



First Thursdays Johannesburg Self-Guided Programme

Rosebank + Braamfontein
5 April 2018



Start at point number 1 and make your way from there. Most galleries close at 9pm, so we encourage starting by around 6pm to give yourself enough time at each exhibition.

Follow the programme as you wish. You may choose to stick to it, or deviate from the map and let the night take its own course. Do not rush, be in one place at one time, and most importantly, look.

Please note that you follow this programme at your own risk. We encourage all attendees to be vigilant, to walk in groups, and never to put yourself in situations where you do not feel safe.

Enjoy the programme, and if you have any feedback get in touch at info@thursdaysprojects.co.za

Rosebank Programme

1. Goodman Gallery 138 Jan Smuts Avenue

Speaking on the Unspeakable by Grada Kilomba

Grada Kilomba's first solo exhibition on the African continent and at Goodman Gallery. As a woman artist from the African Diaspora who has recently had two solo museum shows and featured at the 1:54 art fair in Marrakech, this is a significant moment for South African audiences to experience her subversive and singular work on decoloniality.

2. Lizamore & Associates 155 Jan Smuts Avenue

A Sense of Resilience by Lindo Zwane *Venda* by JM Tshikhuthula

Lindo Zwane's work is focused on the feeling of nostalgia through a process of catharsis. A sense of Resilience consists of a combination of recreated and recomposed memories from the artist's childhood. JM Tshikhuthula's *Venda* centres on the deep and fragile relationship South Africans have always had with water. The work depicts the literal rural scenes and landscapes of Venda, where the artist's parents were born and where he spent a lot of time in his youth. Apart from the literal depictions, the work also brings to life the emotions at play when a struggle for water is a central part of daily life.

3. Priest Espresso Bar 142 Jan Smuts Avenue

VEX & Silence A Group Show

Participating artists: Ilene Bothma, Rhett Martyn, Susan Opperman, Cobus Haupt, Vusi Beauchamp, Wilhelm Saayman, Willemien de Villiers & Christopher Steenkamp.

4. The Goethe Institut 119 Jan Smuts Avenue

Visual Arts by Thenjiwe Niki Nkosi & Alphabet Zoo

This project offers a sustained engagement with Thenjiwe Niki Nkosi's body of work *Heroes*. Nkosi's portraits are veiled - a function of technique, as well as her conception of what constitutes a "hero". Alphabet Zoo is Minkulu Ngoyi and Isaac Zavale, both traditional print-making artists that formed a street-culture zine and work collaboratively. Together with Andile Buka, Simnikiwe Buhlungu, Mooki Mooks, Kgomotso Neto Tleane, Jack Diamond, and the collective Danger Gevaar Ingozi, they start to respond to *Heroes*, creating new work in conversation with Nkosi's paintings.

Braamfontein Programme

5. The Point of Order Corner of Bertha and Stiemens Streets

Re-membering: Memory, Intimacy, Archive by Sharlene Khan and Jordache A. Ellapen,

The exhibition *Re-membering: Memory, Intimacy, Archive* features works by South African artists Sharlene Khan and Jordache A. Ellapen from their projects titled *When the Moon Waxes Red* and *Queering the Archive: Brown Bodies in Ecstasy*. In these projects, through the lens of the 'Indian' experience, these artists explore and unsettle notions of memory, race, class, gender, and sexuality.

6. Wits Art Museum Corner of Bertha & Jorissen Streets Braamfontein

Music Performance with Afrowest & Antonio Buys

Ease into after work fun with the mellow sounds of accomplished young musicians. The 4 member South African Jazz band, Afrowest, will showcase their rich and diverse musical influences. Classical guitarist, Antonio Buys will add to the exhilarating mix.

Alfred Thoba: A Step Becomes a Statemen

The show spans four decades and represents an in-depth and overdue look at a painter, whose work chronicles major milestones in South Africa's political history and his own personal journey.

7. 99 Juta 99 Juta Street

Pre-Launch Party with Joe Paine, Doktor & Misses, Tonic, Thandi Collective, Tittybutt Studio & more!

8. PUMA Select Courtyard Corner of Melle and De Korte Streets

PUMA SELECT SESSIONS

PUMA Select Sessions lineup for 5th April: DJ Kenzhero, Menzi XL, Ronald Adlai. Register at pumaselect.co.za for free access. Space is limited so come early. 6 - 10pm.

9. Umuzi First Thursdays 5 Reserve Street

AN OTHER - An exhibition of views by Kgomotso Neto

The Umuzi community invests in local art and stands in support for a prestigious opportunity awaiting Kgomotso Neto at the New York Portfolio Review. Please join us on the night and show support by purchasing some of Neto's artwork to raise funds and [#GetNetoToNY](https://twitter.com/GetNetoToNY)