

January events

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FUN WITH FRANK N FURTER

This is the last month to see the cult musical, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, which runs at the Teatro in Montecasino, Johannesburg, until 1 February. Eugene Yiga chats to Brendan van Rhyen, former SAA flight attendant and one of the stars of the show

This is the second time you've played the role of mad scientist Frank N Furter. What's it been like to be back in size 13 heels? People always think it's the most difficult part of my performance, yet it's not. I just need to stay on them, because it's a long way down!

How have you adapted your performance? This time Frank's a lot meaner, more aggressive, manipulative and debauched. I'm also a few years older now, so my voice has a different quality.

How do you keep the show fresh? The audience is largely responsible for that. Seeing them react and return night after night is the biggest high one can have. The music and audience interaction keep me on my toes.

What was it like winning the prestigious Fleur du Cap Theatre Award for Lead Actor in a Musical? We don't perform our hearts out to win awards, but when we do, it's a very humbling experience. I'm still beaming!
For bookings: www.computicket.com



WATERSHED LIVE @ PAUL CLUVER

SOUTH AFRICA

5-9 ANTON SMIT EXHIBITION, CAPE TOWN

Celebrated South African artist Smit will be displaying his most prominent works in this exhibition, titled *In Retrospect: 40 Years of Sculpting*, at Alphen Estate in Constantia. ☎ 021 795 5199

16 WILDFLOWER DAY, CHRISSIEMEER, MPUMALANGA

A must-see for garden enthusiasts, this annual event features exquisite blooms growing in the area from August-February, including field flowers and orchids. Accommodation goes quickly, so book now.

☎ www.chrissiesmeer.co.za (for places to stay, tours of interest and more).

17 WATERSHED LIVE @ PAUL CLUVER, WESTERN CAPE

As part of the Hope@PaulCluver Summer Festival, Watershed will perform live in the woodland amphitheatre at the Paul Cluver wine estate in the beautiful Elgin Valley. Pack a picnic and enjoy an evening of wine and music from one of SA's best-loved bands, headed by lead singer and songwriter Craig Hinds. Seating is unreserved and tickets are limited.

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Until 18 FANCOURT FESTIVE FAMILY HOLIDAY PLAYGROUND, GEORGE, EASTERN CAPE

Fancourt's offering a programme of fun activities – both indoors and outdoors – for kids and teens, making it an ideal family holiday destination on the Garden Route. There's plenty of

FESTIVALS AROUND SA

GRAB A SPOT AND RELAX AT ONE OF THESE FABULOUS EVENTS IN JANUARY

FOR MUSIC-LOVERS

29 Jan-1 Feb UP THE CREEK FESTIVAL

Celebrating its 25th birthday, Up the Creek is the ultimate river party, held along the beautiful Breede River in the Western Cape. Grab a spot on sponsor Sedgwick's Old Brown Sherry's river raft, complete with bean bags and hammocks, or near the acoustic stage to enjoy some of SA's best comedy and music acts.



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