

**Xolile Madinda UVA Residency  
(Monday 5<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018)  
Schedule**



Xhosa activist artist Xolile Madinda will be in residence at UVA between Monday November 5th and Sunday November 11th for a full week of performances, workshops and class visits. The residency will culminate with [a performance at the Bridge as part of the Telemetry music series.](#)

[Xolile X Madinda: an introduction](#)

Xolile ('X') Madinda is a hip-hop artist, social activist, community educator and entrepreneur based in Grahamstown/ Makhanda in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. A fiercely talented artist and rapper, X - together with Mxolisi Bodla (aka Biz) - is one of the founding members of [Defboyz](#), one of the most influential hip hop groups in the Eastern Cape. Biz and X combine hip hop, poetry and beats with social messages and community activism to forge social cohesion. X is also one of the founding members of the Youth Art group [Fingo Revolutionary Movement](#) and [Fingo Festival](#), a week-long annual event now in its ninth year and part of the [National Arts Festival](#). X programmes and organizes an ambitious roster of artists and speakers, blending cutting-edge South African DJs, beats and rhymes with discussions, live art, lectures and children's activities.

X is also founder and CEO of [Around Hip Hop](#), an organization that is currently building [The Black Power Station](#), a pioneering arts space within the re-emerging industrial area of Grahamstown/ Makhanda. Alongside his artistic career, X has spearheaded a range of community and social education groups ranging from Khulumani community journalism to Save our Schools and Community Association. A visionary artist whose life is dedicated to community education and organisation, X has already made a lasting impact on the artistic and social life of the Eastern Cape and further afield. In 2014 he was invited to tour the US as part of the artists as social change movement, and he returns to the US in November 2018 for a week's residency at UVA.

Sound curator and ethnomusicologist Noel Lobley has been collaborating with X for more than a decade, and in August they co-hosted a live event in the Black Power Station, titled ['Graham's Legacy, Makhanda's Future'](#).

X's residency will build on long-term collaborative projects between South Africa and UVA, and is generously sponsored by the [African Urbanism Humanities Lab](#).

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## Schedule

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

*Morning:* Tour of UVa grounds and initial introductions  
[09:00 – Wilson Hall]

*Morning:* Meeting with Cullen Patrick Wade/ Rugged Arts  
[11:00-13:00 – Wilson Hall]

*Afternoon:* Civic Engagement Class (1) Visit with David Edmunds:  
Supporting Engaged Learning in Global/Local Development I  
[NCH 042 - 14:00-16:30]

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

*Morning:* Civic Engagement Class (2) Visit with Nomi Dave:  
Introduction to Musical Ethnography  
[Wilson Hall 117 - 09:30-10:45]

Meeting with Professor Ted Coffey, Chair of the Department of Music  
Chair's Office, OCH [11:00-12:00]

*Afternoon:* Class visit to 'Development on the Ground' with David Edmunds  
[NCH 058 - 14:00-15:15]

*Evening:* Visit to Ix Arts Park for Election Day Party  
[Ix Art Park – 18:00-23:00]

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

*Morning:* Breakfast meeting and visit to Kluge-Ruhe with Henry Skeritt, Ishmael M  
Marika, Wukun Wanambi, Jim Igoe and Noel Lobley  
[Jackson Via School Parking Lot then on to Pantops - 8:00]

Meeting with Cliff Maxwell, Brian Owensby and David Edmunds (Center for Global  
Inquiry and Innovation/ Global Development Studies)  
[11:00-12:00 – Global Grounds]

*Afternoon:* Community visits with David Edmunds and Noel Lobley  
Various locations, including [PHAR Cville](#) and [City of Promise](#).

*Evening:* 'Around HipHop Live Café' - performances, discussion and food  
[Global Grounds, 18:00-20:00]

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

*Morning:* Class visit to 'Writing Rap' with A.D. Carson  
[OCH B012 – 09:30-10:45]

*Morning:* Workshop in Rap Lab Open Hours with A.D. Carson, Ryan Maguire, Noel Lobley and others  
[NCH 398 - 11:00-12:15]

*Afternoon:* 'Social Activism in Pan-African Arts Spaces: Makhanda, Around Hip Hop Live Café and the Black Power Station': an AUHL informal lunch conversation with Xolile Madinda, Noel Lobley and other members of the African Urbanism Humanities Lab  
[Wilson 117 - 12:30-13:45]

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Meeting and tour of facilities with Judy Giering, Hope Fitzgerald and Jason Benett from A & S Learning, Design and Technology Centre  
[Wilson 107 – 11:00 – 12:00]

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

*Evening:* dinner open to all AUHL members at home of Noel Lobley and Nomi Dave  
[2720 Jefferson Park Avenue, 19:30 - 22:00 p.m.]

Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>

*Evening:* 8pm – hip hop and poetry performance as part of the Telemetry Music Series at [The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative](#).