

2018 MCQP theme is revealed

The theme for MCQP's 25th annual costume party has been revealed. Returning to the Cape Town Stadium on 15 December 2018, this year's theme is 'drag race'.

The Collins dictionary defines the term drag race as “a race between vehicles to test their acceleration from a complete stop, especially between specially designed cars on a short, straight course.” This definition will no doubt conjure up a favourite film scene for many, as drag races are depicted as a dramatic climax in several classic movies released during the last couple of decades.



Sasha Le Strange - Photography by Joffrey Hyman

For others, 'drag race' is synonymous with the American reality TV show *RuPaul's Drag Race*, which has been renewed for the 11th season and celebrates drag queens of any sexual orientation or gender identity in all their fabulousness.

Says Ian McMahon, director of MCQP: “I’m pretty sure everyone will agree that this year’s theme offers the most diverse opportunity for all MCQP enthusiasts to create teams of any outfits or costumes that can range from the most extreme masculine – racing car teams - to the absolutely fabulous strutting their stuff in high heels, the most outrageously sexy dresses, while wearing the most OTT wigs, eyelashes and heavy makeup - and everything in between. Expect to see muscle cars, touring bikes and lots of on-the-track grease and muscle.”

He adds: “With MCQP Presents: Drag Race there will most certainly not be a limitation on just how creative those attending can be, as it without a doubt embraces the diversity of our South African societies and above all else, recognises each individual’s uniqueness and authenticity - something that is close to our heart as the organisers of the event. We have created team ticket packages that help team spirit and offers big discounts to promote putting teams together. Will you be ‘Sexy Sennas’, ‘Manly Mansells’, or ‘Louder Laudas?’”

Returning to Cape Town Stadium

Project manager of MCQP, Candice Heyns, further enthuses: “We’re tremendously excited to return to the Cape Town

Stadium after five years as not only was this venue a firm favourite with MCQP fans in the past but is just as iconic part of the Mother City's 'make up' as what MCQP is. Flying over Cape Town, one almost expects a wink from what looks like an 'eye in the sky', perfectly adorned with what looks like heavy eyeliner. Every dance floor will be indoors to help with Cape Town's notorious wind in December."



Media personality and model Ewan Strydom, International DJ and project manager of MCQP Candice Heyns, and performer Sasha Le Strange -
Photography by Joffrey Hyman

So which way will MCQP itself "swing" this year - more to the masculinity of the theme, or the feminine side? "Don't limit us either in our creativity. As usual, we have some very clever tricks up our sleeve with MCQP Presents: Drag Race, so just like everyone else, we don't want to reveal too much prior to the actual event of what the venue will be dressed like. But one only has to look back at the last 24 years to see that when MCQP presents something, we present it big, original, creative and above all else - in a way that takes everyone pleasantly by surprise" replies Heyns.

MCQP Presents: Drag Race will once again offer a variety of dance floors, some of the best DJs from around the world, and several areas where drag racers can chill and take in what promises to be one of the best nights of the December festivities. MCQP's full lineup will be announced soon.

Early bird tickets, starting at R370 for general access, R1,500 for VIP tickets, as well as several other team package options are now available at www.quicket.co.za.

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