



## ANOTHER JOKES AND JAZZ SESSION AT UKZN



UKZN celebrated National Science Week with a series of public and school-based events.

The [Centre for Jazz and Popular Music \(CJPM\)](#) within the [School of Arts](#) this week presented the third in a series of Jokes & Jazz shows – a premier comedy and jazz mash-up session.

The 90min show was back by popular demand and was filmed direct to DVD.

UKZN Lecturer and comedian [Mo Vawda](#), who hosts the show, burst onto the comedy scene a few years ago with stand-out performances, clean-cut material and spot on accents. Whether sharing hilarious stories about being a doctor (in Statistics!), married life, living in South Africa, or travelling abroad, this proudly South African Muslim man is fast becoming a household name.

'The show highlights current events in the country and about life on campus,' said Vawda. 'It speaks to the youth and the elderly in the form of jokes and jazz. The show also has an interesting feature with the addition of musical entertainment.'

Headlining the show, Troy Tesla tackled controversial topics in his one-man show: *African*. Support acts included Durban comedian Kamz Govender, self-proclaimed, 'nerdy fresh Prince of Umbilo' Bob Perfect, and Kwanda Radebe, who broke into the Durban comedy scene after winning the Durban Young Guns Comedy Showdown and Next Comedy Generation competitions in 2015 and 2017.

Musical entertainment featured UKZN Music students, headed by UKZN staffer and versatile vocalist Ms Thulile Zama, who performed a wide selection of songs ranging from jazz to covers to Afro, accompanied by pianist, David Smith.

Zama, lead vocalist of the successful all-women contemporary jazz band, *Heels Over Head*, also heads the Makeba Tribute Band which performs tribute concerts to Mama Africa throughout the country.

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