

Laugh a minute



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The Nando's Jozi Comedy Festival opened last night, Monday 26 July 2010, at the Teatro in Montecasino and audiences left holding their sides from a two-hour comedy workout that spared no one in its biting satirical moments. From the moment, Jonathon Arons of the US opened with his trombone act, the audience knew it was at the 'United Nations of Comedy'.



Amongst the best was our own Trevor Noah (catch him until 30 July) who not only captured the essence of South Africa's most well known icons but also brought a fine comedic touch to members of the audience. A tip however is don't be late, he is merciless in highlighting late arrivals.

Personally, I found the best to be Pablo Francisco, who introduced South African audiences to his classic karaoke impersonations and the wonderful Movie Man voice - his range and speed of delivery gave no one a chance to catch their breath. To see an audience literally rocking back and forwards with laughter is a rare sight. Catch the act including Bobby Lee, Kira Soltanovich and Eugene Khoza at Monte until 1 August and note that the age restriction of 16 is probably advisable.

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