

Catch 5 top SA comedians at the Big 5 Comedy Show

The Big 5 Comedy Show supported by Comedy Central will return to the Teatro at Montecasino in Johannesburg on 27-28 July 2018. This year's five participants are Stuart Taylor, Jason Goliath, Tumi Morake, Joey Rasdien, and John Vlismas.

The show also features the legendary DJ Ready D who is set to create an electric atmosphere with his scratching and mixing skills.



Collectively these comics have some of the most impressive résumés in South Africa. From hosting TV shows and starring in movies, to performing comedy shows that pack out festivals and theatres across the globe, this is an ensemble quite unlike any other.

The Big 5 Comedy Show supported by Comedy Central was sold-out last year in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, and Johannesburg. Each comedian has achieved national and global notoriety with their unique styles and showmanship.

For more than 20 years, John Vlismas has deftly walked the line between underground, alternative, and mainstream comedy. He is recognised as the founder of alternative comedy in this country and still pushes the boundaries in terms of edgy comedy. His particular brand of strange and hilarious has charmed local and international audiences alike. His absurd worldview has the rare ability to resonate across any audience. He has performed and acted in all kinds of venues from seedy bars to the Royal Albert Hall. He's odd, he's mad, and he's sharp!

Joey Rasdien is the face of a new generation of South African comedy. He is instantly recognisable thanks to his roles in movies such as *Running Riot*, *Bunny Chow*, *Vaatjie Sien Sy Gat*, *Dollars and White Pipes*, *Outrageous*, and *Blitz Patrollie*. His stand-up comedy style is absurd yet thought-provoking.

Tumi Morake's edgy and unpredictable brand of comedy has wowed audiences around the globe. She has earned her place as the headliner in comedy and was the first woman to host Comedy Central Presents on African soil and took her one-woman show to the famed Edinburgh Festival in Scotland in 2013.

With a commanding stage presence, ridiculous amounts of energy and a character-based set focused on making audiences laugh at life's uncomfortable truths, Jason Goliath has performed around the country and the globe. In 2015, he was recognised as one of Africa's best comedians and invited to represent Africa in Montreal, Canada, at the Just For Laughs Festival. He is the proud co-owner of Africa's first premium comedy club in Melrose Arch, The Goliath Comedy Club, and epitomises the new, urban voice of South African comedy.

Stuart Taylor won the prestigious Ovation Award and Overall Best Comedy award at the National Arts Festival, and the Show Time Award for best solo performance. Internationally, he has performed to critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the Berlin International Comedy Festival, New Zealand International Comedy Festival and the Montreaux Comedy festival in Switzerland.

Tickets are available at Computicket and start from R150 to R300. The show is rated PG 16.

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