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Suidoosterfees to showcase productions in drive-in theatre at Atlantic Studios

The Suidoosterfees has paired up with Atlantic Studios to showcase the festival's productions at a drive-in theatre, located at the TV and film studio in Cape Town, from 4 to 15 November 2020. Audiences will be able to watch the productions on the big screen from the safety and comfort of their cars.

Productions will be beamed onto the silver screen while being performed live on an outdoor stage. Patrons will be able to follow the soundtrack in their cars by tuning in on an FM radio frequency. The drive-in events will comply with the national health and safety regulations in terms of the Covid-19 pandemic.



According to professor Brian Figaji, chairperson of the Suidoosterfees board, South African audiences are starving for theatre and music productions. Thanks to the support of the festival's sponsors and Atlantic Studios, the drive-in theatre will offer a safe alternative to shows in indoor theatres. The initiative will provide artists with much-needed income. Drive-in patrons can also look forward to the delicious 'roadhouse' fair, served from the kykNET 'Kokkedoorstoor'.

Emo and Loukmaan Adams will join musical forces in *Klopse Jol!* with a Cape Malay choir, a minstrel group and a 10-piece band. South African legend PJ Powers collaborates with the Tygerberg Children's Choir to present a musical extravaganza at the drive-in. Patrons can look forward to hits like "Welcome to Africa", "The right to learn", "Jabulani", "The world in union" and a mass choir rendition of "Shosholoza".

Audiences can also look forward to a production with South Africa's greatest rocker and rapper, Francois van Coke and Early B. They will share a stage for the first time. Gary Naidoo is starring in *Die Variety Show that skriks vir niks*, a comedy that will have audiences in stitches. In Marc Lottering's show, the popular comedian will share inside info about his adventures during the lockdown. His hilarious take on online meetings and homeschooling is not to be missed.

Lag my kla' emanates from an online competition that was launched to identify and develop the skills of promising young comedians. This project, presented in collaboration with *Son*, kykNET and Suidoosterfees, saw Shimmy Isaacs, Rezah Forbes and Solomon Cupido fine-tuning newcomers' skills. Winners of this year's *Lag my kla* competition will perform with their mentors.

Koortjies met Jonathan Rubain, the first Afrikaans gospel series on kykNET en Kie, is one of the most popular TV series ever. Artists who appeared in the TV series will perform in the festival's drive-in variety show.

Tickets are available from R250 per car and can be booked at Computicket. Visit the <u>Suidoosterfees website</u> for more information.

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