

The Drama Factory hosts Women's Month Festival

The Drama Factory has announced the inaugural Women's Month Festival - Your Voice, Your Stage.



Image supplied: Sophie Jones in *Île*

Coinciding with National Women's Month, the festival line-up features comedy, music, drama and discussion panels, all presented by women, sharing stories about women and performed by some of South Africa's most amazing women.

"We were delighted to receive applications from these very talented producers, with some exciting shows available to mark our first Festival," says festival co-producer, Faeron Wheeler. "One of the highlights of the festival is sure to be *Île*, performed by Sophie Joans, and which comes to us hot off the National Arts Festival, where it received a prestigious Gold Standard Bank Ovation Award."

What to expect

Île follows the story of a young girl who goes to visit her ancestral home: Mauritius. What she thought would be a nostalgic trip to a tropical island to connect with her late grandfather and meet her extended family gets all too real as darker characters emerge from the undergrowth of the volcanic island. *Île* is a heart-warming, hilarious story of coming-of-age, family feuds, and the insanity that happens when people stay in the same place for too long.

Get ready to laugh on Friday night with a brilliant stand-up comedy show which is being put together by Nicola Date and

Saya Pierce-Jones, two much-loved comedians who have both made a name for themselves in the comedy circuits around Cape Town. They promise to bring some very funny ladies to join them on stage!



Image supplied: *Your Perfect Life* will show at The Drama Factory's Women's Month Festival

No arts festival celebrating National Women's Month in South Africa would be complete without some engaging conversations about the roles of women in the arts industry. Join the panel discussion centred around the business of the arts and how women are impacted by the various aspects of the industry.

Other productions in the festival line-up include recent Silver Standard Bank Ovation Award recipient *My Weight and Why I Carry It*, *The Shell Singer*, *Sassy Winter Classics* and a new production, *Insecure*, from Silumko Theatre Company.

Performed by Tasmin Sherman and directed by Ingrid Wylde, *My Weight and Why I Carry It* is one girl's story about the most important piece of clothing in a young woman's life: a bikini. The play tells the tale of Vic and the events that led her to present herself in front of a strange audience, tackling tough subjects such as fatphobia, tenuous family relationships, and the ways that a simple piece of clothing can impact one's life so meaningfully.

Insecure is a brand-new piece that has been workshopped by the cast and directed by Mava Silumko, who was nominated for the Best New Director Award at the Fleur Du Cap Theatre Awards 2022. *Insecure* is performed by Yongisipho Mtimkhulu, Zizipho Cadu, Sinazo Guga and Buhle Sam.



WOMEN'S MONTH FESTIVAL
Your voice, your stage

16 - 21 AUG 2022

TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
16	17	18	19	20	21
7-8pm ile (Spark in the Dark) ... 8:30-9:30pm The Shell Singer (Marina Productions)	7-8pm Die Goeie Pa (Unlikely Productions) ... 8:30-9:30pm Insecure (Silumko Theatre Company)	7-8pm My Weight and Why I Carry It (Fishnet Features) ... 8:30-9:30pm Insecure (Silumko Theatre Company)	7-8pm Your Perfect Life (F Creations) ... 8:30-10pm Ladies Night Comedy (Compass Rose Collection)	11:30-12:30 The Business of the Arts (Panel discussion) ... 3-4pm Your Perfect Life (F Creations) ... 7-8pm My Weight and Why I Carry It (Fishnet Features) ... 8:30-9:30pm ile (Spark in the Dark)	1-2pm Die Goeie Pa (Unlikely Productions) ... 3-4pm The Shell Singer (Marina Productions) ... 6-7pm Sassy Winter Classics (The Drama Factory)

BOOKINGS VIA THEDRAMAFACORY.CO.ZA

Returning to The Drama Factory is *Die Goeie Pa* and two-time Standard Bank Ovation Award recipient *Your Perfect Life*.

Die Goeie Pa features Erika Marais, who was nominated for Best Actress for her portrayal of Eleanor Kasrils in *The Unlikely Secret Agent*. It is directed by Fleur du Cap Award-winning director Paul du Toit. A happy family. A good father. But every family has something to hide. *Die Goeie Pa* explores the dramatic journey of three characters, a mother and her twin daughters, and the psychological effects of their abuse: denial, guilt, jealousy and Stockholm Syndrome.

A woman should have it all – a career and a family! But what if you don't? Karlien and Caitlyn are at their 20-year reunion, bracing for the "What have you been up to?" questions. One has the family, the other the career. Neither is sure they have what they want. *Your Perfect Life* is a poignant and funny look at how life can take unexpected turns and how society judges us for dealing with it the best way we can.

The festival will take place from 16-21 August. Bookings can be made [here](https://www.bizcommunity.com).