



EVENTS & FESTIVALS : March / April 2010

Cape Town

MARCH

Grease Musical

The classic musical about teenage school life in America in the 1950`s. Danny, Sandy, Kenicke, Rizzo , The T Birds and the Pink Ladies in an all -South African cast production of this celebrated party show, bringing audiences a show packed with songs we all know and love. Come and bop `till you drop.

Artscape Opera House.

6 March to 13 June 2010

Cape Argus Cycle Tour

The largest timed cycling event, attracting in excess of 35,000 cyclists from around the globe. The cycle tour represents 109 km of some of the most scenic spots in Cape Town. A carnival involving hospitality tents, entertainment and guaranteed fun awaits the cyclists.

Sunday, 14 March 2010

Out the Box Festival

This is the largest puppetry and visual performance festival on the African sub -continent that caters to both adults and children over an 8 day period. It also includes workshops, talk s and exhibitions. Vendors provide delicious food for patrons between shows. Little Theatre complex on Orange Street.

20 March to 28 March 2010

Oude Libertas Amphitheatre - Stellenbosch

Situated on the slopes of the Papegaaiberg, the Oude Libertas Amphit heatre overlooks the magnificent Stellenbosch mountain range. It stages a variety of quality productions across a wide spectrum of genres. Bring your own picnic basket and a glass of wine to enjoy a performance on the lawns. The summer season includes: the Cape Town Opera presenting "The Voice of the Nation" (11 - 13 March) and Handel's Messiah: A capella (18 - 20 March).

11-13 March and 18-20 March 2010

Cape Town Carnival

This Carnival will transform Long Street into a sight with bright colours, costumes and larger than life floats. After this years inauguaral event themed "Rhythm, Roots and Boots", it will take place every year during the third weekend of March. The highlight of the weekend will be a parade of five competing groups of performers comprising a total of 10,000 artists and entertainers.

18 - 20 March 2010

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Two Oceans Marathon

This marathon with global appeal attracts more than 20,000 participants who take on 56 kilometers of open road and challenging mountain climbs. The route include s the spectacular Chapman's Peak Pass.

3 April 2010

Cape Town Jazz Festival

This annual international jazz festival will provide a cohesive star-studded line-up. Well attended and supported by musicians and professionals, the participants in the various workshops benefit directly from experts in their prospective fields. Hosted at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.
3 to 4 April 2010

Decorex Cape 2010

Cape Town is unrivalled for its innovative and bold approach to decor and design. The event showcases everything from furniture, kitchens & bathrooms, fabrics, accessories to lighting and all essentials for in and outdoor living. Held at Cape Town International Convention Centre.
23 to 27 April 2010

SA Cheese Festival

Held at picturesque Bien Donne Farm between Paarl and Franschoek. Visitors will be able to feast their senses on the widest selection of cheese, matching them with wines, nuts and olives.
24 to 27 April 2010

Tom Jones

The sensational Sir Tom Jones, legendary Welsh showman, brings his dynamic show of both greatest hits and unexpected treats to Cape Town. A show that presents repertoire from the 60's to the present including classic hits What's New Pussycat, She's A Lady, Sex Bomb, and more. (Grand Arena / Grand West)

7 to 10 April 2010

Andre Rieu – Live in Concert

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23 April to 3 May 2010

Johannesburg

MARCH

Hobby X Johannesburg

Leading exhibition of materials, equipment and supplies used for a wide variety of hobbies and crafts. With theatre of activity where you can learn new decorating tricks; Make & Take zones to try your hand at a new project; demonstrations; goodies to buy and activity as easy as simply to have fun.

4 March to 7 March 2010

Chocolate Festival

This first time Chocolate Festival promises to bring a sensational line-up of exhibitors, chefs cooking with chocolate, entertainment, a fairyland for the kids. On offer will be exclusive ranges of hand-made chocolates, chocolate make-up ranges, exclusive fragrances, various tasting sessions that will include variations of chocolate, wine, beer, biltong, coffee and liquor.

20 March to 22 March 2010

Gardenex Green Living Fair

This is the biggest gardening and floriculture exhibition in the southern hemisphere. The show now incorporates pets, patio decor, pools and outdoor leisure activities. Offers local and international exhibitors a platform to exhibit every aspect of flora, gardening and landscaping.

27 March to 29 March 2010

Digital Life Expo

The expo will cover all forms of digital technology: home entertainment, computers, gaming, imaging, digital music, cell phones, broadband and much more.

27 March to 29 March 2010

Elton John - Under African Skies

The legendary Sir Elton John returns with his hit solo tour 'Under the African Skies'. To date he has sold over 250 million records worldwide. Be serenaded by this charismatic singer in a summertime picnic style concert! Emmarentia Botanical Gardens.

21 March to 28 March 2010

The Great Moscow Circus

It features the talent, skill and daring of highly -trained performers and world-class acts. It is with great demand that this phenomenal show returns to South Africa. Carnival City – Big Top Arena

26 March to 27 April 2010

Stomp

A wildly entertaining show. Brilliantly synchronised performers beat out with truck inner tubes, rubber hosing, Zippo lighters, plastic bags, metal dustbins, bin lids, tubs, water butts and, yes, even the kitchen sink! Fast, furious and great fun! Teatro at Montecasino

23 March to 25 April 2010

Shaolin Monks, Wheel of Life

The Shaolin Monks are the ultimate masters of Kung Fu: Buddhist soldier monks who have refined defensive martial arts over a period of fifteen centuries to a rare and spectacular point of perfection.

Teatro at Montecasino.

9 March to 27 March 2010

Fusion Flamenca

By El Rincon Flamenco, this time Mireille Lenferna and Joanne Bobrow have crafted a passionate ode to this magnificent dance form, blending elements of other dance styles including African gumboot dancing and contemporary dance to create an intriguing spectacle of movement. The production blends dramatic visual imagery with a striking musical tradition. At the Fringe at Joburg Theatre.

10 March to 14 March 2010

Puccini's La Boheme

Acclaimed director Themis Venturas teams up with renowned artist Andrew Verster as set designer, and lighting designer Michael Broderick; joined by the American star conductor Timothy Myers making his South African debut with the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra to present an unforgettable La Boheme. SA State Theatre in Pretoria.

20 March to 25 April 2010

Swan Lake Ballet

The South African Ballet Theatre brings you the world's most well -known and best-loved ballet Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, presented in the tradition of this grand Russian classic. This immortal tale tells of a princess held captive as a swan by the spell of an evil magician - a spell that can only be broken if a prince swears true love to her. At the Mandela at Joburg Theatre.

12 March to 4 April 2010

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Rand Show

This annual entertainment festival will have something for the whole family, from Art Festivals to Music Festivals, and all day Carnival type atmosphere that includes buskers, jugglers and tons of other ad hoc entertainers.

1 April to 11 April 2010

Easter Monday Celebration on Nelson Mandela Square

Handel's Messiah performed by the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra conducted by Richard Cock.

Entrance is free but proceeds from programme sales will go to "Women for Peace".

5 April 2010 (at 3 pm)

World Holiday and Travel Fair 2010

The event is focused around the South African Outbound leisure market. Exhibitor profile includes National Tourism Authorities, Travel Agencies, Cruise Liners, Resorts/Hotels/Casinos, Adventure Travel,

Vacation Rentals, Niche Travel Specialists and many more (held at Coca Cola Dome North Riding)
16 to 18 April 2010

Sisters in Song

Simply the best of the great pop divas! A celebration of timeless music from pop and rock to belting ballads and dazzling duets. Featuring a live band and six of the country's top vocalists. (Staged at the Lyric at Gold Reef City Casino)
14 April to 9 May 2010

State St Petersburg Male Ballet

Valery Michailovsky, the famous St Petersburg ballet dancer, one of Russia's classic and modern dance symbols, founded a new original ballet group in 1992, The "State St Petersburg Male Ballet." For the first time in the history of Russian Ballet, the dance group was formed exclusively of male dancers. They perform the legendary feminine ballet parts of the world classical repertoire in pointe shoes. (Staged at The Mandela at Joburg Theatre)
28 April to 23 May 2010

The Garden and Home Expo

Visitors will be shown how to refashion their living space and preen the gardens green to perfection. Meet the local providers of products and services. Held at Centre Court at Emperor's Palace.
30 April to 03 May 2010

Durban

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Cliff Richard and The Shadows

It was back in 1959 that Cliff Richard first recorded and performed with The Shadows. Now they will be back on the road on their final World Tour - 20 years since they last performed together in concert. At ICC Durban.
6 March to 14 March 2010

Baba Indaba

Baby, toddler and parenting exhibition. Expo packed with information, shopping, show specials and the Takalani Sesame characters.
27 March to 29 March

APRIL

Durban International Boat & Leisure Show

Exhibitors from all around the country demonstrate everything from runabouts to luxury power and sail craft as well as boating clothing, marine equipment, industry publications, luxury tow cars and much more. Held at Durban Marina (Boatman's Boulevard)
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