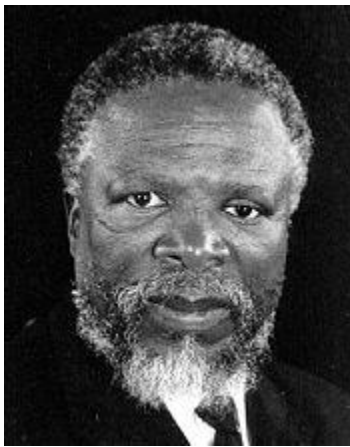


WILD OCEAN

PRESENTED BY **NOKIA**

Narrator

Biographical Information



John Kani is an actor, a director and a playwright. He has won Broadway's Tony Award for the Best Actor (1974/5), the AA Life Vita Award for *MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA!*, a Taorima Golden Award at the Milan International Film Festival for *SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE PALACE*, and various awards for television commercials.

John was also nominated for the Laurence Olivier Award for his performance in *MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA!* at The Royal National Theatre and for an Evening Standard Award for *THE ISLAND*. The National African Federated Chamber of Commerce awarded John a Merit Award for his contribution to the advancement of culture in South Africa and at the 1993/94 National Vita Awards, John was awarded the Moyra Fine Award for outstanding contribution to theatrical life.

John is the Managing Trustee of the Market Theatre and Director of the Market Theatre Laboratory. He has been the Associate Artistic Director of the Market Theatre since 1987.

John's numerous performances at the Market Theatre include *THE BLOOD KNOT*, *DRIVING MISS DAISY*, *OTHELLO*, *SIZWE BANZI IS DEAD*, *THE ISLAND*, *WAITING FOR GODOT*, *MASTER HAROLD AND THE BOYS*, and his award-winning performance in *MY CHILDREN! MY AFRICA!* - The latter five John also performed in London.

Recently John appeared at the Market Theatre in *DUET FOR ONE*, *THE LION AND THE LAMB* and *PLAYLAND*, the latter having had a highly successful season at the Donmar Warehouse in London and a four month tour of Australia and New Zealand. John has also directed *GOREE*, *BLUES AFRICA CAFE*, *KAGOOS*, and *THE MEETING* at the Market Theatre. He was last seen as Judge Brack in the production of *HEDDA GABLER* at the Market Theatre. John also appears in the feature film *SOWETO GREEN*, recently on circuit. Most recently John has appeared in *THROUGH THE DAY* directed by Cedimir Ouedraogo for Noe Productions (Paris), *THE GHOST AND THE DARKNESS* (Paramount Pictures) and a German production *DIE KONING*.

John recently played the lead in "Nothing But The Truth" which he also wrote.