

# Vodacom Funny Festival 2011

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Last Wednesday, 15 June, the Vodacom Funny Festival 2011 whisked us away to a brief vacation into Laughterville. The MC of the event, Alan Committie (South Africa), was an exceptional choice of host. Within the first 10 seconds the audience was already bursting with laughter. Not many comedians can claim that honour, let alone an event's MC. Alan's style of comedy relies heavily on crowd participation, which immediately made everyone in the theatre feel comfortable, which set the mood for a great evening.



The first act to take to the stage was Full House (Switzerland), which consists of skilled husband-and-wife duo Henry Camus and Gaby Schmutz - a pair of hilarious juggling, role-playing acrobats. The humorous interaction and dialogue between the pair was most entertaining. Next up was the stunning Miss Ro (South Korea), a famous magician who kept us on the edge of our seats with her "wedding dance" - an ingenious magical act.

## The joys of growing up in Worcester

Following the interval were entertaining performances from local comics Shimmy Isaacs (South Africa), who enlightened us on the joys of growing up in Worcester and the cultural transition of moving to the big city (Cape Town), and Eugene Khoza (South Africa), whose cockroach, rat and township jokes got the crowd into stitches. After that was Kalki Henenberg (Australia), whose "drunken antics" and hula skills (you'll need to see it to know what I'm talking about) had the crowd jovially cheering her on.

The last act of the evening was Kev Orkian (UK), an incredibly talented "Armenian" comedian and musician. Kev got the crowd off its seats and we were all singing and clapping to his piano antics.

## Sharp, witty humour

My personal favorite act of the night was MC Alan Committie. His sharp, witty humour struck a chord with me and his ability to think very quickly on his feet impressed me greatly. A select few of us were treated to a backstage tour by organiser Eddy Cassar, where we were introduced to all of the acts. Eddy spoke to us about how the event has progressed over the years, which was an inspirational moment for us. I personally would like to thank Eddy, the acts and the backstage crew for a great evening, Vodacom for sponsoring a great event, and to the Baxter Theatre for hosting it.

This is a must see!

*The Vodacom Funny Festival runs at the Baxter Theatre till the 10 July.*

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