

# Absa Kirkwood Wildsfees celebrates a festival of firsts

IF you've never been to the Absa Kirkwood Wildsfees, then it's time to make a date for you and the family's first visit in June this year.

"A festival of firsts" is the theme for the 2013 Absa Kirkwood Wildsfees, which annually attracts more than 45 000 visitors to picturesque Sundays River Valley in the Eastern Cape.

Wildsfees firsts include being the first - and only - game auction in South Africa where disease-free buffalo from the Addo Elephant National Park are for sale; the first major festival to be wheelchair friendly; one of the first South African festivals to go green; and the

first to host a mohair expo.

It is also the first and only festival to include a mix of over 300 specialist stalls, agricultural and wildlife expos, supervised kiddies' play area, "wild rides" and live entertainment.

New firsts for 2013 include an "extreme fishing" tournament, a "Lang Lag Tafel" where diners will savour "smileys" (sheep heads) while being entertained by a comedian, and the "Loerie in die bos" rock experience, according to festival director Jenni Honsbein.

The Absa Kirkwood Wildsfees kicks off on Friday, June 28, and will end on Sunday, June 30. Tickets are available from ☎ 042 230 0064 or visit [www.wildsfees.co.za](http://www.wildsfees.co.za) for more info.

## Tribute to Bob Marley at The Boardwalk

BOB Marley and his spirit of multiculturalism and reconciliation will be celebrated at a four-band concert in The Boardwalk's Vodacom Amphitheatre on Saturday, May 25.

Organised by One Blood Sound, and starting at 6pm, the concert features Take Note, The Brothers, Ever High Dread (EHD), and Skank & The Roots.

Take Note is a six-piece Jazz band formed by young musicians who wanted to revisit the recognisable trademark of Eastern Cape "township Jazz" while appealing to a youthful audience.

The Brothers hail from Port Elizabeth where they shake up a storm with their brand of reggae, funk and rock, infused with heady doses of improvisation - a unique genre they refer to as "Skafrican".

EHD has been a journey of five musicians pulled together to create music to uplift the people.

Skank & the Roots is a Reggae Band from Uitenhage which was originally formed in the early 90's.

Each band will include well-loved Bob Marley numbers in their sets, which will include the music that they are best known for.

"We selected the bands because they represent a cross-section of the people and music of Nelson Mandela Bay. The concert will appeal to all," says Nomakhomazi Dyosopu of One Blood Sound.

Get your tickets today for R80 per person from Computicket to avoid missing this show.

## Italian Week to highlight Italian culture

The PE Italian Sporting Club in collaboration with the PE honorary Vice Consulate of Italy will host a week of cultural activities to highlight aspects of Italian culture.

"La Dolce Vita" will commence on Saturday, May 25 at 11am, with the opening of an art exhibition by Italian architect/artist, Dr Magda Minguzzi. It is a collection of tapestries and rugs accompanied by music specially composed for the exhibition by two musicians of the Academy of St Giulia in Brescia, Italy.

At 12noon, chef and restaurateur, Dario Soresi, will demonstrate the preparation of five Italian dishes. Dario and his family immigrated to SA about 15 years ago and opened his award-winning, Italian restaurant, "La Locanda" in George.

The line-up for the week is:

■ Monday, May 28 - Peter Loyson, professor of Chemistry at NMMU, will present a talk entitled: "Hollywood in Ancient Rome". He will analyse excerpts from four block-buster films of their time, "Quo vadis?", "Ben Hur", "Spartacus" and "Gladiator" and try to discov-

er the fascination that Hollywood directors found in ancient Rome.

■ Tuesday, May 28 - "To Rome With Love", written and directed by Woody Allen, starring Alec Baldwin, Roberto Benigni and Penelope Cruz, among others. It is a kaleidoscopic comedy about life in Rome and Italians in general. Before the screening patrons can enjoy a typical Roman dish.

■ Thursday, May 30 - Pierre Matthee will host an Italian wine-tasting with Italian and locally produced wines. An Italian meal and wine can be enjoyed after the tasting.

■ Saturday, June 1 - "La Dolce Vita" floral demonstration interpreting various aspects of Italian culture through the medium of plant material.

■ Sunday, 2 June - The Italian community will be celebrating the anniversary of the establishment of the Italian Republic in 1946 with a luncheon at the Italian Club.

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