

# Wavescape Festival unveils ocean-conscious lineup

The lineup for the 2018 Wavescape Surf & Ocean Festival includes several satellite events, namely the Wavescape Artboard Project, Clifton Beach Screening, Slide Night, Wavescape Film Festival, and Wesgro Blue Ocean Masterclass. The festival will take place in Cape Town between 19 November and 9 December 2018...

Wavescape will also present the world premiere of *Satori Film*, a documentary about Cape Town's big wave surfing crew, at Jack Black's Tap Room. The lineup includes the launch of a rollicking book *The Sexy, Ugly, Beautifuls, Stories: a Big Wave Surfboard Exhibition*, and Big Wave Q&A night, as well as a Beach Co-op Beach Clean Up.



Now in its 15th year, the festival has evolved this love of surf and beach culture into the fight for a greener earth and bluer ocean. Through the talks, film screenings, beach clean ups, book launches and charity events, Wavescape joins South Africa's best creative and scientific minds who use the ocean as their muse to advocate change. This includes marine biologists, conservation influencers, artists, tourist boat operators, surfers, divers, fishers, photographers, authors, filmmakers and activists.

As festival director Shani Judes says, "It's so special to showcase these amazing people and their acts of kindness, talent and genuine love for the ocean. This year we are really underlining our commitment to the elimination of single-use plastic, and our partners have agreed to do the same. There is a hard-hitting meme going around "It's only one straw," said eight billion people. That is the key. We have the power to make a difference as a collective."

Several African premieres will be screened at the festival, with the Clifton 4th Beach screening taking place on Saturday, 1 December 2018, with four nights at the Labia Cinema in town, as well as movie nights at the Jack Black Tap Room.



Cape Town surfer Matt Bromley rides a giant wave off Kommetjie, near Cape Town, on Saturday 22 September. Photo Alan van Gysen

Co-founder of Wavescape Steve Pike says: "It's special to see how our festival has grown into such a vital part of the Cape Town summer calendar, and how it brings together such a wonderful group of passionate people who are making a difference. An integral mandate of Wavescape is to remind us how crucial the ocean is to our survival, and to the earth we inhabit while embarking on a celebratory feast of ocean love and surf stoke. "

All proceeds from the event are donated to beneficiaries such as the NSRI, Waves for Change, Shark Spotters, the 9 Miles Project, Ocean Pledge, Beach Co-op and South African Adaptive Surfing.

## Wavescape Festival programme 2018

9-15 November: *Stories*: a Big Wave Surfboard Exhibition, Jack Black Tap Room

15 November: Big Wave Surfboard Q&A, Jack Black Tap Room

19-28 November: Wavescape Art Board Exhibition at Jack Black Brewery

24 November: Satori Film Premiere at the Jack Black Brewery

28 November: ArtBoard Auction with Nik Rabinowitz at Jack Black Brewery

30th November: *The Sexy Ugly Beautifuls* book launch at Rolling Wood, with John McCarthy

1 December: Clifton 4th Beach Outdoor Screening

3 December: Slide Night at Centre for the Book

5 December: Wesgro Blue Ocean Master Class

6-9 December: Wavescape Film Festival at the Labia Theatre

1 or 2 December: Beach Clean Up hosted by BEACH Co-op

1-2 Dec and 8-9 December - Swim Free Confidence courses by John McCarthy

For more info go to [www.wavescapefestival.com](http://www.wavescapefestival.com)