stage. It is tough to really portray a person's emotions of anguish and distorted reality."

Jan-Rudolf's category final will be live-streamed on November 20 on Pete Malicki's <u>YouTube</u> channel.