

KKNK NOT GOING AHEAD AS PLANNED

In light of growing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic (also known as the Corona virus), the management and board of the Klein Karoo National Arts Festival have decided that this festival in Oudtshoorn will not continue as planned from 23 to 29 March 2020.

The decision was not taken lightly and was preceded by in-depth consultation with health authorities, local government, the main sponsor, Absa, partners and other stakeholders.

"It is in the public interest of everyone involved in the festival – artists, business partners, visitors and residents of Oudtshoorn – that we made this difficult decision," says the Artistic Director of the festival, Hugo Theart.

Crispin Sonn, chairman of the board, endorses this view. "The festival has been an important date on the South African cultural calendar for the past 25 years and has had a major financial and social impact on the Oudtshoorn community. However, the increasing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to make this decision."

All stakeholders from the various sectors affected by this decision – artists, festival goers who have already purchased tickets, suppliers, and other partners – will be informed of the road ahead as soon as possible. Several possibilities are on the table; the outcome will be determined by guidelines from the national government, and the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic develops internationally.

Keep an eye on the KKNK's social media platforms and website for further announcements.

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