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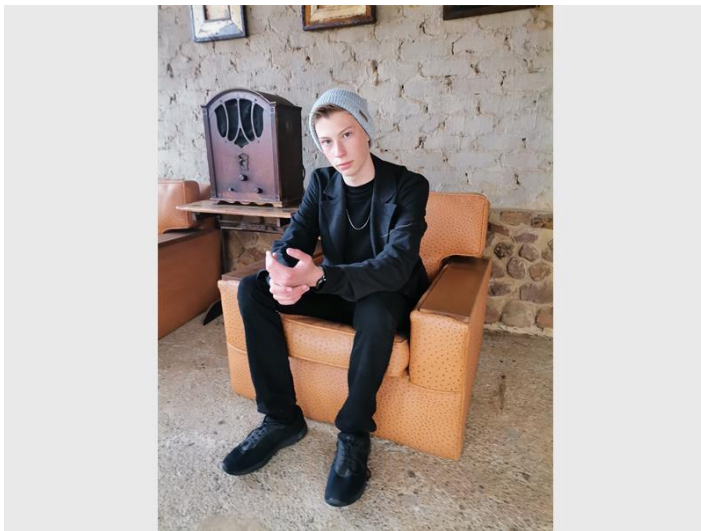
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Local actor Jan-Rudolf Britz has been selected for the World Monologue Games regional finals. Photo: Supplied.

Local actor Jan-Rudolf Britz has been selected for the World Monologue Games regional finals, one of 27 events featuring the best international competitors.

It’s been a challenging 18 months for the arts but the global pandemic hasn’t affected Jan-Rudolf’s love for performing. The 15-year-old actor from Hoërskool Randburg submitted an entry to World Monologue Games, a global event which attracts thousands of competitors from around the world each year.

Jan-Rudolf opened his inbox to the happy news that he had made the event's regional finals, the best of the best from around the world. "I'm so excited that I get to compete for my country doing what I love. It's really fantastic to be part of this amazing event."

The World Monologue Games was set up last year by Australian Pete Malicki, who wanted a lockdown-friendly platform for performers. Malicki said, "It's definitely special to have our second season take place in an Olympics year. We have the best performers from 51 countries all getting together to show the world what they're made of. I'm not sure where else you can see such a diverse range of actors all in the same place."

Jan-Rudolf has been selected with a monologue inspired by the words of Vaas Montenegro of the definition of insanity. "This is such a great piece to perform. I got to be a little crazy when I portrayed the character who is locked up in a mental asylum. I could explore various emotions and expressions and really had to put my own spin on the role."

The regional finals will be live-streamed from August to October, with the winners of six different categories competing for \$5 000 (about R760 000) cash in the prestigious global finals. Viewers will have 48 hours to vote for their favourites. "I'm counting on the support of everyone in my school and town," said the teen actor.