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Have a right royal time with Evita & Co this Women's Day at Emperors Palace

Expect laughs aplenty when Pieter-Dirk Uys, Evita Bezuidenhout and a rogues' gallery of characters make their long-awaited debut at the Theatre of Marcellus at Emperors Palace in **EVITA & CO** this Women's Day weekend, on 9 and 10 August 2014.

Tannie Evita is one of South Africa's first ladies of politics and *potjiekos* – so who better to make a satirical meal of the state of the nation this Women's Month? And this time, she'll have sundry members of her (dysfunctional) family and other political animals to keep her company on stage.

The irrepressible Evita has been in Uys's satirical cluster for more than 30 years – and he is forced to keep on dieting just for her sake. But while the two are often mentioned in the same breath, they could never be in the same room together, let alone meet each other face to face. Oh no.

And yet once in a blue moon, the impossible becomes possible: this August, Pieter-Dirk Uys and Evita Bezuidenhout will be together on one stage in **EVITA & CO!** When the most famous white woman in South Africa – with Helen Zille nipping closely at her Gucci heels – enters Emperors Palace, expect imperial humour by the barrel-load.

In addition to Evita, Uys will be bringing a menagerie of much-loved characters with him to Ekurhuleni: a *saamtrek* of Bothas, Evita's estranged stripper sister, and of course the parade of politicians that have been Uys's reliable scriptwriters since the 1980s – including the latest bunch of bench-warmers, who never fail to let him down. "And now that the EFF has introduced stand-up comedy to Parliament in matching red berets to match the red faces around them, laughter is foremost in the land," Uys points out.

In **EVITA & CO**, expect to see the evergreen Nowell Fine from Saxonwold, the opinionated Mrs Petersen from the Cape Flats, the outrageous sex guru Madame Bambi Kellermann, as well as the political Number Ones, Twos and Threes that have made up the country's complement of kings, clowns and comrades over the years.

There will be a surprise in each show, as Tannie Evita has invited some very special friends to join her on stage in commemoration of Women's Day.

Kom lag saam met die tannie! Join Uys, Evita and company for a specially created show that's the perfect entertainment outing for not just the fairer sex, but their menfolk, families and friends as well. After all, with a general election in the not-too-distant past, there's plenty of freshly minted comedy material to make a meal of...

Catch one of the three performances of **EVITA & CO** at the new and improved Theatre of Marcellus, Emperors Palace. Tickets start from R100 per person and there are two performances on Saturday, 9 August at 5pm and 8pm, and one on Sunday, 10 August at 3pm. Bookings are at Computicket. There are also dinner, show, stay and play packages available. For more information or bookings, call 011 928 1297.

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