

“Spiders and Mayonnaise is a topsy-turvy laugh-a-minute - and well worth the ticket price.” —*Sergio Ben, Argus Tonight*

Funny Man



AFTER SELL OUT SEASONS in his hometown, audiences in Johannesburg had the chance to enjoy Cape Town's funnyman Kurt Schoonraad for the first time in his hilarious one-man comedy show *Spiders and Mayonnaise* this April.

Spiders and Mayonnaise takes a unique look at the lighter side of being South African; from our every day fears, pet hates all the way to bloomer panties. It is an hysterical journey through South Africa's past, present and future. Kurt has been dubbed Cape Town's quirkiest rubber face and favourite delinquent, with their audiences loving the ever popular *Spiders and Mayonnaise*.

Kurt is best known as the accidental tourist in the ever popular hit SA TV show 'Going Nowhere Slowly', and the whacky game show 'Crazy Games'. Mad, zany, lively and manic are amongst the many words used to describe Kurt Schoonraad. Hailing from Mitchell's Plain, he is the Western Cape's favourite comic and his earthy humour makes him a real South African boytjie in every way. Although hilariously funny, he performs a clean act focusing on the widespread diversity of the rainbow nation's varied cultures.

Kurt started his comedy career in 1999 when one of his friends dared him to try out for the 'new faces' stage at the Smirnoff International Comedy Festival. To prove to his friends that any 'schmuck' from the streets would be not accepted at such a premier event, he tried out. He proved himself wrong by being accepted on the line up. Kurt then hooked up with the Cape Comedy Collective in 2000 and was given a platform (built by himself in his mom's garage) to experiment with his very unique observational style of South African comedy. According to his family he debuted at his second birthday party and has grown funnier with each passing year.

He has since gone on to pioneer Jou Ma Se Comedy Club, a popular and groundbreaking weekly showcase and is seen as an ambassador by many of his contemporaries involving himself in many charitable causes as well. He is a popular favourite on the SA arts festival scene and some of his stage accolades include the East Coast Radio Ha Ha Comedy Showcase in Durban, the Smirnoff Comedy Festival and the Cape Town International Comedy Festival. Most recently Kurt produced both The Barnyard National Comedy Festival and Jou Ma Se Comedy together with the Cape Town festival.

Says Sergio Ben, critic for the Cape Argus Tonight, "Spiders and Mayonnaise takes us on an investigation into how well – or not – the new South Africa works". "He weaves such a rich, diverse tapestry with his show" 

For further information on where to watch this Western Cape comedic maestro log on to www.kurt.co.za