

Daphne Kuhn presents an exciting line up for **2019** in addition to the classical and jazz programmes, conferences, seminars, children's showcases and fundraisers at the Auto & General Theatre on the Square in Sandton.

10th January – 31st January

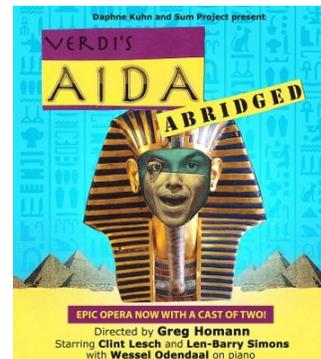
AIDA ABRIDGED

directed by **GREG HOMANN**

with **CLINT LESCH, LEN-BARRY SIMONS**
and **WESSEL ODENDAAL** on the piano.

Verdi's most famous opera, often staged with a company of 200 singers, is reimagined for a talented cast of two men. The epic story of love and loyalty gets a serious downsize in this wacky and outlandish version directed by multi-award winner, Greg Homann. With inventive staging and the strong vocal talent from Clint Lesch and Len-Barry Simons, **AIDA ABRIDGED** is a fresh and fun take on an operatic classic.

AIDA ABRIDGED premiered on the Fringe at the National Arts Festival in 2018 where it delighted young and old audiences. The Herald Spotlight said, "This rejuvenated version of Verdi's opera is a true delight, with virtuoso performances by both leads."



1st – 3rd February

ANNUAL JAZZ & BLUES WEEKEND

Apart from presenting some of the finest South African and international exponents of jazz & blues, the event also creates a platform to showcase young up-coming talent from various local music schools and institutions and this year it happens on the opening night, Friday 1st February, in a showcase concert titled **STUDENTS & ALL THAT JAZZ!**

Then the master of 'Boogie Woogie' **SILVAN ZINGG AND HIS TRIO** take to the stage on Saturday evening 2nd February repeated on Sunday afternoon 3rd February with a rollicking set of Boogie, Blues, Jazz and Jive featuring **SILVAN ZINGG** on Piano, **MARC DUBY** on Double Bass, **TONY YOKO** on Drums with special guests jazz singer **WENDY ALLEN TWYFORD** and saxophonist **PHIL HOLDER**.

5th – 10th February

MICHAEL JONATHAN as MICHAEL JACKSON

starring **MICHAEL JONATHAN**

Be a part of HISTORY as South Africa's number one Michael Jackson impersonator turns up the volume at the Auto & General Theatre on the Square with his POPSWIFT team who will give an electrifying tribute to the King of Pop, in this new re-mastered production with iconic dance routines and memorable songs. The tour represents the 10th year of Michael Jackson's death!



13th – 23rd February

Nik Rabinowitz in DRY WHITE

In Dry White, **NIK RABINOWITZ** decided to explore the water crisis for his new show. Mostly because everyone thought the drought in Cape Town was going to last forever. Spoiler alert: it didn't. Now Nik will be forced to discuss other stuff too, which is a good thing because he feels like Jo'burgers didn't care thaaat much about the drought anyway. Some additional topics include: love, marriage, infidelity, transphobia, staying woke post forty, and whether the land should be given back. Just kidding, what white person wants to discuss that?! It's gonna be a riot!

25th February – 16th March

TEASE!

with **TUMI MORAKE** and **VANESSA FROST**

Directed by **JOSE DOMINGOS**

TEASE!, an honest new stage show featuring South Africa's Queen of Comedy, **TUMI MORAKE** and the original Cavewoman, **VANESSA FROST**. Set in their suburban hair salon, Tease!, Vanessa and Tumi play best friends, Eva and Neo, stylists and 'therapists' to weekly regulars, offering the audience a glimpse into the familiar world of client-stylist relations - a veritable stream of conversation, 'skinner' and agony aunt-style relationship advice. In an unexpected personal and professional funk, Eva and Neo embark on a journey of self discovery. Armed with intimate client knowledge and a growing understanding of what women (and men) want...and need, our intrepid Tease! stylists launch a quiet, backroom business selling toys... of the adult persuasion.

With a healthy dose of self-deprecating funny and a whole lot of heart, versatile Tumi and Vanessa play all characters - from the elderly Muslim and Jewish women eager to sample new toys to the liberated sex class instructor and the sanctimonious housewife having a passionate affair with her *ahem* SpeedQueen! **TEASE!** will lighten your load, enlighten and entertain. It is a smart, refreshingly honest comedy with a potent message about sexual health and taking back personal pleasure, a journey of awakening and empowerment to demystify taboos and shrug off shame.





27th – 31st March

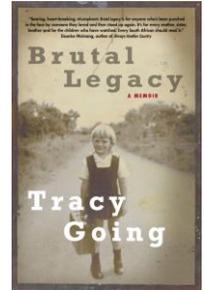
**LOYISO MADINGA
in PROBLEM CHILD**

You might have seen him on Netflix, Comedy Central or detention. Now watch him do what he does best in his new stand-up comedy special. This show has been over twenty years in the making – **LOYISO MADINGA** began crafting his jokes from the back of the maths classrooms. **PROBLEM CHILD** is not only about a private school mis-education, it's a comedy show where hopefully you'll come out more educated.

2nd – 20th April

BRUTAL LEGACY

A gripping, uplifting and dramatic adaptation of former television and radio personality, **TRACY GOING**'s new book **BRUTAL LEGACY**. A story of survival and triumph. Directed by **LESEDI JOB** and starring Scandal TV star, **NATASHA SUTHERLAND** and **CHARLIE BOUGENON**.



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