

Walkers waddle to support African penguin

The 5th annual Penguin Promises Waddle for a Week started on Monday (13 April) and ends on Saturday.

The group of Waddlers started in Gansbaai, walking their way to Simon's Town in a bid to raise awareness about the plight of the endangered African penguin. The group of 16 tackling the 120km walk consists of animal keepers from around the country, as well as other animal enthusiasts and environmental supporters.

The endangered African penguin is only found along the Southern African coastline. They occur nowhere else in the world. Their distribution stretches from Namibia in the west, to Algoa Bay in the east. These enigmatic birds face extinction in the wild as their numbers continue to decline dramatically. Loss of food source due to overfishing, climate change and habitat destruction are just some of the factors taking their toll.

Behavioural change

The Penguin Promises Waddle for a Week was started in 2011 as an AKAA (Animal Keepers Association of Africa) initiative en-



Walk with waddlers to help the endangered African penguin.

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couraging people to make a behavioural change and through that, make a positive impact on the environment. The initiative has grown to incorporate Waddlers from around the country.

Readers can help the African penguin and the Waddlers simply by promising to make

a change in their daily lives. These promises are funneled through the Penguin Promises campaign and need to be submitted to ipromise@penguinpromises.com.

Promises should be kept simple and doable. So, why not make a promise to stop using plastic bags and straws? Or how about

swapping your water guzzling bath for a quick shower? Others include eating only sustainably sourced seafood, planting indigenous plants in your garden, adhering to the water by-laws and teaching others about the plight of the African penguin.

Positive impact

These changes can have an immense positive impact on the environment when they are made collectively. The Waddle for a Week and the Penguin Promises campaign are not fundraisers, instead they aim to facilitate long-term behavior change.

On the final day of the Waddle on Saturday, the group will depart from Muizenberg and will walk to Simon's Town. On this leg, they would love to see as many Capetonians and visitors as possible join them. Dress in black and white and show your love and support of the African penguin. Leave Muizenberg (Surfer's Corner) at 09:00 and reach Simon's Town at approximately 13:00.

For further information, visit www.penguinpromises.com or email Hayley McLellan on hayley.mclellan@aquarium.co.za.

Kani play at Artscape a boon for Grade 12s

The return of the English setwork play *Nothing but the truth* at Artscape will provide local Grade 12 learners with an educational boost.

The play is an Artscape production in association with the Sityasanga Cape Town Theatre Company and will be performed at Artscape from 6 to 13 May.

Supported by the Western Cape education department and the HCI Foundation, *Nothing but the Truth* forms part of the Artscape educational youth development programme that aims to promote social cohesion, good citizenship and empowerment through the arts. The 2015 programme intends to foster multi-cultural consciousness while honouring the legacy of Mandela.

The production is written by South Africa's theatre icon John Kani whose work has been widely performed around the world, including New York, where he and Winston Ntshona won a Tony Award in 1975 for *Sizwe Bansi Is Dead* and *The Island*. He has also won numerous awards such as the Safta Life Time Award, Avanti Hall of Fame Award, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation Award and was also voted 51st in the Top 100 Great South Africans in 2004.

Nothing but the Truth is aimed at Grade 12 English learners, who will get the opportunity to experience the play which is taught as literature.

The two-hour play will be presented as a full stage production that will also appeal to the general public.

The purpose of the educational programme is to assist Grade 12 learners academically by presenting plays which are taught as

literature on a theatre stage, therefore putting it in its intended setting," says Marlene Le Roux, director for Artscape Audience Development and Education.

"We will also be introducing learners to theatre and drama production of a high quality, thereby building the audience of the future," concluded Marlene.

Directed by Fatima Dike, *Nothing but the Truth* is a three cast production offering a thought provoking story of our recent past, a historical education of Apartheid and the struggle for freedom of our people. The play is about a man coming to terms with the past by letting out every bit of resentment and hatred about the past he has been harbouring.

It is a direct play on how some people saw the TRC as an excuse that allowed people who were guilty of all sorts of crimes against humanity to be set free without paying the price.

The production features well known TV personalities Chris Gxalaba (*Soul City*, *Home Affairs* and *Stokvel*), Zoliswa Kawe (*Intersections*, *Montana* and *Interrogation Room*) and Noxolo Bodlani (*Listen to the Silence*, *The Girl Child* as well as *The Suit*).

Performance dates:

- 6 May at 10:30 and 14:00
- 7 May at 10:30 and 14:00
- 8 May at 10:30 and 14:00
- 11 May at 10:30 and 14:00
- 12 May at 10:30 and 14:00
- 13 May at 10:30 and 14:00

For more information on the production and ticket bookings (at R40 per person), please contact Artscape Box Office or Artscape Dial-a-Seat on 021 410 9867

What's up | Wat's Waar

► **The Oude Libertas art gallery** will open *Horse*, a new mixed media exhibition, on Wednesday 15 April from 18:00 for 18:30 with guest speaker Professor Wim de Villiers. The exhibition, which runs until Friday 8 May, features work by various artists as well as Arts Township International, Greatmore Studios and Handspring Puppet Company. Visit oudelibertas.co.za for a full list of artists and more information.

► **The District Six Museum Homecoming Centre** will be hosting an exhibition of work by James Vicary Thackway from Thursday 16 April to Friday 15 May. District Six: Its Clay Soil Speaks will be open Mondays to Saturdays from 09:00 to 16:00 and entrance is free. Visit www.districtsix.co.za for more information.

► **The Elvis Club** will meet at 14:00 on Saturday 18 April to have a look at the original books adapted into Elvis films, after which the comedy *Live a Little Love a Little* will be screened. Entrance cost R40 for visitors, but the first visit is free. Call Annemarie on 083 442 6750 or email info@elvisafrica.com for more information or to book.

► **The annual Jonkershoek Fire and Fynbos Awareness Day** takes place at Liefvland Wine Estate from 08:00 to 16:00 on Sunday 19 April. The day will include helicopter and firefighting displays along with exhibits and activities for little ones. Entry for the event is free but parents can also purchase passports for children to take part in special activities like fire truck rides and tree swings or register for the trail run. Visit www.vws.org.za for more.

► **An Intimate Evening with Jani Allan** will be hosted at 6 Spin Street in CBD on Monday 20 April where Jani will offer a sneak preview of her new memoir, *Jani Confidential*, over dinner. Jani will be in conversation with Cape Argus books editor Vivien Horler as she allows us a glimpse into her riches-to-rags life. Tickets cost R350 from www.webtickets.co.za.

► **Smith Studio** in Church Street, CBD, will be hosting an exhibition of new paintings by Zimbabwean born, Chicago based artist Grace Cross until Thursday 30 April. In her first solo exhibition, titled *Pleasuring Ground*, the artist offers us glimpses into a subliminal fragmented territory of her own making. Visit www.smithstudio.co.za for more information.

► **The Franschhoek Wedding Showcase** will be on at Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa from 10:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 18 April. Tickets cost R80 and are available at www.webtickets.co.za. Visit www.franschhoekweddingsshowcase.co.za for more information.

► **The Galileo Open Air Cinema** runs at Hillcrest Quarry on Tuesdays, at Kirstenbosch Gardens on Wednesdays and at the V&A Waterfront on Thursdays until 23 April. Visit www.thegalileo.co.za for movie listings and tickets.

► **Object Transfigured**, a still life exhibition featuring exemplary paintings of the mundane elevated into objects of aesthetic transcendence will be on display at the WALL gallery, on the second floor of the Old Port Captain's Building at the V&A Waterfront until Saturday 9 May. The gallery is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 18:00. Call 021 418 1953 for more information.

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Siemens Toastmasters is a community club and invites members of the public to learn public speaking. The next meeting is on 16 April from 18:00 to 20:15 at Siemens House in the Tygerberg office park, Uys Krige Drive. Cost is R25 and booking is essential due to security. Contact Eric on 082 855 8092 or info@siemenstoastmasters.co.za for more information.

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