

Kau steals show at Nando's Comedy Fest 2012

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Can we have Brian Haner strum the South African national anthem at every sporting event from here on? The man is a genius on guitar; his passionate rendition of Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika gave me goose bumps and made my heart swell with pride. Haner is the host of this year's Nando's Comedy Festival, currently on its last leg at the Artscape, Cape Town. While Haner stole my heart, David Kau stole the show.



Kau's dead-pan delivery, combined with his fresh perspective on the average South African's priorities in the 21st century, makes for some side-splitting laughter - the young man seated next to me was practically convulsing off his seat. Thank goodness for humour; comedy can address just about any pertinent issue without ruffling too many feathers.

The Graça Showdown winner known as Schalkie definitely deserves a high-five, and a mention too; it was his first time on a big stage and he held his own with some of the biggest acts in comedy. His timing, his play with accents, and his delivery were outstanding. Expect to see this "rugby-loving" young blood on a stage near you - he's a worthy addition to the industry.

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If variety is the spice of life, this comedy fest was overwhelmingly flavourful. Yes, six out of eight of the comedians are from the States, but their sets were so unique - not just in terms of the material, but in the delivery as well. Loni Love embodied the feisty big, black woman stereotype and told it like it is (and she did fly 12 hours to do so). Michael Winslow, known well for his role in Police Academy, makes your average beatboxer look ... well, a little more average than usual. Louis Katz is not the sort of comedian you watch with your parents, if you know what I mean. Lil Rel's parents have larger-than-life personalities, which he brings to life, and the loud, in-your-face Orlando Jones would like to clarify that he is neither Samuel L Jackson, nor did he father Tyler James Williams of Everybody Hates Chris fame.

The Nando's Comedy Festival delivered this year beyond my expectations - I never expect the internationals to entertain me as well as our local comedians do, but they did. On in Cape Town until Sunday, 9 September, this show is well worth checking out.

Ticket costs range from R180 to R220. For more info call +27 (0)76 392 8734 or go to www.comedyfestival.co.za. Book at www.computicket.com or at any Computicket outlet; tickets are also available at the door.

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