



J.M. COETZEE/ ATHOL FUGARD FESTIVAL

26, 27, 28 MAY 2016

Wow, what a judgment the Constitutional Court delivered!! For once, April Fool's jokes have barely even featured in newspapers, such was the magnitude of the judgment. Whilst we are buoyed by this judgment, it might be a case of too little, too late for Booktown Richmond. The Northern Cape Department of Sport, Arts and Culture refuse to fund the initiatives of Booktown Richmond. All because of one woman Joan Villet, who refuses to resolve the issue after numerous directives. And all because she is peeved that her Northern Cape Literary Festival has been a spectacular flop whilst our star continues to shine brightly. But enough of the negativity. Let's talk about what we do best – literary festivals!!!!

We are well on our way to crafting a formidable line-up for our May 26-28 J.M.Coetzee/ Athol Fugard Festivals. To date we are proud to confirm the following speakers. The program will be rounded off with authors who have entered the SA Independent Publishers Awards.

Our confirmed speakers/ artists are :

1. **DAVID BUTLER (2 performances as Herman Charles Bosman)**
2. **FRANCOIS GRIEBENOW**
3. **MARC KAY + FRIENDS (3 individual plays)**
4. **RICHARD CALLAND _ THE ZUMA YEARS**
5. **JUDGE KATHIE SATCHWELL – THE BATTLE OF DELVILLE WOOD**
6. **PUMLA GQOLA – RAPE – A SA NIGHTMARE**
7. **DARRYL DAVID – ROY CAMPBELL**
8. **MALCOLM GOODING (Going Gooding)**
9. **DARRYL DAVID – J.M.COETZEE**
10. **ABRAHAM – JANS RAUTENBACH**
11. **DIS EK, ANNA – ANCHIEN TROSKIE**
12. **ANTONY OSLER – MZANSI ZEN**

There are many more speakers who have in principle agreed to be a part of the festival, but have not confirmed yet.

On the BookBedonnerd front, the festival line – up is all but confirmed. Just to whet your appetite, here are our confirmed speakers. Please note this is **our October line-up. Please note that this years BookBedonnerd will include SA’s first Medical Humanities Literary Festival as a special focus area.**

- 1) KERNEELS BREYTENBACH
- 2) SANDRA STARK
- 3) DR JANET HODGSON – TINUS DE JONGH (artist)
- 4) ROSE WILLIS/ KAY DE VILLIERS/ ARNOLD VAN DYK (t.b.c.) – YEOMAN OF THE KAROO
- 5) CARINA STANDER
- 6) DARRYL DAVID– EYE INSPIRED MUSEUMS OF THE WORLD
- 7) SHERITHA DAVID – ARTISTS & PATHOLOGIES
- 8) GILBERT GIBSON – OOGENSIKLOPEDIE
- 9) PETER BROWNE – VAN GOGH’S CURSE
- 10) IRENE FISCHER
- 11) ASHWIN DESAI
- 12) MIKE NORRIS – ARTIST ROUND THE BEND

- 13) NIQ MHLONGO - AFFLUENZA
- 14) HENDRIK BOTHA – ATROPOS
- 15) SALLY SWARTZ – HOMELESS WANDERERS
- 16) SANDRA SWART
- 17) LADY SKOLLIE (t.b.c)
- 18) MANDLA LANGA (t.b.c)
- 19) ELSABE BRITS – EMILY HOBHOUSE
- 20) CLINTON DU PLESSIS(t.b.c)
- 21) RONELDA KAMFER (t.b.c)
- 22) NATHAN TRANTRAAL (t.b.c)
- 23) WILLEM ANKER
- 24) BILL JOHNSON (t.b.c)

That's about it folks. Please remember, you have until April 15 to enter your self-published books for our SA INDEPENDENT PUBLISHERS AWARDS. Please see previous newsletter for details, or e-mail Darryl David on davidd@ukzn.ac.za

And I would like to encourage all fringe artists to contact me with a view to bringing productions to the Fugard Festival. We really want to drive home to the Northern Cape Department of Arts & Culture that we in Booktown Richmond are the custodians of the Arts in the Northern Cape

Cheers
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