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This month we travel to the shores of Croatia, to explore the city of Dubrovnik in all its glory. Further afield, the city of Singapore beckons. It might be Southeast Asia's smallest country, but it is steeped in history and culture.

Also, on our list of top destinations to visit this season is Seychelles, or perhaps an overland safari will whet

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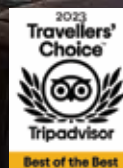


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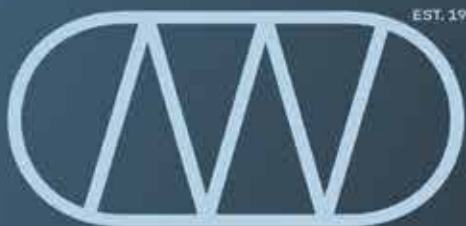
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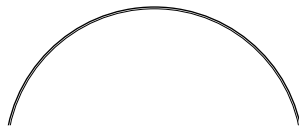




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Gone are the days when luxury travel was synonymous with grand five-star hotels. Today's discerning travellers are now gravitating towards locations featuring exclusive-use luxury properties. These destinations offer an unparalleled experience tailored for inter-generational families or small groups of friends. An example is Kingfisher Villa, situated in the Greater Mabula Game Reserve, where personal connections and authentic experiences reign supreme. Kingfisher Villa offers unique safari adventures, culinary experiences, and meaningful engagements with local culture.

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The project has been very well received from its initial launch, with only a handful of River Suites still available before we will be completely sold out. Construction is due to start later this year, which is very exciting. Elephant Point has been voted as one of the top wildlife estates

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A full-page photograph of Lando Norris, a McLaren Formula 1 driver, standing next to a bright orange McLaren sports car. He is wearing a light grey long-sleeved shirt, light grey cargo pants, and white sneakers. He has a dark blue Tumi backpack with orange accents on his back and is looking over his shoulder towards the camera. The background features a white wall and a dense green hedge.

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Explore the Island City's Natural and Multicultural Heritage

Despite being one of the world's most futuristic cities, you can easily get away from it all on day trips to explore mangroves and rainforests within Singapore's city limits. It's well worth escaping the skyscrapers to see exotic wildlife such as macaques, giant monitor lizards, and otherworldly colugos – Singapore's very own flying lemur.

Singapore, the tropical city-state, is an incredibly diverse destination steeped in history, with curated heritage trails and historical landmarks woven through its streets. Explore the city with us to discover the hidden gems of Southeast Asia's smallest country.

TREK TO THE TREETOP WALK

Part of the island nation's central catchment reserve, MacRitchie Reservoir is a gateway to nature recreation, and plays an important role in forest canopy research, as well as providing a water source for residents. As the highlight of several hiking routes in MacRitchie, the TreeTop Walk has a free-standing suspension bridge offering a bird's-eye view of the forest canopy. It's popular among avid birdwatchers, and if you're lucky, you may spot native species such as the greater racket-tailed drongo and olive-winged bulbul.

At up to 10 kilometres, a round trip to the TreeTop Walk takes around half a day. The terrain is a mix of hiking trails and boardwalks that make for an easy trek. En route, you may spot signs of a former kampung village through the

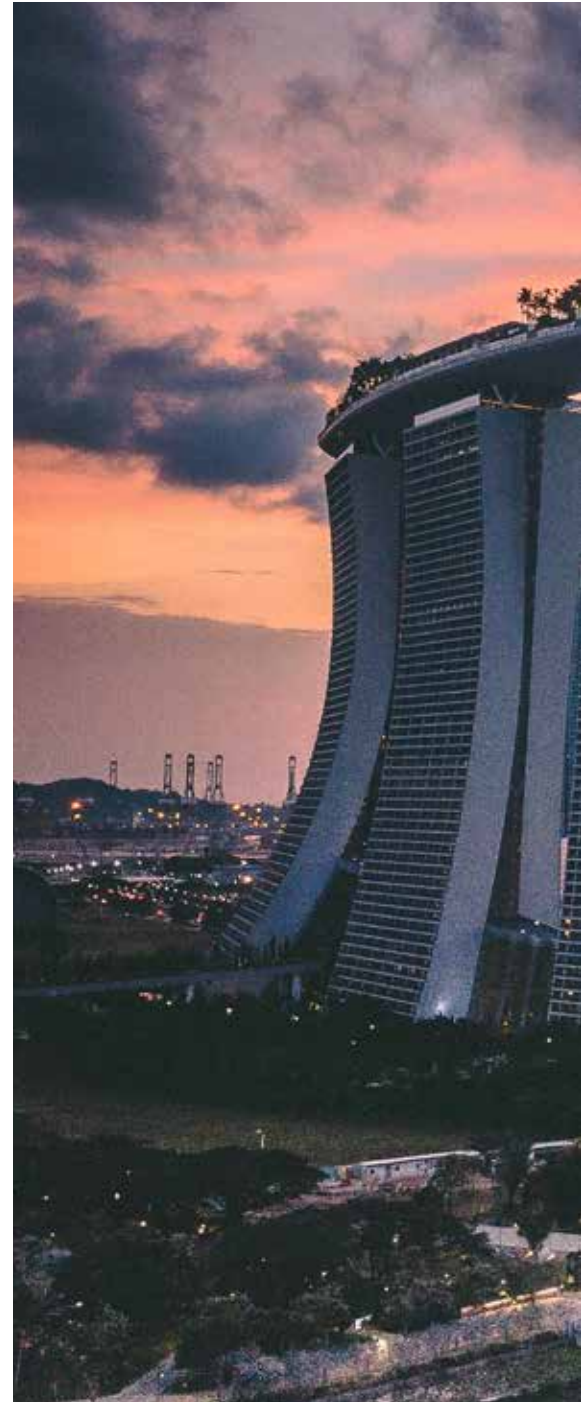
coconut palms and vegetation while discovering the wetland habitats of dragonflies and giant monitor lizards.

Insider tip: Get started early in the day to avoid the sweltering afternoon heat, and download the DIY guide to the walking trail and map of MacRitchie that's conveniently located on the National Parks site.

CYCLE THE CITY'S ACCESSIBLE PARK CONNECTORS

With its proximity to the equator, Singapore has little seasonal variation in weather, which makes it perfect for a bicycle trip. Cleverly linked via the Park Connector Network (PCN), cycling makes it easy to discover nature spots, with access to different parks and great scenic views along the journey. Covering more than 186 miles, the PCN is divided into six loops that pass through seldom-seen sights such as the neighbourhood beaches and rivers of Singapore, along with flora and fauna, including the wild smooth-coated otter families and the elusive nocturnal colugo.

Whether you're cycling with children, or a seasoned rider, there are various difficulty levels – including the round-island route, green rail corridor



Singapore Skyline (by Swapnil Bapat)



trail, food tour loop, and a discovery of East Coast Bay.

Insider tip: Bicycle rentals are conveniently dotted along the way, so you can pick up and drop off your bike anytime.

PADDLE ISLAND WATERWAYS

Singapore comprises 64 offshore islands – one of them is the beautiful and pristine Pulau Ubin, situated on the mainland's north-eastern coast. Split by tidal rivers and just a 10-minute boat ride from Changi Point ferry terminal, Pulau Ubin is a hidden wonderland of mangroves and wildlife best discovered on a kayaking adventure. You can paddle through extensive mangrove forests where you can spot wildlife such as long-tailed macaques, giant monitor lizards, kingfishers, and white-bellied sea eagles.

After returning your kayak, stop on the island and step foot in 1960s Singapore with its rustic beauty untouched by urban development. Don't miss the boardwalk leading up to Chek Jawa Wetlands – one of Singapore's richest ecosystems.

Insider tip: Chek Jawa Wetlands is best visited during low tides of 1.65 feet and below, so plan your visit around the tides table to avoid disappointment.

STROLL THROUGH HERITAGE LANDMARKS

Apart from nature walks and activities, you can experience the culture and heritage of Singapore through curated trails. The five-mile Jubilee Walk, for example, covers 24 historical landmarks that show the milestones of Singapore's development, from 14th-century ancient Temasek through the colonial era, to nationhood and its future. Encompassing areas such as Fort Canning Hill, the Singapore River, Civic District and Marina Bay, the



Pulau Ubin Island (by Sop Y)

ArtScience Museum (by Victor)



Gardens by the Bay (by Hu Chen)



walk is easily navigated with bronze plaque markers along the way and a downloadable map to learn more about the various landmarks.

Begin at the National Museum of Singapore, once the Raffles Library and Museum, before stopping by lesser-known landmarks you'd otherwise miss, such as the Armenian Apostolic Church, Old Hill Street Police Station, and the Old Parliament House.

Insider tip: Take a rest stop midway along the Singapore River and enjoy a refreshing cocktail or local seafood meal to scenic views of old shophouses contrasting with the Central Business District's towering buildings.

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Dubrovnik: One of Europe's Most Enigmatic Cities

Nestled on the dazzling Adriatic coast of Croatia lies a destination that has captured the hearts of travellers for centuries – Dubrovnik. With its rich history, stunning architecture, and breathtaking natural beauty, this enchanting city has rightfully earned its nickname as the “Pearl of the Adriatic”.



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OLD TOWN DUBROVNIK

As you step into Dubrovnik’s Old Town, you will be transported back in time. Encircled by imposing stone

walls that have stood for centuries, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a testament to the city’s rich history. The well-preserved medieval architecture, with its red-tiled rooftops and narrow cobblestone streets, is a sight to behold. The magnificent Pile Gate, one of the main entrances to the Old Town, welcomes you with its grand archway, setting the stage for the historical wonders within.

Dubrovnik’s city walls are arguably its most iconic feature. Stretching over 1.2 miles, these walls offer a panoramic view of the city and the Adriatic Sea. A leisurely stroll

along the walls provides a unique perspective of the city’s layout, from its charming streets to terracotta rooftops. The views from here are incredibly mesmerising during sunset, when the golden light bathes the city in a warm, ethereal glow.

CULTURAL TREASURES

To truly understand Dubrovnik’s history, visit the Rector’s Palace and Sponza Palace. The Rector’s Palace, a Gothic-Renaissance masterpiece, was once the seat of the city’s government. Explore its elegant halls and chambers, which house a fascinating museum filled with historical artefacts. Nearby, Sponza Palace is a fine example of Venetian architecture and serves as the State Archives. Here, you can delve deeper into the city’s past through documents, manuscripts, and old maps.

Dubrovnik boasts several remarkable churches that showcase its religious and architectural heritage. The Church of St. Blaise, dedicated to the city’s patron saint, is a Baroque gem adorned with stunning artwork. The Dubrovnik Cathedral, with its intricate facade, houses a treasury filled with religious relics. For a quieter, reflective experience, visit the Franciscan Monastery and its serene abbey, home to one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe.



View of Old Town Dubrovnik





NATURE'S BEAUTY

When the city's vibrant streets beckon you to explore nature's wonders, take a short boat ride to the nearby islands. Lokrum, a lush oasis, offers botanical gardens, hidden coves, and the mystical Dead Sea, a saltwater lake surrounded by legends. The Elafiti Islands, a group of several islands, are an idyllic escape for sun-seekers and adventure enthusiasts, with hiking, swimming, and island-hopping opportunities.

Dubrovnik's coastline is renowned for its crystal-clear waters and hidden coves. Banje Beach, located just a stone's throw from the Old Town, is perfect for sunbathing and swimming. Adventurous souls can explore the underwater world through snorkelling or scuba diving excursions, discovering vibrant marine life and ancient shipwrecks beneath the waves.

CULINARY DELIGHTS

Croatian cuisine is deeply influenced by its coastal location, and Dubrovnik is no exception. Seafood lovers will be in paradise, as the city offers a delectable array of dishes featuring the freshest catches from the Adriatic. Don't miss trying "brudet," a hearty fish stew, or "black risotto," made with squid ink. Pair your meal with a glass of local wine, such as the famous Dinga red wine.

For an authentic culinary experience, wander through the bustling Gunduli Square Market. Here, you can sample local cheeses, olives, and fruits. Vendors offer an array of spices and herbs, perfect for recreating the flavours of Dubrovnik in your own kitchen. Be sure to savour the candied orange peel, a sweet treat beloved by locals.



Cable Car above Old Town Dubrovnik (by Getty)



If you have the opportunity to visit Dubrovnik during the summer months, you're in for a treat. The Dubrovnik Summer Festival, held from July to August, transforms the city into a cultural hub. The streets, squares, and historic venues come alive with music, theatre, and dance performances. This festival is a testament to the city's commitment to preserving and sharing its cultural

heritage with the world.

Dubrovnik, Croatia, is a destination that seamlessly blends history, culture, and natural beauty into a breathtaking tapestry. From its ancient city walls to its picturesque islands and mouthwatering cuisine, Dubrovnik offers an unforgettable experience for travellers of all interests. Whether you're a history buff, a nature enthusiast, or a food

lover, Dubrovnik's charms are sure to captivate your heart and leave you with lasting memories of this jewel of the Adriatic. So, pack your bags, and embark on a journey to Dubrovnik, where the past meets the present, and beauty awaits at every turn. 🇭🇷

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A THOUSAND MILES **FROM ANYWHERE**

115 Reasons to Visit Seychelles

Since the time of its separation from Gondwana until the present day, Seychelles has remained all but untouched by the ravages of modern living and its ever-increasing pressures.



Being literally 'a thousand miles from anywhere', and being settled less than 250 years ago, has allowed Seychelles to retain its ecological integrity, its breathtaking natural beauty and much of its innocence.

For this reason, Seychelles has been branded 'another world' in recognition of one of the most pristine natural environments on the planet, whose



numerous attributes together represent a powerful antidote to the demands of everyday living.

Among these are what are widely regarded as the world's most stunning and uncrowded beaches fringed by the warm, crystal waters of the Indian Ocean. Imposing granite boulders stand like sentinels guarding the timeless national treasures of the spectacular strands of La Digue Island's Anse Source D'Argent, Praslin's magnificent Anse Lazio and many others besides.

WHERE LIVING COUNTS

Seychelles comprises 115 pristine tropical islands between four and ten degrees south of the equator and 1,600 km from the east coast of Africa. With a near-perfect climate, this beautiful archipelago is practically disease-free and situated well outside the cyclone belt, earning it the name 'land of perpetual summer'.

This archipelago, containing the only mid-ocean, granitic islands on the planet and certainly known to the early Arab seafarers, was a favourite pirate haunt before being colonized by the French in 1769 and the British in 1814. Seychelles became an independent republic within the Commonwealth in 1976.

Seychelles has also been blessed with an extraordinarily diverse blend of mid-ocean granitic islands, coral atolls, and reef islands. Strung like jewels on threads of ivory surf, each one possesses its very own distinct character and charm, inviting Island-hoppers to experience their variety either by fast catamaran ferry, the inter-island service of Air Seychelles, or by helicopter.

Variety exists in more than just islands. Today, Seychelles continues to be a sanctuary for a unique array of flora and fauna that includes some of the most exotic and rarest specimens on earth. Counted among their ranks are



the Coco-de-mer, the world's heaviest nut that appears in the perfect form of the female pelvis, the Seychelles Black Parrot that inhabits the primeval vallée de Mai, the Seychelles Magpie robin that has been rescued from the brink of extinction and the Jellyfish tree, of which only a handful remain in existence.

Throughout the islands are to be found unparalleled opportunities for sailing on bare-boat or skippered yachts, deep-sea and fly-fishing, as well as a broad diversity of dive experiences. Seychelles also boasts excellent eco-holidays, walks & trails, spa & wellness vacations, island-hopping and golf.

Long known as the islands of love, Seychelles offers a naturally romantic backdrop for weddings and honeymoons, as well as being an enticing destination for select incentive groups

and the elite of the business world.


Last but not least, is the opportunity for visitors to savour true barefoot elegance among the islands and the welcoming people who populate them. Another treasure not to be missed is the delicious Seychellois Creole cuisine – a sublime blend of Eastern and Western culinary traditions incorporating elements of European, Indian, and Chinese kitchen and making full use of the bounty of the surrounding ocean.

EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC

The discerning tourist seeking tranquillity has never been offered such a diverse choice of authentic, island-style experiences in one destination. Few destinations on earth can offer a holiday experience so inextricably linked to the easeful rhythms of island

living and to the culinary traditions and vibrant customs of a people who choose to live close to their roots. This is a place to do as little or as much as you like, either kicking back to enjoy the finest sun, sea and sand holiday on earth or indulging in some world-class diving, sailing and cruising, sport fishing, trekking, golf, spa treatments, zip-lining, and horse riding.

All this and more besides is there for travellers to discover and enjoy on direct Air Seychelles flights from Johannesburg to the most beautiful islands on the planet.

For more information on Seychelles, go to www.seychellestourism.com. 

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OVERLAND IN STYLE

Mhondoro Introduces Luxe Overland Safaris

Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa in the Waterberg is known for delivering bespoke safari experiences to guests from across the globe. The Mhondoro experience is now taking to the road as an overland safari product.

While there are many romantic places around the world, very few can offer an unforgettable experience like an African honeymoon. With soft-sand beaches, expansive savannahs bursting with wildlife, and some of the most picturesque scenery on the planet, Africa has all the ingredients for a honeymoon you'll never forget. African honeymoon destinations are as diverse as the continent itself and can be experienced as stand-alone destinations or in combination with each other.

Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa in the Waterberg, Limpopo, South Africa, has launched its new Overland Safaris product, offering bespoke, guided itineraries for small, private groups of up to 14 guests to Botswana, Zambia, Namibia and around South Africa.

Three different itineraries are offered with set departure dates between May and September, with a Namibian itinerary to be added in 2024.

CEO Fritz Breytenbach says: 'Mhondoro has earned a reputation as a luxury safari destination of note within







the Welgevonden Game Reserve, and now offers more adventurous guests the opportunity to explore further afield whilst still enjoying the Mhondoro standard of guiding, cuisine and service, presented as a luxe, glamping wilderness experience.'

Hosted by a dedicated safari guide, chef, butler, and maintenance crew, up to seven guests may be transported in each of the two custom-designed Mhondoro Land Cruisers. Enclosed for longer distance travelling, these comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles have sunroofs and charging points but also convert seamlessly into open game-viewing vehicles with raised, pop-up platforms as roof-height vantage points.

LUXURY LIVING

Accommodation is provided in glamping tents with comfortable beds and crisp, fresh linen, set up in spectacular sites that include some unfenced, wild [camping in nature reserves, complete](#)

with the basic comforts of a gas-heated hot shower and toilet facilities. Other nights may be spent in some of Southern Africa's most famous, well-established wilderness camps, while some itineraries also include the option of staying in luxury lodges along the way. All food preparation is done by the chef on open fires with a focus on wholesome, high-end camping meals, including potjiekos, braais and fresh bread baked daily, all enjoyed along with premium quality wines and other drinks around the campfire.

Highlights of the unforgettable Botswana and Zambia overland safari that departs from Maun include a Ntwetwe salt pan quad-bike adventure and meerkat family experience in the Makgadikgadi region; the forest and open savanna woodland of Nxai Pan National Park in Northern Botswana; and wild camping at Khwai Magotho between the Moremi and Savuti (Chobe) National

Parks on the edge of the Okavango Delta. From there, the adventure continues via Kasane, the meeting point of Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, and Zimbabwe, with the option to end at Mukwa River Lodge on the Zambezi River, incorporating a visit to Victoria Falls.

Departing from the Waterberg, Botswana itineraries can easily be added onto a stay at Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa, covering Mapungupwe National Park, the Tuli Wilderness, and the mighty Limpopo River, before returning to Mhondoro.

Those guests who prefer to stay within the borders of South Africa, may opt for the Cape Town itinerary, which starts in Port Elizabeth, visiting the Mountain Zebra National Park, Camdeboo National Park with a traditional farm stay, the Swartberg Nature Reserve and Gamkaskloof, which is known as 'Die Hel', onto Oudtshoorn, Montagu and Paternoster with Cape Town as the final destination.



WHERE TO NEXT?

Breytenbach says Mhondoro's Overland Safaris will cover some of the most scenic reserves and wilderness areas of Southern Africa, as well as the ancient waterways of the Okavango Delta, where itineraries will include scenic flights and boat trips, and Mokoro excursions. 'We are pleased to offer a small selection of bucket-list itineraries for those who yearn for a true African safari experience, yet one that is guided and managed by professionals to offer a safe and hassle-free safari. Families with children older than six are welcome, along with those with a special interest in birds, stargazing, photography, and elephants! Experiencing the local sights, sounds, and the wonders of Africa's wildlife will be the order of each day – guaranteed.'

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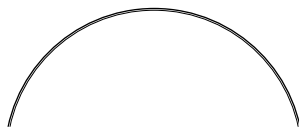
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LIFESTYLE

ROSE PASSION BY JIMMY CHOO

Global luxury house Jimmy Choo has unveiled its latest fragrance, Rose Passion. A beautifully rich scent evocative of the glamour, confidence, and audacious sense of playfulness inherent to the brand, Rose Passion captures the essence of Jimmy Choo. Created by perfumier Nathalie Lorson, the fragrance opens with the freshness of coconut water and the rich exotic bloom of the frangipani flower. The middle notes combine the headiness of orchids

with the seductive jasmine flower. The scent builds in intensity thanks to notes of sandalwood that unify Rose Passion's myriad elements, including exotic vanilla. Rose Passion is uplifting and exhilarating, which, in the words of Lorson, 'honours another facet of the Jimmy Choo woman – her optimism'. Cast in a fuchsia box with a bold textured design, and finished with Jimmy Choo's brand name, the packaging is indicative of the luxury inside.



PRECISION, DESIGN AND POWER

Hand-crafted luxury, unmistakable design, breathtaking performance, the perfect combination of these elements of the luxury manufacturer Bentley Motors ensures a moving driving experience. These attributes also shaped the line Bentley for Men fragrances. Using fine materials such as chrome and solid glass for the masculine bottle design, and leather and wood for the fragrance composition will ensure authenticity and timeless elegance. Explore the world of Bentley fragrances by visiting a Truworths store. Immerse yourself in the captivating range and discover the perfect Bentley for Men fragrance that resonates with your unique individuality – Bentley for Men EDT, Bentley for Men Intense EDP, Bentley for Men Azure, Bentley for Men Silver Lake, or Bentley for Men Black Edition.

LAPHROAIG: A WHISKY WORTH KNOWING

From a storm-lashed island off the west coast of Scotland to the Southern shores of Africa, comes Laphroaig – pronounced 'la-froyg', a Gaelic word meaning 'beautiful hollow by the broad bay' – the number one Islay single malt whisky, loved the world over. Laphroaig is rich, powerful and has an unmistakable, authentic peat smoke flavour, enhanced by the salt and sea air. It's the signature taste Laphroaig drinkers crave. For over 190 years, this exceptional whisky has been made the same way – with every step and every time-honoured ingredient added just the way it was from the beginning. Laphroaig is made using peat infused water, born from the rains that collect in pools on the moorland, that drain down through the peat and into the Loch Kilbride along with only the finest barley and malting it on a simple stone floor – controlling the germination to peak at 6 days and making them one of only 8 distilleries to still malt their own barley.

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ART **FELT**

A Journey of Rediscovering Art and Inspiring Others

Monique Koning's vibrant images of women, flowers, and landscapes attract local and international clients, and her Cape Town studio hums with colour, canvases, and inspiration. But the road to an artistic career has been long and hard, and it has taken decades for her to find her way back to her creative passion.

Pnina Fenster joined Monique for an enlightening Q&A session, delving into the intricacies of her remarkable life's journey.

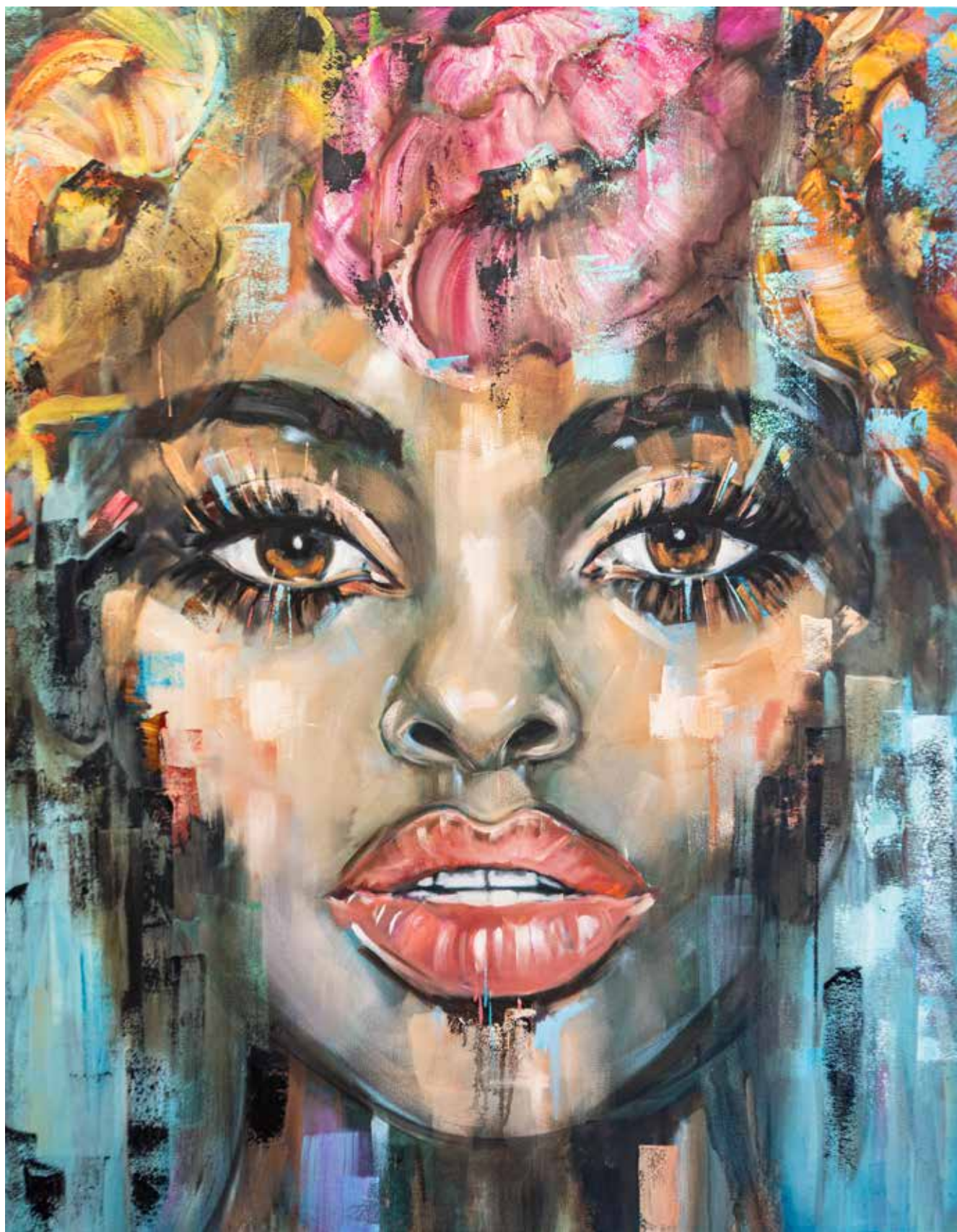
WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND?

I grew up in Port Elizabeth, one of four children born to Dutch immigrants – a hardworking housewife mother and a father who was a talented builder and property developer. My childhood was happy, and I was a dreamy, romantically minded, and a studious achiever. Art was my great love, and when I matriculated with outstanding marks for my paintings and drawings and won a bursary to study further, life promised excitement and creativity. Then tragedy struck my family: my parents decided to move back to Holland after I matriculated, and just a month later, my nine-year-old brother was killed by a car. The pain and bewilderment

were devastating, and I was so angry with God that even my art seemed futile. Instead of studying, I chose a careless gipsy life, travelling between Port Elizabeth and the Netherlands, working in boutiques and restaurants. I was 24 when I experienced another unexpected turn in the road: pregnancy. Suddenly, I was a single mother, raising my little girl with what little I earned in a part-time job at a cosmetic counter. My dreams faded as I closed myself off from any hopes of becoming an artist. I was blessed to have another daughter and a son in the following years, but a turbulent relationship shattered my sense of self.

HOW DID YOU GET BACK TO ART?

I finally realised that I needed to escape the emotional abyss, and after an acrimonious divorce, I moved to Cape Town, determined to create a new life for my three children and myself. I







worked in a call centre and then as a rental agent, barely making a living. Then, in December 2013, I was blessed with a turning point. A benefactor loaned me funds for canvases and paint, and for the first time in a decade, I was able to focus on my talent. As I began my first real artwork in years, my submerged passion emerged like a long-dormant volcano. God had given me a talent, and I would put it to good use at last. I signed that first portrait with a variation on my name – Mo Nique – and promised myself that I would persist as an artist.


HOW DID YOU BEGIN TO SELL YOUR ART?

As if by magic, I sold my first painting – a portrait of Nelson Mandela – to a client from my rental agent days. I wasn't confident enough to approach galleries, so I posted images on Facebook, designed a website, and networked as much as possible. Whatever I earned went to living costs for my family and the investment in canvas and paint, but my heart and soul went into everything I created, and I was grateful for every sale. 'Keep going' became my motto

as I rediscovered my strength, passion, and freedom. Ten years later, I have a lovely, sunny studio with beautiful views of Table Mountain and the city, and my paintings have gone all over the world, with representation at Atelier Louis in Belgium and at two Cape Town galleries, ArtTrader and You & I.

WHAT MAKES YOUR WORK SPECIAL?

People often comment on the soul and emotion in my work. The women I paint have powerful eyes, and the images of flowers and landscapes are positive and passionate. My next dream is to get into galleries in Europe and the US, and I won't stop until I'm famous! Most importantly, I want to inspire women who are dealing with trauma to claim back their lives and shine their talent in the world.

For more information, visit www.moniquepaintings.com. 

*by pnina fenster
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JOIN THE **ZIOUX** REVOLUTION

Where Freedom, Adventure, and Culinary Delight Converge

Zioux, the newest gem in the Marble Group's collection of exceptional hospitality establishments, invites you to embark on a journey of liberation, luxury, and indulgence. A champagne bar and cocktail lounge like no other, Zioux is not merely a destination; it's an escape from the urban grind, a celebration of life, and a testament to the art of letting go.





Zioux's ethos is rooted in the idea that true freedom is found in breaking the shackles of the mind and embracing the wild spirit within. It's a sanctuary where you're encouraged to let go, roam freely, and revel in the pleasures of life. Whether you seek a moment of contemplation or a night of uninhibited celebration, Zioux is your haven.

A WONDERLAND OF DESIGN AND AESTHETICS

Step inside Zioux and be transported into a realm where design meets wilderness. Renowned interior designer Irene Kyriacou has meticulously curated an environment that fuses African influences with Art Nouveau elegance. Black and white tones mirror the perspective of animals, while splashes of colour, onyx marble bars, and intricate animal motifs create a captivating visual tapestry. The décor not only stimulates the senses but also serves as a tribute to the opulence of champagne bars and supper clubs around the world.

CULINARY ADVENTURES AWAIT

Zioux's culinary experience is an exploration of flavours and textures inspired by Latin American cuisine, particularly from Mexico and Peru. The menu is a testament to the harmony between playfulness and taste, where small plates burst with vibrant flavours and main courses embrace the richness of South African heritage. From tantalizing ceviche dishes to indulgent dessert creations, every bite at Zioux is an adventure in itself.

RAISE YOUR GLASS TO FREEDOM

Elevating your dining experience is Zioux's curated selection of wines, Cap Classiques, and Champagnes, all presented in the finest Spiegelau Definition glasses. The cocktail offerings

are masterpieces in themselves. Each sip reflects a fusion of global influences and local flair, with options like Snake Eyes, Nitro Pink Panther, and the ever-popular Agua de Me-hee-ko.

UNVEILING “CLIQUE”: WHERE DINNER TRANSFORMS INTO DANCE

Zioux introduces a novel concept with “Clique,” a monthly event that marries exquisite dining with electrifying entertainment. Revel in live music, vibrant energy, and a dance-worthy atmosphere as you enjoy Zioux’s carefully crafted set menu or à la carte offerings. Clique is the ultimate blend of gastronomy and nightlife, turning your dinner into an unforgettable dance party.

Unleash your wild side at Zioux. Get ready to dress to impress and let loose in our experience space, where you will be transported to a different world, complete with acclaimed DJs, stunning decorations, captivating live entertainment, and so much more. A night out is different on Friday at Zioux.

JOIN THE REVOLUTION

Zioux beckons those who dare to step outside their comfort zones, seek refuge from the mundane, and believe that true freedom is found in embracing life to the fullest. Break free from the ordinary and journey into a world of elegance, vibrancy, and culinary excellence.

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The Tradition of the Irish Coffee

Long a staple in South African restaurants, the Irish Coffee can be as an after-dinner treat or a dessert. But where did this iconic treat have its origins?



The Irish Coffee is a traditional after-dinner drink or dessert alternative that continues to impress young and old thanks to its unique flavour combination. Coffee naturally complements the smoothness of whiskey, and the warmth of the coffee creates a harmonious and satisfying mouthfeel.

Samuel Gelston's Irish Whiskey is described as a smooth, triple-distilled single malt that smells of blackcurrant and apple, with a hint of toffee underneath. On the palate, one can taste melted chocolate, apricots and dried peels and finishes with subtle hints of cinnamon sticks. If that doesn't say, "It's a match made in coffee heaven", you haven't tried an authentic Irish Coffee yet.

Originating in Ireland, it was created in the 1940s by a man named Joe

Sheridan, a chef at Foynes Airport in County Limerick, Ireland. Foynes Airport was a busy hub for transatlantic flights at the time, and travellers often faced cold and turbulent flights.


According to the story, to warm up and comfort passengers, Joe Sheridan suggested adding Irish whiskey to hot coffee and a touch of brown sugar to sweeten, then topping it off with a layer of whipped cream. The combination of hot coffee, whiskey, and cream created a delicious and soothing drink that became known as Irish Coffee.

The most traditional recipe to try is combining a cup of hot brewed coffee with Irish Whiskey, a spoonful of brown sugar, and a layer of lightly whipped cream. The cream is carefully poured over the back of a spoon to create a distinct layer that floats on top of the coffee. Interestingly, in 2017, the village

of Foynes, Ireland, where the Irish Coffee was first created, set a Guinness World Record for the largest Irish Coffee. The drink was made using 100 litres of Irish whiskey, 200 litres of coffee, and 300 litres of cream.

Irish Coffee is an iconic representation of Irish culture and hospitality and is often associated with cosy pubs and the warmth of Irish hospitality.

Samuel Gelston's Blended Irish Whiskey is available at most leading liquor retailers and online at Takealot and www.liquordrop.co.za, and is distributed by Halewood South Africa.

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BENTLEY BATUR BY MULLINER

Personalising Tranquillity and Power

In perfect European summer weather, we were privileged to join Bentley for an exclusive test drive of the new Bentley Batur by Mulliner on the island of Tenerife.

Considering that only 18 examples of the highly anticipated Bentley Batur masterpiece will be produced, each one of them individually tailored to the exact specifications of each new owner, and all of them already spoken for, we were granted a rare glimpse into the unparalleled craftsmanship that awaits the fortunate owners of these most sought-after grand tourers.

Crafted with meticulous attention to detail by Bentley's renowned in-house bespoke and coachbuilding division, Mulliner, and inspired by the tranquil Lake Batur, nestled beneath Mount Batur, Bali's most active volcano, the Batur grand tourer exudes a sense of tranquillity and power. It captures the harmonious relationship between natural beauty and engineering prowess, embodying an extraordinary design journey.







DESIGNED FOR THE FUTURE

The Batur provides a glimpse into Bentley's future design principles, including their upcoming Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) in 2025. Redefining Bentley's iconic design DNA, the Batur effortlessly combines strength, grace, and muscularity.

The car's side profile, which the designers at Bentley refer to as the 'resting beast stance', presents a fresh interpretation of Bentley's power line and haunch, evoking the image of a poised predator. The elongated bonnet, referred to as the 'endless bonnet', creates a visual shift towards the rear, accentuating its muscular haunches.

The front features a modernised Bentley grille, a sense of 'upright elegance'.

The newly designed headlights draw inspiration from the Bacalar, while the rear showcases elegantly crafted tail lamps with a deployable spoiler, adding grace to its athletic profile.





THE ART OF SUSTAINABLE PERSONALISATION

An unparalleled level of customisation allows customers to specify the colour and finish of nearly every surface, ensuring their Batur truly reflects their individuality. Over a period that spans at least four months, every vehicle undergoes meticulous handcrafting within Mulliner's workshop, located in Bentley's carbon-neutral factory in Crewe, England.

With the Mulliner visualiser, every element becomes a playground for personal expression, from colour schemes to surface finishes. The result is a symphony of one-of-a-kind designs.

Aerodynamic enhancements are expertly crafted from lightweight carbon fibre or Bentley's Natural Fibre composite. The array of exterior brightware offers endless personalisation possibilities, including a vibrant ombre effect.

The Batur cabin features sustainable materials – including two low-carbon leather options sourced from Scotland

and Italy – and Bentley's new eco-friendly Dinamica, an excellent substitute for leather. The veneer craftsmanship introduces the option of Natural Fibre composite, along with custom etchings that capture the W12 engine's audio signature.

Recycled yarn carpets complement luxurious leather, embodying sustainable luxury. The gold used in 3D-printed parts is sourced from recycled jewellery, and to this end, Bentley offers exquisite 3D-printed gold accents, including the mesmerising Charisma Dial and gold-adorned Organ Stop vent controls. The steering wheel also features a subtle gold insert marker, adding to its automotive masterpiece status.

And this being a Bentley, the Mulliner by Nairn Audio system delivers an unrivalled sonic experience with its exclusive configuration of no less than 20 finely tuned speakers.

WITH GREAT OPULENCE COMES GREAT POWER

The Batur boasts the title of



Bentley's most powerful car ever. Its hand-assembled 6.0-litre twin-turbocharged W12 engine delivers an astounding 552 kW of power and 1,000 Nm of torque, propelling the car from zero to 100 km/h in 3.4 seconds, with a top speed of 337 km/h.

Paired with Bentley's ultra-smooth eight-speed double-clutch transmission, the W12 engine in the Batur roars to life, accompanied by an exhilarating soundtrack that resonates deep within the soul. The entire exhaust system, crafted from lightweight titanium, ensures optimal performance and delivers a reassuring and immersive auditory experience.

From the moment your foot touches the accelerator pedal, you are instantly captivated by the indomitable might of

the Bentley W12 engine.

Beyond its raw power and exclusive luxury, the driving experience unleashes a relentless assault on the senses, delivering an unparalleled fusion of exhilaration and control.


The Batur's chassis and suspension system, featuring adaptive three-chamber air springs and four-mode Drive Dynamics Control for a tailored driving experience, provide unparalleled comfort, precision, and thrills.

As breathtaking speed meets the challenge of sharp corners, reigning in this automotive masterpiece demands the exceptional stopping power of Bentley's renowned CSiC (Carbon-Silicon-Carbide) braking system.

Shod with high-performance Pirelli tires, every road becomes your personal canvas,

inviting you to explore the boundaries of exhilaration with every journey.

The Bentley Batur represents a harmonious fusion of future-forward design, sustainable luxury, and unparalleled personalisation. Combining the exceptional W12 engine with advanced chassis technology, the Batur delivers an extraordinary driving experience, transcending the ordinary and redefining the very concept of Grand Touring.

The Bentley Batur by Mulliner is a masterpiece of personal expression, embodying serenity, power, and the boundless spirit of imagination. 



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DESIGNING WOMEN

Celebrating South Africa's Female Creatives

Throughout history, women have consistently pushed boundaries and left an indelible mark on the design world. From visionary interior designers to groundbreaking architects, women have defied expectations and shattered glass ceilings. Their passion, skill, and unwavering determination have propelled the local design industry to new heights, inspiring future generations.

Women who design are a force that should not be underestimated, showcasing their unparalleled creativity and achievements. And what better time to honour their ingenuity than in the months after Women's Month? This perfect alignment allows us to pay tribute to the remarkable contributions of these visionary women. Coinciding with Women's Month, the country's leading decor and design events – Decorex Joburg, 100% Design Africa, and Design Joburg – featured a host of powerful female designers who take the local industry to the next level.

Women's Month applauds the extraordinary roles women play in all spheres of South African society, but for these three design authorities, hosting their shows during this significant time was another opportunity to celebrate

the extraordinary women of the industry.

These powerful women propel the local industry to new heights with their innovative ideas and boundary-pushing designs. By attending these events, you'll have the opportunity to witness their brilliance first-hand and be inspired by their trailblazing work.

INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Tshegofatso Mochubi is the owner and designer behind Fatso Interiors, an emerging quality-oriented interior decor brand inspired by Mochubi's combined love of fashion and art.

Bespoke home designer Kristin Hulda was at 100% Design Africa to demonstrate how you can transform your space by adding custom design elements that inspire and feed your soul, while Distinguished Living, an interior design brand headed up by Boitsheko Ganyane, created a 'Room Set' that showed off her creative prowess.



Tshegofatso Mochubi



Samri Pienaar

THE MATRI-ARCHITECTS

Matri-Archi(tecture), an association of architects, artists, planners, scholars, and thinkers working to bring African women together for the development of spatial education in African cities, presented their work on the development of the future of the African built environment to showgoers at their 100% Design Africa stand.

AWARD-WINNING PRODUCT DESIGN

A veritable doyenne of local design, Ronel Jordaan is a multiple-award-winning textile designer. Her hand-felted decor pieces and accessories, produced as part of a job-creation project she runs, are exported worldwide.

THE HOT YOUNG DESIGNER

Exhibiting as part of the Clout/SA stand at 100% Design Africa was promising newcomer Nindya

Nindya Bucktowar



Bucktowar, one-half of Durban-based bespoke ceramic studio Kalki Ceramics. Nindya and her partner Nikhil Tricam were announced winners of the 2022 Nando's Hot Young Designer Talent Search for their 'Cactus' server.

The winning piece, which was displayed at the show, turned to South African flora and desert landscapes for inspiration: 'The colours that we develop at Kalki Ceramics are often inspired by our experiences of nature ... a hike in nature, the dense forest and the colours that exist there,' said Bucktowar.

FEMALE THOUGHT LEADERS

Future of Design brought an exciting fusion of physical and digital exhibits, interactive workshops, live demonstrations, and presentations by South Africa's top design authorities, who spoke about current and future design industry issues.

There were also insightful talks from Hannerie Visser, the owner and creative director of food-focused design and brand consultancy Studio H; Tracy Lee Lynch, the designer behind Studio Lee Lynch and creative director of Clout/SA; and Georgia Black, the founder of micro-festival producers Littlelegig.



Ronel Jordaan

Kristin Hulda-Kilnbouse Collaboration





SUSTAINABLE CHAIRS DESIGNED BY WOMEN

Decorex Africa challenged local designers to create a signature chair that incorporates the five Rs — reduce, reuse, recycle, repurpose and refuse — to be showcased at the central restaurant area of both Decorex Cape Town, which took place in June, and Decorex Joburg in August.

Garnering an astounding response from renowned local designers, the display included creations from the likes of Andrea Kleinloog of Hesse Kleinloog, Sanri Pienaar, Hannerie Visser and more, including unconventional surprises

from visionary designers like maverick milliner Crystal Birch.

WHERE ART MEETS DESIGN

Candice Berman's eponymous gallery in Sandton, Johannesburg, has grown to be one of the leading contemporary art destinations in the country since its inception in 2013.

The Candice Berman Gallery at Design Joburg hosted the *Where Art Meets Design* exhibition featuring works by leading South African contemporary artists, including Robert Hodgins, Sam Nhlengethwa, Nkosinathi Thomas

Tracy Lynch (by Justin Patrick)



Ngulube, Zolile Phetshane, and John Vusi Mfupi.

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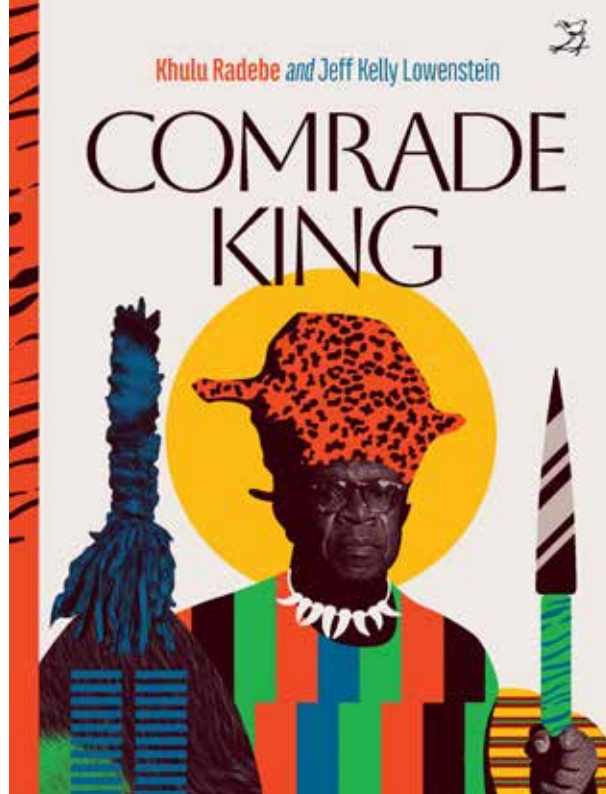


TO ENTERTAIN



SOWETO FASHION WEEK

After the worldwide explosion of this prestigious event, Soweto Fashion Week is back at it again, with twelve carefully selected designers who will have to impress and show South Africa how high their talent soars. Only a few of the twelve contestants will walk away with success on their shoulders and the opportunity to have their garments in international showrooms. For most of these designers, making it big in the fashion industry has had them push through years of hard work and self-dedication, the challenge of having to work with minimal materials and low budgets. Their chance to get noticed and revealed is everything. Soweto Fashion Week takes place in December 2023 at the Soweto Theatre, Johannesburg. Tickets available at Computicket.



COMRADE KING

As a teenager, Khulu Radebe was part of the Alexandra Township 1976 uprisings. Arrested and sent to Robben Island, he was one of the youngest prisoners. He returned to Alex and participated in the township's 1986 Six Days War. Radebe joined the armed struggle, repeatedly dodging death from the enemy and fellow MK soldiers in Angola. At age 50, and proving a prophet's prediction correct, Khulu Radebe learned about his royal roots. He was informed that he was the ruler of the AmaHlubi people of the Embo Nation of East Africa. In chronicling his extraordinary life and times, Radebe also chronicles the revolutionary path for freedom in South Africa. Alexandra Township in Johannesburg is a central character in this book, and Radebe reveals an astonishing story of the post-1990 war between Inkatha and the ANC in Alex. Gripping, bold and original, *Comrade King* is an unforgettable story.



JOBURG INTERNATIONAL MOZART FESTIVAL

The Johannesburg International Mozart Festival has been an incredible success over the years. Those with a penchant for classical music and culture will enjoy a week of fantastic concerts and cultural events. The festival style is a welcome change from the more formal style that the classics usually enjoy, and combines world-class classical performances with an innovative and creative approach to programming and outreach projects for children, students, and other audiences. The connection to Mozart stems from this great musician's ability to emerge from an authoritarian parent's influence to become one of the greatest composers that the world has ever known. He pushed the boundaries and transformed music from a rigid set of rules into something no one had seen or heard before. The JIMF takes place from 23 to 27 January 2024 at the Linder Auditorium. Tickets available from Computicket.



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GIVE HER A CROWN

*Jaguar and #GiveHerACrown Showcase
Bespoke Art Celebrating and Inspiring Women*


In August, Jaguar South Africa and #GiveHerACrown revealed the 2023 Crown Collection from the six exceptionally talented female artists participating in this year's #GiveHerACrown campaign. Championing a diverse range of artistic disciplines, the artists have created a collection aimed to inspire and encourage women across the country to embrace their individuality and differences.

Officially launched in 2020, Give Her A Crown, empowered by Jaguar, exists to change the narrative for South African women by telling the stories of the survivors, the activists, the pioneers, and the next generation. The campaign has also played an important role in uplifting female artists by providing a platform to showcase their talent and share their stories to inspire other women.

The campaign for this year saw each of the six artists create a piece aligned with the theme of "Celebrating the exquisite details of women". The result is a collection of bespoke creations labelled the Crown Collection.

Characterised by impeccable design that conveys the creator's intent to inspire and encourage women to embrace their uniqueness and individuality and their inner strength to rise and overcome challenges.

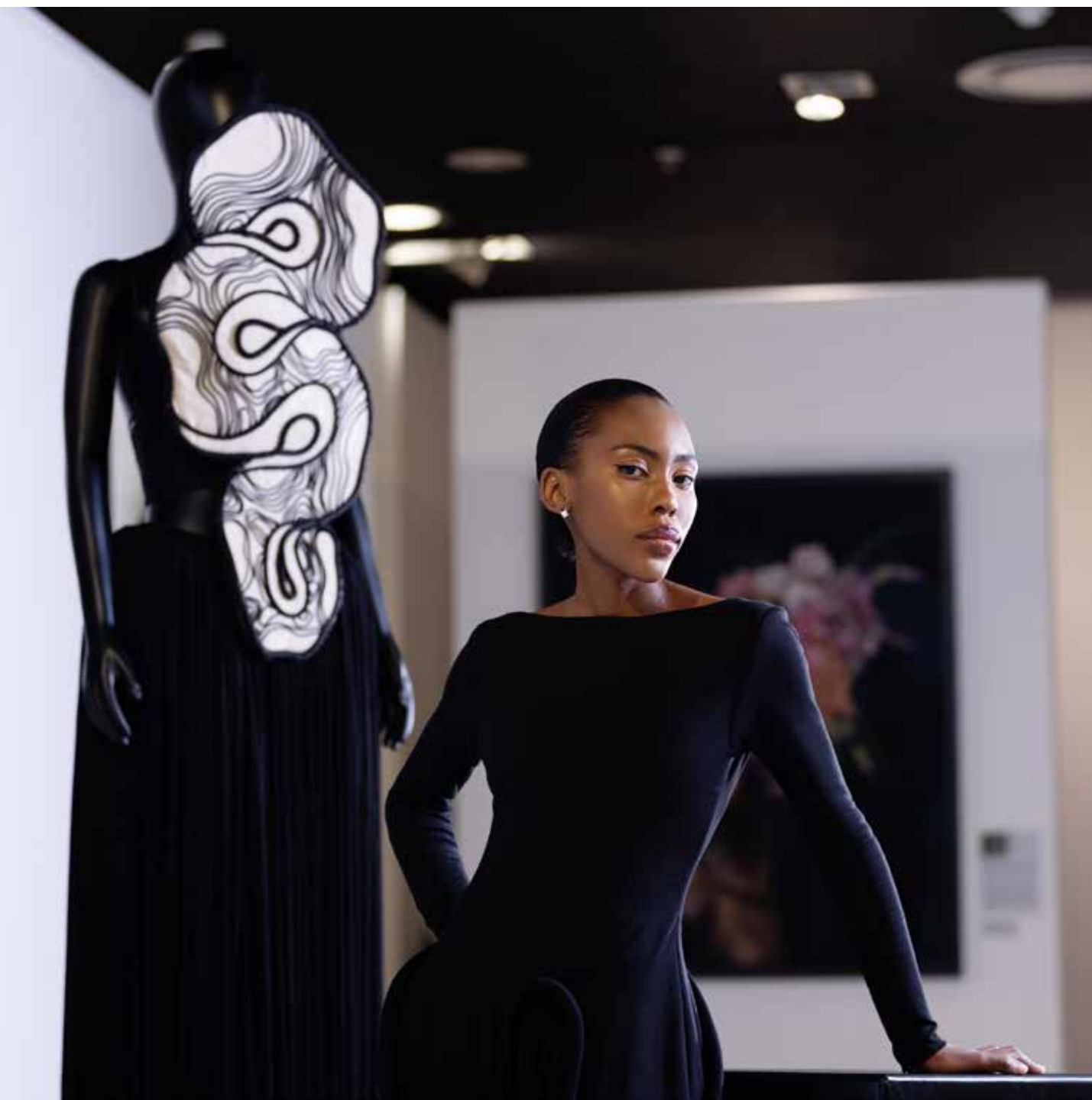
Over the years, the Crown Collection has helped raise funds to start an innovative school education campaign that uses the arts to educate learners on issues of gender equality, as well as establishing the Crown Bursary fund, which enabled deserving female creatives to work towards furthering their education in the sector.

Visit www.giveheracrown.co.za for more information, or follow @giveheracrownsa on Instagram. 





Helena Hugo, a pastel artist, created 'Daphne's Wreath' that signifies intrinsic strength, survival, and new life.



Shelley Mokoena, a fashion designer, showcased 'Ophidia' that uses the enigmatic allure of a serpent to symbolise, with every thread, the intricate process of transformation, renewal, and strength.

Sonja Swanepoel, a sculptor and environmental architect, created 'Avis fragilis', a delicate figure with a shell-like quality that shows how something fragile can also be powerful.



Beth Diane Armstrong, a steel sculptress, unveiled 'Halo', which offers women space to reflect on their strength and purity and to celebrate their femininity.



Andiswa Bhungane, an accomplished resin and acrylic painter, showcased 'Bold and Unbound', symbolising the transition from dark to light as a powerful way to represent the universal experience of overcoming negativity through female empowerment.



Lara Klawikowski, a fashion designer, revealed 'The Beauty of Resilience', an artisanal womenswear piece showcasing women's resilience and the unique and empowered beauty that emerges when a woman realises her own strength.



THE MYSTERY OF MENTALISM

Seven Facts and Myths Explained

Prepare for the ultimate paradigm shift as Larry Soffer, Africa's leading mentalist, reveals the captivating secrets behind the mesmerising art of mentalism.



With his expert insights and years of experience, Larry Soffer takes us on a journey through the history and mind-bending techniques behind the art of mentalism, that continue to leave audiences questioning the limits of human perception and belief.

FACT ONE: AN INTRIGUING HISTORY

Mentalism has a long and fascinating history involving ancient oracle readers who claimed divine connections. Influential figures like Jean Eugène Robert-Houdin and Joseph Dunninger shaped its evolution into a stage performance art form.

Tracing its roots back to the rise of spiritualism in the 19th century, modern mentalism has its foundations in the performances of mediums who claimed to communicate with the spirits of the deceased.

Mediums and their mind-reading abilities fascinated people back then, and many mentalists drew inspiration from their practices to create the

mesmerising art form we know today.

FACT TWO: MORE PSYCHOLOGY THAN MAGIC

Unknown to most, one of the key elements of mentalism lies in psychological manipulation. Mentalists employ various psychological techniques like misdirection, suggestion, and influencing thoughts or decisions to create mind-bending illusions.

These powerful techniques can shape people's perceptions and beliefs without their conscious awareness, leaving them in awe of the mentalist's abilities.

FACT THREE: MORE THAN JUST ENTERTAINMENT

The impact of mentalism extends beyond entertainment. Sigmund Freud and other notable psychologists were intrigued by mentalism, exploring its implications for understanding human perception and consciousness. Mentalism demonstrations and techniques have also been employed in psychological research to delve into topics such as suggestion, social influence, and the

limits of human perception.

This unique cross-pollination has contributed to our understanding of human cognition and the astonishing power of suggestion.

FACT FOUR: READING PEOPLE, NOT MINDS

Mentalists may appear to possess complete omniscience, knowing personal details and events in people's lives. However, mentalists employ various methods like reading body language, interacting with the audience, and using cleverly crafted scripts to gather information and create the illusion of their all-knowing abilities. They selectively reveal specific details to create a sense of astonishment, leaving audiences in awe.

MYTH ONE: MENTALISTS ARE NOT MIND CONTROLLERS

Contrary to popular misconception, mentalists do not possess the ability to control minds or manipulate people against their will. While they skilfully employ psychological techniques to create illusions, mentalism primarily thrives on suggestion, influence, and



audience participation. It's a form of entertainment that pushes the boundaries of what the mind perceives and believes to be true.

At a corporate event, Larry once encountered a woman who had become paralysed after meeting him. He knew that her self-belief and superstition were the cause, and by understanding how the mind works, he could help her regain feeling in her legs and walk again. This is the incredible impact mentalism can have on people's lives.

MYTH TWO: MENTALISTS ARE NOT SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATORS

There is a myth that mentalism is purely a form of entertainment and does not involve genuine communication with spirits or the supernatural realm.

Mentalism offers a gateway to believing in the impossible, inspiring audiences to unlock their potential and chase their dreams. An extraordinary mentalist knows how to forge a strong connection with the audience. By engaging spectators, involving them in demonstrations, and creating a personal connection, a skilled mentalist can amplify the impact of their performance.


MYTH THREE: MENTALISTS ARE A ONE-TRICK PONY

The art of mentalism requires skilful technique and constant evolution, and staying relevant and current is a constant challenge.

Larry strives to develop new and fresh routines for his shows. It's important to keep evolving and staying up to date with the trends.

Despite facing challenges like political uncertainty, recessions, and unforeseen events such as the pandemic and load shedding, Larry remains resilient, finding solutions and expanding his craft.

Through years of experience, Larry Soffer has also mastered the art of dealing with difficult volunteers who may try to disrupt his act. His expertise ensures that the show goes on seamlessly, captivating audiences with his skills and leaving sceptics amazed.

He inspires his audiences to believe in the impossible so that they can achieve their dreams. Follow @LarrySoffer or visit his website for more information at www.larrysoffer.com. 

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