

MUZIEK  
**FESTI**  
VAL THEATER  
VOOR  
HET AFRI  
FILM  
**KAANS**  
LITERATUUR

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With Laurika Rauch, Gert Vlok Nel, Antjie Krog, Zeldla la Grange,  
Die Wasgoedlyn and many others

**4th edition FESTIVAL VOOR HET AFRIKAANS at  
De Brakke Grond, Amsterdam**

On the 22nd and 23rd of September De Brakke Grond theatre in Amsterdam will host the 4th edition of Festival voor het Afrikaans (previously known as Afrikaanse Kultuurfees Amsterdam). Artists performing are amongst others Laurika Rauch, Gert Vlok Nel, Sandra Prinsloo, Antjie Krog, Die Wasgoedlyn and Zeldla la Grange.

During **Festival voor het Afrikaans**, arts and culture in Afrikaans will take centre stage. Afrikaans is the third biggest language spoken in South Africa. The festival intends to facilitate cultural exchange between South Africa, the Netherlands and Flanders.

**Music, drama, literature, film**

Besides stellar performances by singers Laurika Rauch and Gert Vlok Nel, actress **Sandra Prinsloo**, poet **Antjie Krog** and author **Zeldla la Grange** (for 20 years personal assistant to Mr Nelson Mandela) the festival also showcases **Die Wasgoedlyn** with **Churchil Naudé, Frazer Barry, Riku Lähti, Jolyn Phillips** and others. Die Wasgoedlyn is a dynamic and diverse collective of singer songwriters, rap artists and poets. Artists from the Netherlands and Belgium like **Joep Pelt, Klaas Delrue, Hannelore Bedert** and **Stefan Dixon** complete the line-up. Visitors to the festival can also watch a variety of recent South African movies and documentaries.

**Multilingualism, modern art and the art of *braaiing***

On Sunday, the **Taalunie** hosts a discussion on multilingualism in South Africa, the Netherlands and Belgium. Internationally renowned auction house **Strauss & Co** will be

there to value works of art by South African artists. On Saturday, visitors can enjoy a tasty curry from Durban and on Sunday – of course – there will be a truly South African *braai*. And by all means, take a stroll along the market with South African products.

### **7 million Afrikaans speakers**

Afrikaans is the third largest language of South Africa, after isiZulu and isiXhosa but before English. There are some 7 million speakers of Afrikaans in South Africa. Although Afrikaans was in the past often associated with apartheid, most Afrikaans speakers today are not white, but brown or black. 75% of the brown population of South Africa has Afrikaans as its mother tongue.

### **Programme and ticket sales**

Go to [www.festivalvoorhetafrikaans.nl](http://www.festivalvoorhetafrikaans.nl) for more information.

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