

NEW ADDITIONS TO AFROPUNK JOBURG LINEUP ANNOUNCED
BATTLE OF THE BANDS BEGINS
FIND OUT ABOUT THE SPINTHRIFT MARKET, BITES & BEATS AND ACTIVISM ROW

The first AFROPUNK in Africa takes place at Johannesburg's Constitution Hill at the end of 2017 and exciting new additions to the lineup have just been announced. Thanks to AFROPUNK Presents Battle Of The Bands, a hot new South African act will also be gracing the stage. AFROPUNK is a hotbed of creativity and activism, so of course there will be a variety of vendors and activities to look forward to at AFROPUNK Joburg on the 30th and 31st of December.

Among the performers newly added to AFROPUNK Joburg's already amazing musical offering are Cape Town's **Petite Noir** and **DOOKOOM**, **Radio 123** from Johannesburg, Ghanaian-American **Blitz The Ambassador**, Mozambique's **Azagaia**, as well as Joburg's **Kid Fonque**, **DJ Kenzhero**, **Just Themba**, **DJ Doowap**, **Tha Cutt**, **Themba Lunacy** and a DJ collective from Braamfontein's femme-centric night **The Pussy Party**. Also DJing during the festivities will be Cape Tonian **The Alvhinator** and France's **Anais B**.

These artists complete the AFROPUNK Joburg lineup made up of **Solange**, **Anderson .Paak** and **The Free Nationals**, **King Tha Vs Blk Jks**, **Laura Mvula**, **Black Motion**, **Theo Parrish**, **The Brother Moves On**, **Nakhane**, **Spoek Mathambo**, **OKZharp & Manthe Ribane**, **Nonku Phiri**, **Gods Sons and Daughters**, **DJ Lag**, **Urban Village** and **TCIYF**.

Tickets for AFROPUNK are available at <http://afropunkfest.com/johannesburg/tickets/>

THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS - AFROPUNK Presents Battle of The Bands competition aims to discover local musical talent with potential to challenge the status quo. In addition to sharing the stage with world class headlining acts at AFROPUNK Joburg, One Winning Artist will walk away with various prizes valued at R15 000, at the end of the events series. The top 16 bands will compete in a series of events taking place from 18 November - 03 December, with the final round taking place on December 14 in Johannesburg. Check out all the bands at <http://afropunkfest.com/johannesburg/battle-of-the-bands/>

Battle of the Bands event dates:

25 November

Soweto Semifinal

His and Hers Picnic at Lebo's Backpackers

TIME: 12pm

26 November

Pretoria Semifinal

Re:Capitoli Festival at Tshwane Arts Crafts and Design Hub

TIME: 11am

2 December

Tembisa Semifinal

Easy Saturday Street Food Festival at Mehlareng Stadium Tembisa

TIME: 12pm

3 December

Tsakane Semifinal

Wolf & Co x Water The People at Wolf & Co

TIME: 12pm

THE SPINTHRIFT MARKET is a weekend-long celebration of DIY culture within the festival; a thoughtfully curated marketplace showcasing the best and brightest craftspeople from the local maker community. Goods range from one of a kind and unique jewelry, natural beauty products, bespoke accessories and apparel, housewares, books, affordable art and much more. Aside from the **AFROPUNK Vintage Zionist** SA Fashion Week collaboration range, African brands that will be on sale at Constitution Hill are the clothing labels **Dope Store**, **Wawi Ethiopia**, **Zulumienand**, **Imprint ZA**, plus jewellery brand **Nutcase Acts**. Hair and cosmetics are in the mix too: **The Perfect Hair**, **Akan Organics**, **Hanahana Beauty** and **Boho Hippie Henna**.

BITES & BEATS is a food truck and restaurant event within the festival that showcases tastes from around the world, Try something hot. Try something cold, spicy, or sweet. Try it all.

ACTIVISM ROW is an interactive, educational, site-specific installation featuring grassroots and nonprofit organizations that solve urgent community problems. With the help of nonprofits, organizations and social and political movements, Activism Row is an opportunity for young people to be informed about different civic participation. It also encourages festival-goers to make a difference in their community (and the world) by supporting social innovations. Activism Row is presented by our partners at the **AIDS Healthcare Foundation**

South Africa, a global non-profit HIV/AIDS organization providing cutting-edge medicine and advocacy to more than 824,000 people in 38 countries.

ABOUT AFROPUNK

After 14 years in Brooklyn, Atlanta, London and Paris, AFROPUNK's annual festival take place in Johannesburg for the first time on December 30th and 31st at Constitution Hill. Hailed as a world-renowned festival by the likes of *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone*, *Pitchfork* and others, AFROPUNK is a hotbed of creativity and style, featuring many top live acts as well as numerous community and civic-minded aspects. **For more info check <http://afropunkfest.com/johannesburg/>**

AFROPUNK is about redefining the “code” and perusing the unconventional. Celebrating and inspiring people to go beyond the norm, to be curious of themselves and the world, and in doing so, defying categorization.

FULL LINEUP:

SATURDAY

Live & Direct

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Spoek Mathambo

Okzharp & Manthe Ribane

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Azagaia

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Pussy Party

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