

Alan Committie: No, seriously?

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After a year that involved [defending the caveman](#) and getting up to some [funny business](#), comedian Alan Committie's new one-man show is now on at Cape Town's Theatre on the Bay. The two-hour performance features the return of his crazy characters, failed auditions from So You Think You Can Dance, and a Q&A session that puts his improvisation skills to the ultimate test.



"The best way to describe my new show is to say that it will be a comedy of two halves," Committie said. "The first half will be before the interval and performed at the beginning of the evening. The second half of the show will be later on in the night." Seriously though, you can expect plenty of sharp jokes (and blunt puns) on topics ranging from Batman and blood pressure to shopping malls and sharks. And let's not forget about his hilarious take on how South African education could be saved by taking inspiration from 50 Shades Of Grey.

Improvising based on our reactions

One of the best things about Alan Committie is his impressive ability to get the audience involved by improvising based on our reactions (or lack thereof). In this show, he takes that one step further by letting people tweet and SMS questions that he answers later on. (I asked what inspires his humour and he confessed that all his jokes are written by an 89-year-old woman who lives in Brackenfell and who he visits for collections once a week.) It takes serious skill to stay on your toes like that and makes this performance worth checking out. No, seriously.

No, Seriously? (PG13) is on at Cape Town's [Theatre on the Bay](#) until 5 January (with a special performance on New Year's Eve) before moving to [Pieter Toerien's Main Theatre](#) in Joburg from 30 January to 3 March. Tickets are available from [Computicket](#). For more information, go to www.alancommittie.co.za.

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