

# CLARENS ARTS FESTIVAL

## Programme

24-27 April  
2026

Including an exhibition  
by world-renowned  
sculptor Anton Smit



25 APRIL  
SATURDAY

## 24 APRIL FRIDAY

- 11:30 **Holding Form** - Kara Schoeman  
Art Therapy Workshop | Clarens Art Studio | R 550
- 14:30 **Free State, Free Verse** - Siphokazi Jonas,  
Professor Rethabile Possa, Helena  
Hettema & Zamakuhle Madinana  
with Lomile Mokoena  
Poetry Session | Protea Hotel | FREE
- 15:00 **Prophetic Art** - Loezytha Maritz  
Workshop | Holy Grinds Café | R 645
- 17:00 **My Ma** - Antjie Krog met Ruda Landman  
Boeke & Skrywers | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 18:15 **A Night at the Museum** - Clarens Dinosaurs  
Kids Event | Clarens Dinosaurs @ Country Centre |  
R 150 / R 180
- 19:00 **The Art of the Night Sky** - Clarens  
Stargazing Tours  
Nature Event | Il Castello Hotel | R 350
- 19:00 **Odeion String Quartet and Friends** -  
Samantha Durrant, Sharon de Kock,  
Jeanne-Louise Moolman, Anmari van der  
Westhuizen with Nonzwakazi and  
Megan-Geoffrey Prins  
Music | Clarens Golf Club | R 250
- 20:30 **Amy Winehouse: The Diva and Her  
Demons** - Kerry Hiles, Kristo Zondagh, Rob  
Thompson  
Music | Charlie's Café | R 190

- 04:15 **Dawn at the Edge of Time** - Dr Gideon  
Groenewald & Charl Wessels  
Nature Outing | Golden Gate Highlands National Park |  
R 550
- 08:00 **Op Bloed se Spoor** - Marieta Carrick,  
Dibi Breytenbach met Leon van Nierop  
Boeke & Skrywers | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 09:00 **Eco Printing** - Margie Jordaan  
Workshop | Clarens Primary School | R 810
- 09:00 **iColor for Kids** - Adri Heyns  
Kids Workshop | Posthouse Restaurant | R 300
- 10:00 **What the Future Holds for SA's  
Economy** - Dawie Roodt  
Books & Authors | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 11:00 **Charcoal Making & Drawing** - Kara Schoeman  
Workshop | Voetstoots | R 550
- 11:00 **Kids Ceramic Cup Painting** - Cassandra Korb  
Kids Workshop | Vonk Pottery | R 350
- 12:00 **Bacchus tot Bekker** - Amore Bekker  
Teater | Clarens Primêre Skool | R 200
- 13:00 **Sip & Paint** - Jané de Villiers  
Workshop | Posthouse Restaurant | R 450
- 13:00 **Hooked on Books** - Wiggly & Wiggly  
Kids Event | Clarens Golf Club | R 110
- 13:30 **Breaking the Gangster State** - Justice  
Edwin Cameron, Sohela Surajpal, Kyle  
Cowan with Ferial Haffajee  
Books & Authors | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 15:30 **Under Milk Wood** - Ruda Landman,  
André Odendaal, Kim Cloete, Tobie Cronje,  
Murray Todd, Fiona Ramsey  
Theatre | Protea Hotel | R 200
- 17:30 **Seun** - Wilhelm van der Walt  
Teater | Clarens Primêre SKool | R 220
- 19:30 **Dining with the Writers** - Lindiwe Hani,  
Ruda Landman, Yewande Omotoso,  
Bronwyn Williams with Michele Magwood  
Books & Authors | 360 Country Hotel | R 500
- 20:00 **Rooiwyn & Green Sigarettes Kabaret** -  
Kate Rok & Christof van der Berg  
Musiek | Clarens Gholf Klub | R 200



**26** APRIL  
SUNDAY

- 07:30 **Surrender Hill & Hidden Caves** - Charl Wessels  
Nature Outing | Surrender Hill & Meiringskloof | R 350
- 09:00 **Nature is Art: Forest Mandala Land Art** -  
Clarens Stargazing Tours  
Workshop | Clarens Village Conservancy | R 430
- 09:00 **Family Nature Walk** - CVC Rangers  
Nature Outing | Clarens Village Conservancy | R 25 / R 40
- 09:00 **Dana oor Rugby, Reise en die Army** -  
Dana Snyman met Jaco Strydom  
Boeke & Skrywers | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 11:00 **Your First True Love is Your Father** - Lindiwe  
Hani, Yewande Omotoso with Melinda Ferguson  
Books & Authors | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 11:00 **iColor: The Simple Act of Colouring** - Ashley  
Thatcher  
Workshop | Posthouse Restaurant | R 550
- 11:30 **The Hills are Alive!** - Bloemfontein Children's  
Choir  
Music | NG Church | R 150
- 12:45 **Cook & Dine** - Elmarie Berry  
Workshop | Titanic View Guesthouse | R 750
- 13:00 **Smelly Socks and the Enormous Crocodile**  
Puppet Show | 422 Berg Street | R 100
- 13:00 **How to Embrace A.I.** - Bronwyn Williams, Dion  
Chang with Professor Jared McDonald  
Books & Authors | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 13:00 **The Mississippi and Me** - Guenter Nerlich  
Music | Clarens Golf Club | R 180
- 15:30 **Books that Built Me** - Justice Edwin  
Cameron, Siphokazi Jonas, Dawie Roodt,  
Professor Rethabile Possa with Michele  
Magwood  
Books & Authors | Protea Hotel | R 120
- 17:30 **My Favourite Things** - Charl du Plessis  
Music | Clarens Primay School | R 200
- 19:30 **Jazz Latin Pop** - Josh Hein Elvis  
Music | Charlie's Café | R 180
- 19:30 **Eet saam met die Skrywers** - Kyle  
Cowan, Dana Snyman, Jaco Strydom,  
Leon van Nierop met Elna Rossouw  
Boeke & Skrywers | 360 Country Hotel | R 500

**27** APRIL  
MONDAY

- 09:00 **Sandstone Houses and Spectacular  
Gardens** - Jacqueline Kalley, Professor  
Kathy Munro with Michele Magwood  
Books & Authors | 360 Country Hotel | R 120
- 09:00 **Introduction to Handbuilding Pottery  
Techniques** - Cassandra Korb  
Workshop | Vonk Pottery | R 1050
- 11:00 **Hooked on Books** - Bumper Show  
Kids Event | Clarens Golf Club | R 120
- 11:00 **Ingrid: 'n Vlam in die Sneeu** -  
Lizelle Pike  
Teater | Clarens Primère Skool | R 200
- 11:00 **Writing Your Way Through Pain and  
Grief** - Melinda Ferguson  
Workshop | Protea Hotel | R 450
- 13:00 **Pets: The Heartbeat at our Feet** - Dion  
Chang with Manie van Schalkwyk  
Books & Authors | Clarens Primary School | R 120
- 15:00 **Dare & Dream** - Lily & Bear, Kate Rok  
Music | Titanic View Guesthouse | R 180

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Clarens Arts Festival



# VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

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Widely celebrated for his powerful monumental heads and sculptures, which explore themes of suffering, reconciliation, triumph, and transcendence, **Anton Smit's** works feature prominently in both public and private collections locally and around the world. We could not be more proud to host this world-renowned artist. The exhibition can be found at the NG Church Pastorie Gardens, 255 Main Street.

Debuting at the festival, **Highveld Ceramics: Curated** will be showcasing artists selected for their distinctive contributions to this ancient discipline. From innovative contemporary works to traditional and oriental-inspired vessels, this exhibition highlights finely crafted clay pieces and offers an immersive experience celebrating the dialogue between artist and clay, with the material's raw beauty at centre stage. Hosted at Clarens Interiors, 279 Main Street.

**Basotho Blanket Exhibition** - Celebrate Young Basotho Designers, the iconic Basotho Heritage Blankets and The My Africa Designer Collection. Learn the stories behind each design and enjoy the creativity on display.

Our visual arts exhibition brings together some of the finest and most enthralling artists South Africa has to offer. From oils and watercolour to ceramics and sculptures, there is sure to be something to suit everyone's fancy. The visual arts exhibition can be found under the marquee on the town square throughout the fifth annual Clarens Arts Festival.

**Exhibition open times:**

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.



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our exhibiting artists here  
[www.clarensartsfestival.co.za](http://www.clarensartsfestival.co.za)