



# Iziko Museums of South Africa

**29 April – 3 May**



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**History | Heritage | Poetry | Performance | Dance | Discover**

# SUIDOOSTERFEES at IZIKO MUSEUMS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Iziko Museums of South Africa's programme at Suidoosterfees brings together shared values of openness, learning and creative expression. Iziko Museums is committed to making heritage lively and accessible, while Suidoosterfees celebrates diverse voices through the creative and performing arts. This partnership transforms museums into welcoming festival spaces, where people can experience performances, workshops and discovery in new ways. Together, Iziko Museums and Suidoosterfees create opportunities for connection, participation and meaningful cultural exchange. Expand your Suidoosterfees experience by visiting Iziko Museums for one or more of these activities. Standard Iziko Museum entry fees apply. Tickets are available online via Webtickets or any Iziko museum site. **Enquiries: [info@iziko.org.za](mailto:info@iziko.org.za)**

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## At the Iziko Old Town House Museum, Green Market Square, Cape Town

**International Fee:** Adults; Children aged 5 to 17  
**Pensioners and Students:** R100  
**Local Fee** (upon presentation of valid identification)  
**Adults:** R60.00  
**Children aged 5 to 17:** R40.00  
**Pensioners and Students:** R40  
**Book online** [https://bit.ly/Suido\\_OldTownHouse](https://bit.ly/Suido_OldTownHouse)

**Golden Hour Poetry Slam**  
**Wednesday and Thursday 29 and 30 April**  
**16:30 – 18:00**

Poetry slams allow young poets to tell their stories, celebrate their individual voices and connect with audiences through the power of words. Presented by The South African Council for English Education, this is a vibrant opportunity to participate in a live competitive poetry performance with young poets from across the Western Cape.

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**The Poetry Whisperer Poetry Writing Workshop**  
**Thursday 30 April and Saturday 2 May**  
**10:00 – 13:00**

Do you want to learn about how to shape your ideas into poems? How to use words to express rhythm and metaphor? Join this vibrant poetry workshop and share your poems with other young poets. Presented by The South African Council for English Education.

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**Curator Walk-about of *Reflections* at the Iziko Old Town House**  
**Wednesday and Thursday 29 and 30 April**  
**Tour at 11:00 and Tour at 12:00**

*Reflections*, a compelling presentation celebrates both the building's storied past and its renewed role as a vibrant cultural hub in the heart of Cape Town. Comprising of three interrelated exhibitions, *Reflections: The Michaelis Collection*, *Reflections: Woodcuts Across the World*, and *Reflections: Trade Ceramics and Circles of Influence*, this exhibition creates a dialogue between Iziko's historical collections and contemporary acquisitions made over the past decade.



## At the Iziko Bo-Kaap Museum, Wale Street, Cape Town

**International Fee:** Adults; Children aged 5 to 17

**Pensioners and Students:** R100

**Local Fee** (upon presentation of valid identification)

**Adults:** R60.00

**Children aged 5 to 17:** R40.00

**Pensioners and Students:** R40

**Book online** [https://bit.ly/Suido\\_Bo-KaapMuseum](https://bit.ly/Suido_Bo-KaapMuseum)

### Arabic Calligraphy Writing workshops

**Saturday 2 May Arabic Chinese Calligraphy**

**10:00 – 14:00**

**Sunday 3 May Traditional Thuluth Calligraphy**

**10:00 – 14:00**

Discover the art of Arabic calligraphy in this engaging writing workshop, where words become visual expressions of beauty, culture and storytelling. Spend time with pen and paper as you explore this exquisite art form and learn how calligraphy can be used to decorate and communicate meaning. Presented by the Deen Arts Foundation of South Africa, Saturday's workshop focuses on Chinese Arabic calligraphy, while Sunday's session explores classical Islamic calligraphy.

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## At the Iziko South African National Gallery, 1 Government Avenue, Cape Town

**International Fee:** Adults Children aged 5 to 17

**Pensioners and Students:** R100

**Local Fee** (upon presentation of valid identification)

**Adults:** R60.00

**Children aged 5 to 17:** R40.00

**Pensioners and Students:** R40

**Book here** [https://bit.ly/Suido\\_ISANG](https://bit.ly/Suido_ISANG)

### Freedom of Expression

**Wednesday and Thursday 29 and 30 April 2026**

**14:30 – 16:00**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 May**

**12:00 – 13:30, 14:30 – 16:00**

A two-part bilingual programme performed by Grade 10 to 12 aspiring performers from Wynberg High School with guest artist and mentor Peter Butler, renowned actor who performs his internationally acclaimed excerpt of *King Lear*. Presented by the Open Stage Foundation, a showcase of local talent, from schools on the Cape Flats exploring dance, music and drama as expression of life, love and freedom.

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## At the Iziko South African Museum, 25 Queen Victoria Street, Cape Town

**International Fee:** Adults; Children aged 5 to 17

**Pensioners and Students:** R100

**Local Fee** (upon presentation of valid identification)

**Adults:** R60.00

**Children aged 5 to 17:** R40.00

**Pensioners and Students:** R40

**Book here** [https://bit.ly/Suido\\_ISAM](https://bit.ly/Suido_ISAM)

## **Curator Walk—about of the Iziko South African Museum**

**Wednesday and Thursday 29 and 30 April**

**Tour at 11:00 and Tour at 12:00**

This walkabout unfolds into the spectacular, where nature, humanity and history meet—unfinished, interdependent, and still becoming. Discover the marvels of our planet's past and present echo in dialogue.

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## **Visit the *Discovery Room* at the Iziko South African Museum**

**Wednesday and Thursday 29 and 30 April**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 May**

**09:00 – 15:30**

The Discovery Room is a hands-on world of wonder designed for curious explorers. Touch, feel and encounter fossils, peer closely at dazzling butterflies, and explore nature through play, puzzles and tactile displays. It is a space where learning happens by doing – sparking questions, imagination and a lifelong sense of discovery. Enjoy the activities in the Sea and Us Exhibition.

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## ***You're Safe Here***

**Theatrical Performance**

**Thursday 30 April, Saturday**

**Sunday 2 and 3 May**

**11:00 – 13:30**

A haunting, psychological drama that interrogates the heavy price of survival and the jagged debris of African liberation. Set in the quiet, claustrophobic tension of a shared home, the play explores whether safety is ever truly possible when one's own history is the primary threat. A play written and co-produced by Nokuzola Zoe Bikwana | Directed by Sonwabo Mphandle | Costumes and props by Luyanda Nodilinga |

**Performed by IMBIZA THEATRE COMPANY:**

Sonwabo Mphandle, Luyanda Nodilinga & Lamla Mzongwana

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## **Discover, Dance and Play with Puppet Planet at the Iziko South African Museum**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 May**

**1:00 – 15:30**

Families with children aged 6 to 10 are invited to discover the joys of puppetry and puppet-making. The day's programme includes a puppet-making session with Puppet Planet at 11:00, followed by a relaxed picnic in the Company's Gardens at 12:30, a storytelling and music session with Pedro the Music Man at 13:30, then a final puppet procession and show with the families at 14:30, before wrapping up at 15:30.

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## **Full STEAM into the FUTURE with the Science Learning Centre for Africa and Yebo Electronics**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 May**

**11:00 – 15:30**

Designed for ages 11 to 15, this engaging STEAM workshop shows just how fun learning can be when science comes to life. The programme includes an introduction to robotics and electronics at 11:00. Each participant will assemble a car kit which can be taken home after the workshop. A relaxed picnic in the Company's Gardens will take place at 12:30. A hands-on mechanics session will follow at 13:30, before wrapping up at 15:30.



## **Buzz of the Bees**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 May and 3 May**

**11:00 – 14:00**

Step into the fascinating world of bees with this engaging exhibition, featuring honey tasting, insights into bee awareness and conservation, and a closer look at the process of honey production. Visitors can also observe a live hive up close, offering a unique glimpse into the intricate lives of these vital pollinators. Presented by the Western Cape Bee Industry Association.

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## **At the Iziko Planetarium and Digital Dome, 25 Queen Victoria Street, Cape Town**

**International Fee:** Adults; Children aged 2 to 17

**Pensioners and Students:** R150

**Local Fee (Upon Presentation of Valid Identification)**

**Adults:** R100.00

**Children aged 2 to 17:** R60.00

**Pensioners and Students:** R60

**Children aged 2 and over, occupying a seat in the Planetarium, pay full children's rate.**

**Book online [https://bit.ly/Suido\\_Planetarium](https://bit.ly/Suido_Planetarium)**

## **Infinity Express**

**Wednesday and Thursday 29 and 30 April**

**15:00**

*Infinity Express* is an exciting, fast-paced planetarium show that takes audiences on a journey of discovery, from exploring our Solar System to mapping the vast universe, blending science, art and storytelling to highlight humanity's quest to understand the cosmos. It includes a live sky talk, where a presenter responds in real time, tailoring the experience to the current sky and audience questions.

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## **Polaris**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 May and 3 May**

**10:30**

The planetarium show presents an immersive introduction to the night sky, highlighting the astronomy milestones in the observable universe with each show. It includes a live sky talk, where a presenter responds in real time, tailoring the experience to the current sky and audience questions.

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## **Perfect Little Planet**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 May and 3 May**

**11:30**

Discover our solar system through a new set of eyes – a family from another star system seeking the perfect vacation spot. Fly over the surface of Pluto, our best-known Dwarf Planet. Dive down the ice cliffs of Miranda. Sail through the rings of Saturn. Feel the lightning storms at Jupiter and walk on the surface of Mars. Which destination would you choose? This is the solar system journey for space travellers of all ages.

## **Our Sun: The Living Star**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 May and 3 May**

**13:00**

The sun has shone on our world for four and a half billion years. The light that warms our skin today has been felt by every person who has ever lived. It is our nearest star and our planet's powerhouse, the source of the energy that drives our winds, our weather and all life. Discover the secrets of our star in this planetarium show and experience never-before-seen images of the sun's violent surface in immersive full dome format.

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## **DESI: 5 000 Eyes**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 May and 3 May**

**14:00**

The Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) is creating the most detailed map of our nearby universe. Installed on the Mayall telescope on Kitt Peak in Southern Arizona, DESI's 5 000 independently operated robots can measure the light from millions of galaxies at once. Join us as we explore the science, instruments, and people behind this global endeavour.

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## **At the Iziko Slave Lodge, C/O Adderley and Wale Street, Cape Town**

**International Fee: Adults; Children aged 5 to 17**

**Pensioners and Students: R100**

**Local Fee (upon presentation of valid identification)**

**Adults: R60.00**

**Children aged 5 to 17: R40.00**

**Pensioners and Students: R40**

**Book online [https://bit.ly/Suido\\_SlaveLodge](https://bit.ly/Suido_SlaveLodge)**

## **Curator Walk-about of the Iziko Slave Lodge**

**Wednesday and Thursday 29 and 30 April**

**Tour 1 @ 11:00**

**Tour 2 @ 12:00**

A reflective journey through one of Cape Town's most significant historic sites. Trace the lodge's origins as a place where enslaved people lived and laboured whilst unpacking the history of slavery at the Cape and connecting the legacy of slavery to contemporary issues of human rights, memory and social justice.

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## **Whispers**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 May**

**14:00 - 15:00**

Inspired by real stories of young people confronting mental health realities. Dance theatre performance. Choreographer: Letlhogonolo Nche.

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## **Red-Extended: Reclaiming the Power. A call to remember**

**Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 May**

**12:00 - 13:00**

*Red-Extended: Reclaiming the Power* explores the spiritual force that lives within us as human beings. It speaks to a deep, often forgotten knowing that we carry ancestral connections, inherited wisdom, and an inner power that extends beyond the physical. The piece journeys through the act of reclaiming: reclaiming identity, memory and spiritual agency. It reflects on how this power can guide us, ground us, and enable us to move with intention in our lives. At the same time, it acknowledges that this same force holds the potential to influence and reshape the political and social landscapes we exist within. At its core, the work is both a reminder and an awakening: To recognise the power we carry. To understand it. And to use it with purpose. Choreographer: Letlhogonolo Nche | Dancers: Nthabiseng Matsie, Patrick Nelson, Norman Pisane and Kabelo Kamolane.