

# Soap-a-thon



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Improguise, South Africa's longest running improvisation company, celebrates its 20th anniversary with an improvised soap opera marathon. All proceeds from the 12-hour event (which takes place on Saturday 27 October at The Little Theatre in Cape Town) will go to Rape Crisis.



The Soap-a-thon takes the idea of an improvised performance to extreme levels. Improguise actors will create seven 70-minute episodes as well as a 90-minute finale. The show will feature a range of characters living in a fictional harbour town and will explore the typical soapie themes of love, revenge, divorce, medical issues, and family life.

## All improvised

Most of the actors (including TheatreSports veterans Tandi Buchan, Leon Clingman, Candice D'Arcy, Anne Hirsch, Megan Furniss, and Heather Mac) will try to perform for the full 12 hours. As a result, Improguise is challenging audience members to watch the entire show. "We can't give away the story even if we wanted to because it is all going to be improvised," said artistic director Tandi Buchan. "We will all be just as surprised as our audiences!"

*The Soap-a-thon takes place at [The Little Theatre](#) on UCT's Hiddingh Campus from 10am to 10pm. Tickets are available from [Webtickets](#) and cost R60 for each episode, but there is a discount for bookings more than four episodes. For more information on Rape Crisis and how you can help, go to [www.rapecrisis.org.za](http://www.rapecrisis.org.za).*

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