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Students from Makamba in Hom-basa perform a sacred song called *Kwizuritsa* during the Kenya National Music Festival at Safaricom Stadium, Kasarani yesterday.

Below left, Pupils from Crossroads Academy from Kilifi making their presentation.

Below right: Nakuru Elite soloist Maryanne Atieno presents a folk song.

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## Cultural jigs dazzle audiences at festival

BY ANTHONY NJAGI

Cultural dances for the disabled, the mentally ill, the autistic, the deaf and visually impaired were held yesterday during the second day of the Kenya National Music Festival in Nairobi. The event runs for 10 days at the Moi International Sports Centre-Kasarani. Ol Kalou School from Abetares and Nalondo CBM Primary from the lake region carried the day in this category.

Nalondo CBM Special School and Joytown Secondary presented high quality items in the African traditional cultural group dance for the disabled for secondary schools.

The Kenya National Music Festival, sponsored by the Central Bank of Kenya, is the largest art event in Kenya. Taking part are more

than 100,000 participants, 80 adjudicators and 500 support staff.

Among the popular categories are folk dances, *zilizopentha* (golden oldies) and gospel.

In the lower primary African arrangement theme, St Rita's Junior from western Kenya, Kinuwani Primary in the Metropolitan region and Njahi-ini Primary from Abetares proved to be a cut above the rest.

Makini Junior, Riara Primary and Kajicho Primary were also outstanding. In the western secular dances, Riara Primary and Advent Hill of Nairobi dominated.

Music festival chairman Peter Wanjohi said this year's entries were the highest ever in the 90-year festival. "This is the biggest music festival ever. We have put measures in place to ensure security for participants," he said.

