Four of South Africa’s most accomplished musical acts will perform at an exclusive concert at the beautiful Spier Wine Estate Amphitheatre on Saturday 2 February.

The infectious Afro-fusion beats of Freshlyground will set the stage for an evening of unprecedented musical entertainment, including the poetic melodies of living legend Anton Goosen, an electric collaboration between the enigmatic Piet Botha and Akkedis, who will perform as The Lyzrd Kings, as well as the dulcet tones of the ever-inspiring Wendy Oldfield.

Add the very talented, award winning singer Loeil Bastos to this already impressive line-up of legendary gems in the South African music industry, and the evening is set to be a night to remember.

The concert is being held to create awareness and generate funds for three important children’s charities in the Helderberg: Patch Helderberg Child Abuse Centre, Halli Trust and Masikhule.

Patch Helderberg Child Abuse Centre aims to support all child victims of sexual abuse in the Helderberg area, and strives to prevent the incidence of this horrific crime committed against innocent children.

Patch believes every child victim of sexual abuse is entitled to immediate crisis intervention, free professional therapy in his/her home language at a Patch Hub close to the child victim’s home, and preparation for their case should they choose to court.

Halli Trust fills a gap in access for the basin’s communities through education. Its mission is to make a measurable difference through education and awareness raising. This includes the skills-related empowerment initiatives, children’s activity groups, leadership development drives and hands-on community upliftment by means of focused support to families and individuals.

Masikhule is a non-profit organisation based in the Helderberg that trains women from marginalised communities in early childhood development.

It trains more than 300 women and teachers per year and mentors up to 30 community-based early learning centres, which are developed over three to five years until these facilities are registered and able to operate independently.

Currently more than 1 800 children up to the age of six are educated and nurtured in these pre-schools and creches, providing them with a sound early learning programme and, therefore, the best start in life.

Tickets to the concert are R200 (adults), R100 (children) and are available online via Quicket. Visit the Facebook event page “PATCH Fundraiser – Live Music Concert in support of 3 charities” for more information and regular updates.

Musos unite for kids

Popular comedic actors Lisa Bobbert and Aaron McIlroy will engage fans this January when their smash-hit comedy takes to The Drama Factory stage for three performances only.

A husband and wife duo in Marriage for Dummies, a hilarious survival guide for anyone brave enough to take on life’s ultimate challenge. We all know that marriage is more than a relationship; it’s a wild, uncertain adventure. Before you decide to throw in the towel, take some advice from these “marriage experts”, who share the secrets of marital bliss and help you to come to grips... or... grips with your partner’s annoying habits.

Structured around the basic format of a marriage seminar, McIlroy and Bobbert (in the guise of whacky characters) lead the audience through the many trials and tribulations that affect all marriages. Marriage For Dummies is a show for everyone, married or single. All the ideas and theories have been inspired by “authentic marriage experts” and the “comedy” provides a unique framework, acknowledging the complexities of marriage, without getting into the blame game and allowing our audience to internalise the lessons without feeling condemned, says McIlroy.

The shows are as follows:
- Friday 25 January at 19:30;
- Saturday 26 January at 19:30; and
- Sunday 27 January at 15:30.

Tickets from R120 to R140 can be purchased online at www.ticketpro.co.za.

For more information, call 073 215 2290.

Jesse to rock reserve

Helderberg will rock to the sounds of the Jesse Jordan Band on Sunday 27 January.

This is a sound that will appeal to music lovers of all ages, but especially those young at heart. Jordan, who has been playing gigs professionally since he was 16, is a renowned songwriter and performer. One of his first musical milestones was winning a national talent competition, after which there was no stopping him. Not only did he land a major record deal, but he formed the Jesse Jordan Band, which he fronts and plays acoustic guitar for. The other members are Flavia le Roux on lead guitar, Gershwin Koen on bass, Manuel Jardine on sax, and JP Crouch, the “best” of the band.

Since its formation in 2001, the band’s style has evolved. In 2011 they released their now-famous Ready for the World album.

It perfectly captured the blend of Jordan’s amazing vocal range and acoustic guitar skills with the other members’ powerful guitar tones and catchy riffs, all held together by JP’s rhythmic and dynamic drumming.

The “Ready for the World” single, written by Jesse, was arranged by the band and produced by multi-award winning recording engineer-Jurgen Wechmar. The song itself sums up the band’s journey.

It became a popular radio hit and is still often heard today. With Jordan’s song writing evolving all the time, his new single, “Treading on Time”, is currently making its way onto radio playlists across the country and can also be purchased from iTunes.

Over the years, the band has played many, many live shows, ranging from music festivals, parties and sell-out venues. With the awesome chemistry between Jordan and his fellow players, guests are set to be entertained.

Tickets cost R80 (adults), R40 (scholars between five and 18); free entry for children under age five; season tickets are R360.

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