



DSTV and 94.7 HIGHVELD STEREO PRESENT:

BAFUNNY BAFUNNY: THE ODD SHAPED BALL

With Savanna – The Official Drink of Funny

SA'S COMEDY TEAM IS BACK TO DEFEND THEIR TITLE

A Hunta Live Production

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SOUTH AFRICA, 16 August 2011 - The 2010 World Cup of Funny Trophy holders are back!

They are a team with an unmatched legacy of uniting a nation through laughter and making history in the process. Now, the reigning champions of Funny are back to defend their title!

“Bafunny Bafunny” – South Africa’s star-studded team of comedians was formed in 2010 as an answer during World Cup fever to the question: “What if Comedy was a sport? Who will represent South Africa at the World Cup of Funny?” The resulting team’s tour, both locally and internationally, made not only comedy history, but created comedy heroes with their sold-out performances in front of over 60,000 fans locally.

Now, after months of preparation, they are ready to do it all over again in the lead-up to the Rugby World Cup, this time, with their aptly named tour “The Odd Shaped Ball” that will tour Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town this October.

Starring **Trevor Noah, Barry Hilton, John Vlismas, Loyiso Gola, Nik Rabinowitz, Mark Banks** and newcomers **Eugene Khoza** and **Stuart Taylor** – this is one game you have to be at!

Created by Comedy specialists Hunta Live who are no strangers to hosting international comedy heavy-weights in arenas across SA (Chris Rock’s No Apologies Tour to SA, Jeff Dunham) or at their annual Comedy Festivals nationally, their latest offering, *Bafunny Bafunny – The Odd Shaped Ball* will be the highlight on the comedy calendar.

“Bafunny Bafunny is the closest thing to a Comedy Dream Team, and a world first. To see Local Comedians outsell even the likes of Chris Rock is testament to the amazing changes in the industry and support from comedy fans,” says creator Sam Hendrikse from Hunta Live.

Supporting the team all the way are the presenting partners DStv and East Coast Radio as well as the official “drink” sponsor - Savanna.

“As the premium entertainment brand, bringing both Local and International Tv channels into our subscribers homes, it is a privilege to support and celebrate all things South African, through both our rugby and comedy heroes, uniting a nation passionate about both sport and laughter”, says Nicci Brown, Promotions & Relationship Marketing Manager at DStv.

Savanna’s association with the Bafunny Bafunny team is another obvious match for 2011 Tour.

“The Bafunny Bafunny Tour resonates with their brand's personality and conventions of humour and tactical approach towards the “lighter side of life” and we are looking forward to sharing the stage with South Africa's top comedians and laughing with the nation”, says Dominic Romani-Backhouse, the marketing manager of Savanna.

We call on all Comedy Fans to get behind our team again; to stand up and celebrate the best in SA Stand Up and show the rest of the world where the Funny's at.

For more information and general funny unsporting behaviour, visit www.bafunnybafunny.com and check out the official “preview” trailer of Greatness: <http://www.bafunnybafunny.com/index.htm>

Bookings NOW OPEN at Computicket (www.computicket.com or 083 915 8000)

Tickets are priced from R120 to R220. There are discounts for parties of 10 fans or more. No persons under the Age of 16.

Bafunny Bafunny “Tour Fixtures” for South Africa:

Cape Town: Grand Arena, GrandWest:

Thursday, 20 October 2011: 8pm
Friday, 21 October 2011: 8pm

Durban: DICC

Wednesday, 5 October 2011: 8pm
Thursday, 6 October 2011: 8pm

Johannesburg: Big Top Arena, Carnival City:

(Barry Hilton will not be performing at these two matches – player to be confirmed in the media)

Friday, 14 October 2011: 8pm
Saturday, 15 October 2011: 8pm

Meet the Bafunny Bafunny Team of 2011:

Trevor “Delicious” Noah

After long negotiations with his management in Los Angeles, South Africa's leading laugh scorer and most recognized face in the country will return to reunite with the team for this epic event. Physically gifted, strong and fast paced he continues to make waves wherever he goes. If he is not posing for magazine covers and billboards, he is busy accepting comedy awards or supporting the likes of Pablo Francisco in LA.

Mark Banks

Dangerously funny, with an unbeaten streak of over 20 years in comedy, Mark Banks will play a central role in making things easy for the Bafunny Bafunny team. Used to playing in front of packed houses nationwide, the notoriously un-PC coach is one of the most recognised and respected stand-up comedians of his time. Off the field, he is well known for his missionary work among the unlaughing and in his spare time he enjoys poking fun at locals living abroad. The most experienced player in the team.

Nik “Bokkie” Rabinowitz

SA's top Jewish Xhosa-speaking comic is a master at converting giggles into laughter. Despite his diminutive stature (standing at only five foot eleven), his firepower on any field is legendary. Darting from digression to diversion in the mercurial multi-lingual way that has become his trademark, this award-winning comic from Cape Town has established himself as a firm favourite and remains a player to watch.

Loyiso “Laduuuma” Gola

A crowd favourite, Gola has had millions of viewers glued to his performances in various TV Shows most notably his own special Late Night News. A household name, Loyiso is adored by fans nationwide, not just for his incredible wit and good looks, but for his constantly outstanding performances – he always delivers and is one of the most sought after talents today!

John 'Die Voël' Vlismas

Award-winning comedian, John Vlismas is one of South Africa's most creative, prolific international comics. With a film project being released this year, a solo art exhibition and a new one-man show, 'Pow!' he is a force to be reckoned with. The only player to have received more yellow cards than birthday cards – he keeps the crowd on their toes with his comedy antics if he is not doing time in the Sin Bin.

Barry Hilton aka "The Cousin"

"The Cousin" has reached international status as a stand-up comedian and many agree he is one of the top comedians South Africa has ever produced. Performing his original brand of South African humour, his sell-out shows are proof of his popularity among the adoring home crowd. Used to playing all fields with huge success, Hilton is an icon and - as many other comedians may agree - a role model in the industry.

Stuart "Magic" Taylor

This Going Nowhere Slowly star has the uncanny ability to cast spells of unbridled laughter on virtually any audience and has earned him the adoration of critics and fans. Taylor has scooped some amazing reviews and awards, winning the prestigious Overall Best Comedy award at the National Arts Festival and the Show Time award for the best solo performance. Critics describe his work as, *"Classy style, laid back super professional presentation"*.

Eugene "The Beast" Khoza

Well-known to South African TV audiences as co-host of the sports magazine show Countdown 2010, he is equally recognised for his comic skills. He has tickled the funny bones of diverse audiences around the country with his multilingual delivery and incisive humour that riffs on South Africa's many cultures. His rise in the comedy world began when he reached the semi-finals of M-Net's Laugh Out Loud comedy competition and won the Ricoffy Comedy Challenge. He has performed at various festivals around the country and has also successfully sold out his debut one man show KHOZA CAN!

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