

# The top 4 TV shows SA is most excited about, according to social media trends

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The year 2022 is off to a great start for South African TV entertainment. South Africans are spoilt for choice with numerous TV shows that are coming to our screens at the beginning of this year.

Meltwater, the global leader in media intelligence and social analytics, analysed the social media conversations surrounding some of the most popular television shows in South Africa at the moment. We boiled it down to the top four TV shows that South Africa is most excited about, according to social media trends. Here's what the data shows:

## 1. *Big Brother Mzansi*

*Big Brother Mzansi* returns to our screens on Sunday 23 January 2022 on DSTV 161. The show returns with a brand new host Lawrence Maleka leaving viewers even more excited for the reality show. Big Brother South Africa has received a lot of attention with over 4K mentions on Twitter between December and January.



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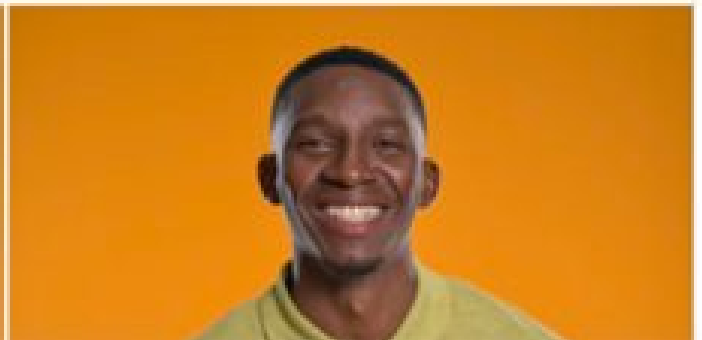
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Award-winning actor [@Lawrence\\_Maleka](#) to host the new season of [#BigBrotherMzansi](#)

Known for his role as Zolani on the hit telenovela *The River* & has hosted shows like *StarGist*, *Clash of the Choirs* & the SAMAs. *Big Brother Mzansi S3* will premiere on 23 January 2022. [#BBMzansi](#)

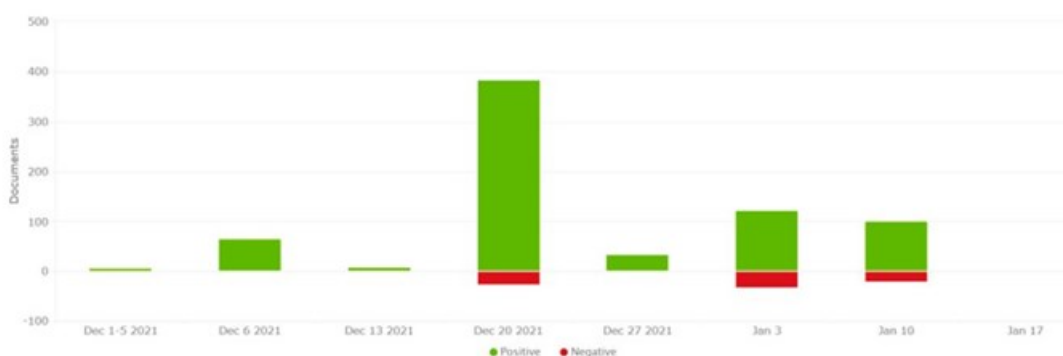


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*Top trending themes according to Meltwater Media Monitoring & Social Analytics Software, surrounding the TV show Big Brother Mzansi between 1 December 2021 and 17 January 2022*

The top trending themes were driven by:

- *Big Brother Mzansi* (1802): Viewers expressing their excitement for the show and discussions around the new season.
- New Presenter (737): The discussions around the announcement of Maleka as the new presenter of the show.
- Classic reality television show (124): Discussions around the return of the show and the show being considered a classic show.



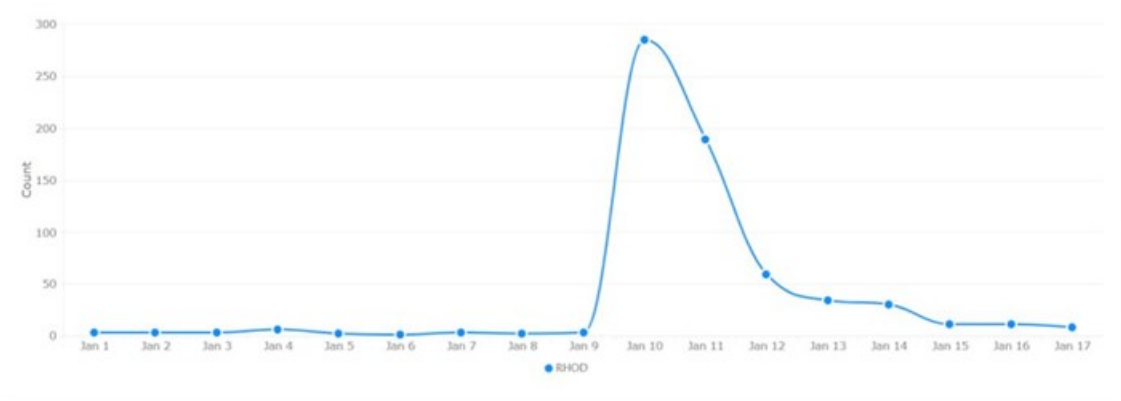
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*This graph shows the sentiment in emotion of South African viewers towards Big Brother Mzansi, between 1 December 2021 and 17 January 2022*

During the week of 20 December 2021 there was an increased number of positive posts to 385 mentions. The mentions were in relation to the announcement of the *Big Brother Mzansi* host Lawrence, with South Africans in agreement of the decision. During the first week of January 2022, South African viewers began to count down the days until Big Brother would be aired.

**2. The Real Housewives of Durban**

After a popular first season, *The Real Housewives of Durban* make a return with three new housewives. The reality show welcomes Uthando Nesthembu, star and radio personality and the wife of Thobile MaKhumalo Mseleku, singer and songwriter Londie London, and artist Jojo Robinson who is married to businessman Calvin Robinson.



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*Media exposure graph showing the peak in interest of The Real Housewives of Durban on social media in January 2022*

The peak – with 285 mentions of the show in one day – occurred on 10 January 2022, and was due to the announcement of the new housewives who are set to join the show.

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The Real Housewives of Durban are back and there's a few new faces to look forward to. Here's everything you need to know [#RHODurban](#) >>>



*Trending themes on social surrounding the show between 1 and 17 January 2022*

The top trending themes:

- Real Housewives (213 mentions): Announcement of season 2 and the new housewives.
- New Season (52 mentions): In reference to the renewal of the show.
- Beautiful Singer (7 mentions): Discussion around Londie London joining the show.

As the new season was announced this week, conversations around the drama and the show will continue to grow.

### **3. Masterchef South Africa**

Zola Nene, Justine Drake and Gregory Czarnecki have been announced as the new judges for *Masterchef South Africa* season 4. The new season premieres on 28 February on M-Net (DSTV Channel 101) at 6pm.

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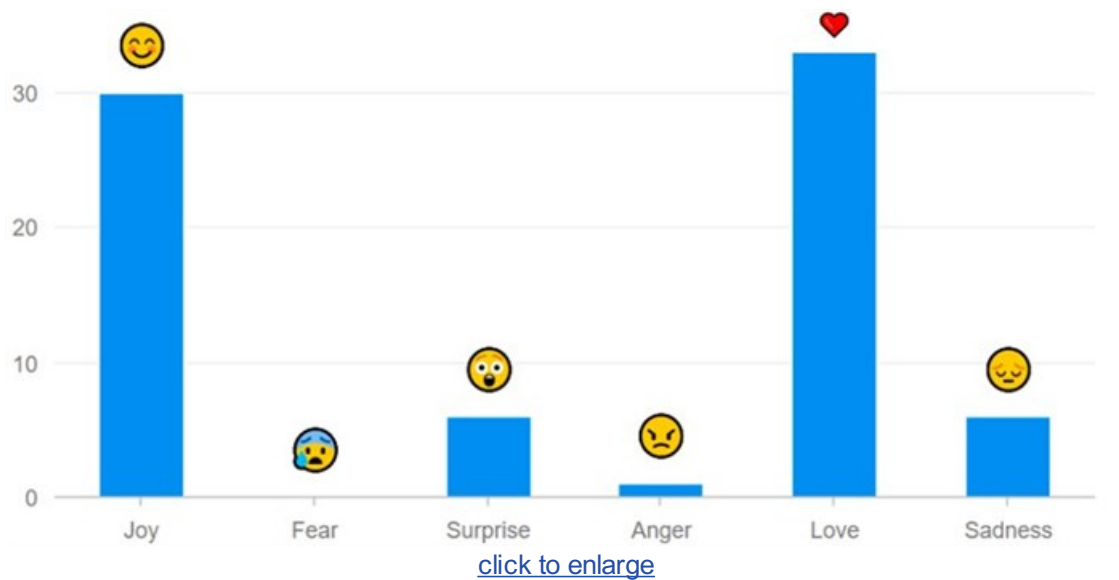


*Top trending themes surrounding Masterchef South Africa on social media in South Africa from 1 to 17 January 2022*

The top trending themes were:

- New judges (25 mentions): This is in reference to the announcement of the new season's judges.
- Award (24 mentions): Conversations around the caliber of the judges's accolades.
- Female judges (22 mentions): Discussions around the South African version having two female judges and that not being a norm for the show.

Emotional Comparison: 1 January to 17 January 2022



*An emoji comparison of the most frequently used emojis on social media in South Africa surrounding the TV show Masterchef South Africa*

The most used emoji was the heart emoji that symbolises love (34). This is an expression of the viewers loving the show and the new judges. The second most used emoji symbolises joy (30). The viewers are expressing their excitement for the return of the show.

#### **4. Euphoria**

The American teen series drama that follows a group of high school students through experiences of identity has made an epic return to our screens this January, thanks to Showmax.

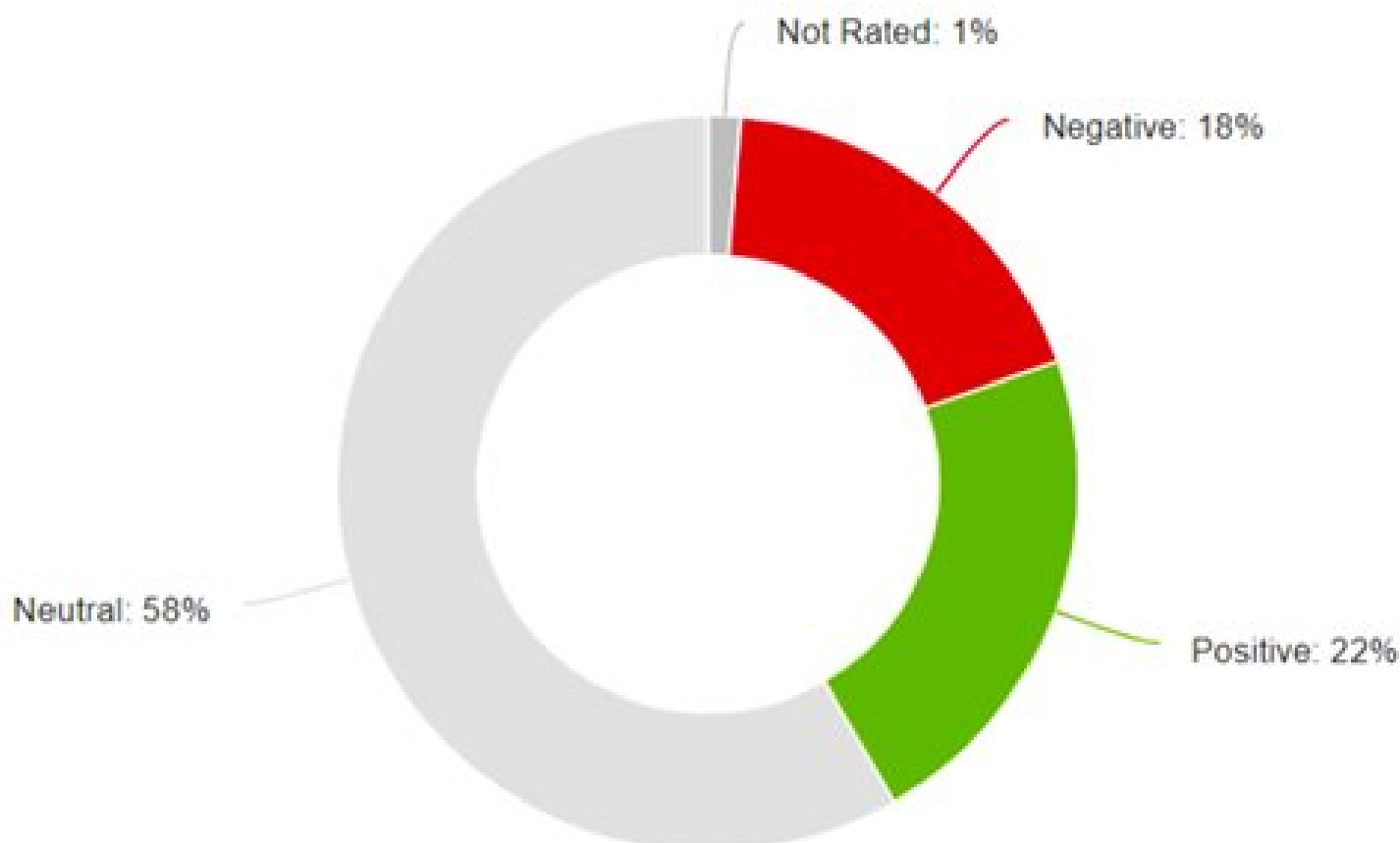
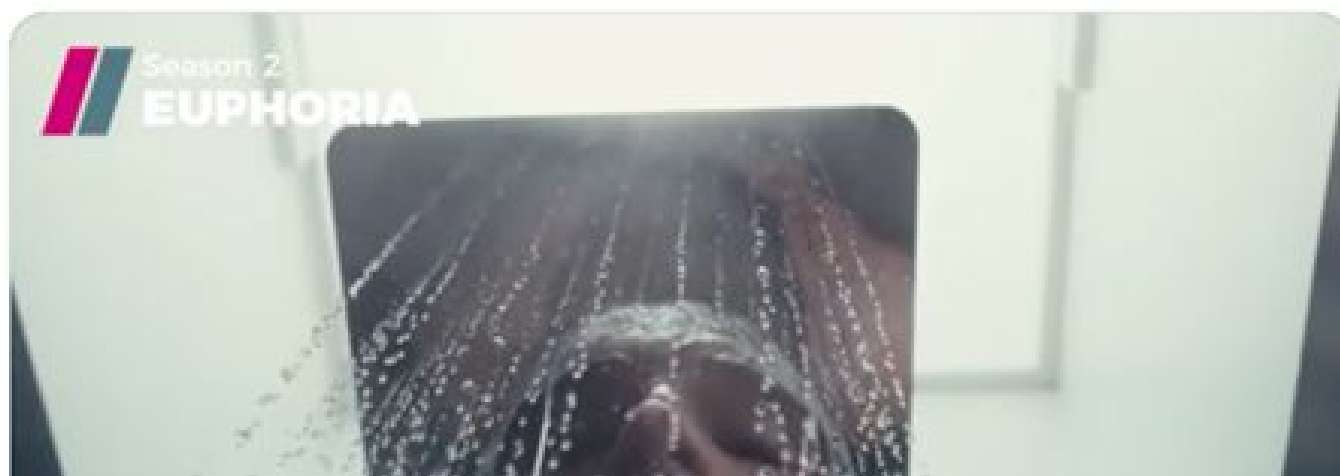




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"You're a strong man Nathaniel.", maybe too strong...  
In Season 1, his mission was to break any and  
everything. Will we see him mend in Season 2? Episode  
1 of [#EUPHORIA](#) is streaming on Showmax - Express  
from the US.



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## *Sentiment analysis of Euphoria in South Africa: What South Africans feel about the show*

The data shows that 22% of viewers feel mostly positive about the show in South Africa, as opposed to 58% of neutral sentiment, 18% negative and 1% not rated.

The positive sentiment was driven by Showmax's efficiency in posting the episodes, *Euphoria* being one of the most anticipated returning shows in 2022 and the overall quality of the show.

The negative sentiment accounted for 18%, the social media data indicates that this is because viewers wish all the episodes were released at once.



### *Trending themes around Euphoria on social media in SA in the month of January*

The top trending themes:

- Gap between seasons (29 mentions): Discussions around the long gap between season 1 and 2.
- Season (21 mentions): Conversations about the new season.
- Drug Addiction (17 mentions): Conversations around Zendaya's character Rue and her drug addiction on the show.

As *Euphoria* continues to air, there will be more commentary on the show – watch this space!

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