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16.12 SATURDAY – 17.12 SUNDAY
MAKHELWANE FESTIVAL

Taking place in and around the streets of Mzimhlophe, a suburb of Soweto, locals open their gardens and homes with food stalls, live music, DJs and art exhibitions as well as cookery classes. Makhelwane is a Zulu term meaning neighbour but in African culture refers to community. ▶ Orlando West, Soweto, makhelwanefestival.co.za. Tickets R100-R150.

30.12 SATURDAY – 31.12 SUNDAY
AFROPUNK JOBURG

With a world class lineup of the hottest names in black alternative music Afropunk Joburg 2017 promises to be one of the most exciting music events Joburg has hosted. International headline acts include Solange, Anderson Paak and Laura Mvula who are joined by top South African alternative acts like The Brother Moves On, Spoek Mathambo, Nakhane, Thandiswa Mazwai, Black Motion, Nonku Phiri and Urban Village. ▶ D-1/2, Constitution Hill, Braamfontein, afropunkfest.com/johannesburg. Tickets R600, weekend pass R900.

31.12 SUNDAY
SOWETO IN COLOURS COUNTDOWN TO 2018

Join in the countdown to 2018 at the Soweto Theatre's New Year's Eve bash. The party features local live bands, dancers and DJs performing throughout the evening, plus plenty of food and drink stalls. ▶ Soweto Theatre, cnr Bolani Rd and Koma St, Jabulani, Soweto, sowetothatre.com. Tickets R50. Party starts from 18:00

BOOK FAIRS

The first week of September is National Book Week and the annual **South African Book Festival** will be taking place at Museum Africa on Mary Fitzgerald Square in Newtown from 08.09–10.09 (southafricanbookfair.co.za). The beautiful Nirox Sculpture Park in the Cradle of Humankind hosts the inaugural **Nirox Words** festival on 21.10–22.10 (niroxtarts.nutickets.co.za/words). The second annual **Abantu Book Festival**, which celebrates contemporary African poetry and prose, takes place from 7.12–10.12 at Soweto's Eyethu Lifestyle Centre (00651 Tshabalala St, Mofolo Central, Soweto, abantubookfestival.co.za).

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT?

Before going to print, we strive to bring together a selection of the biggest events taking place in the city during the coming season that will interest our readers. Space is limited so we can never put everything we would like in our printed guides. All information is accurate at the time of going to print but changes may occur so, for a complete guide, visit our website johannesburginyourpocket.com and browse our **What's On calendar**. Daily we share new happenings in the city, so follow us on [@JohannesburgIYP](https://twitter.com/JohannesburgIYP) and on [@JohannesburgInYourPocket](https://www.instagram.com/johannesburginyourpocket), like us on [f](https://www.facebook.com/JohannesburgInYourPocket) **JohannesburgInYourPocket** and sign up for our weekly email newsletter at ow.ly/B7mRh to stay up to speed.