



in_herit FESTIVAL 2026

Our Roots. Our Rhythm. Our Future.

Visit Iziko Museums of South Africa for an exciting programme exploring our histories, heritage and art!







DATE	TIME	EVENT Description	VENUE
01-30 September	09:00-17:00	Art Out Loud is a visual art showcase presented by Iziko Education in partnership with local art institutions. Dedicated to celebrating Indigenous artists, the exhibition provides a platform to share their creative work, honour heritage, and bring Indigenous perspectives to the forefront of the art world.	Groot Constantia Learning Centre
01-07 September	10:00 - 13:00	National Arbor Week Celebrate National Arbor Week (1–7 September 2026) by joining us in the Gardens for a hands-on tree-planting session to help grow a greener future.	Iziko South African Museum
07-11 September	08:00 - 17:00	Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections 2026 SPNHC brings its annual conference to the African Continent for the first time, marking a historic gathering on the Iziko South African Museum. The conference focuses on strengthening global collaborations in collections care, advancing biodiversity research, and exploring ethical stewardship, Indigenous knowledge, and digital preservation.	
12 September	2 Hours	My Landscape Showcase launch Iziko Museums and WCED partnership supporting the Grade 10 Visual Arts curriculum. The programme gives learners the opportunity to explore landscape art through drawing workshops at Iziko, with selected artworks showcased at the Iziko South African National Gallery Annexe	ISANG, Annex

19 September	11:00-12:00	<i>Art Deco Cape Town – Facades and Fragments</i> presented by Ken McGillivray, an artist, author and editor. Trained as an architect, he spent 35 years in the design, construction, renovation and marketing of residential property. In his later years he was able to indulge his passion for books by moving into the world of editing and publishing.	TH Barry Lecture Theatre. Iziko South African Museum.
	12:00-13:00	<i>Marion Island: a window into the Southern Ocean</i> - Abuyiselwe Nguna, SAPRI's LTO-Land Research Coordinator, presents a public lecture on long-term environmental monitoring in South Africa's sub-Antarctic and Antarctic regions. His team tracks ecosystem changes, seabirds, and marine mammals at Marion Island and SANAE IV to guide vital conservation efforts.	
	14:00-15:00	<i>Conserving our technological heritage</i> - This public lecture will be presented by Prof. Mike Bruton. He has been involved primarily in informal science education, in the interrelated worlds of the aquarium, museum and interactive science centre.	
		<i>Attendance is free, but booking is essential for all public lectures. RSVP online click here in herit Festival 2026: Public Lecture Series</i>	

OUTREACH PROGRAMME - IZIKO MOBILE MUSEUM



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17 September	13:00-14:00	Heritage Month Outreach Programme	UCT Infectious Disease & Molecular Medicine at UCT
21 September	10:30 - 13:00	Heritage Day at Prince Georgerylaan Lavender Hill.	Retreat Library
22 September		Heritage Day in Heideveld	Heideveld Public Library
23 September		UWC Library & Information Department	University of Western Cape



Free entry on 24 September 2026

HERITAGE DAY

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Free Entry includes: Iziko South African Museum, South African National Gallery, Slave Lodge Bo-Kaap Museum, Old Town House Museum, as well as Groot Constantia Manor House and Castle of Good Hope.
Excluding the Iziko Planetarium and Digital Dome.



24-Sep-26

DATE	TIME	HERITAGE DAY EVENTS	VENUE
24-Sep-26	06:00 to 09:00	Umhlobo Wenene FM Outside Broadcast - The Heritage Day programme will kick off with an Umhlobo Wenene FM broadcast from the Whale Well at the Iziko South African Museum.	ISL, ISANG, ISAM
	09:00 – 09:40	Helderkruin Primary School Majorettes & Cadets - Special performance by the Helderkruin Primary School Majorettes and Cadets, providing a vibrant opening to the Heritage Day celebrations.	ISAM
	09:00-14:00	Discovery Room - An interactive, hands-on space designed for young visitors and families to explore nature and science. Located in the Sea and Us exhibition, the dcovery room features hands-on STEAM educational toys, tactile specimens, and creative activities that spark curiosity through direct discovery.	ISAM, Discovery Room
	09:00 - 11:00	Iphupho Marimba Ensemble - A vibrant live musical performance celebrating South Africa's rich musical heritage. The ensemble will provide an engaging experience for visitors and set the tone for the day's Heritage Day celebrations.	ISL
		Sama Yoyo with Band - A live musical performance by Sama Yoyo and band, providing visitors with an opportunity to experience contemporary South African music within the setting of the National Gallery.	ISANG
		Ghumba Band - The Ghumba Band will deliver a live performance celebrating Cape Town's rich musical and cultural traditions.	IBH
		Usapho Creative Group - Usapho Creative Group will present a cultural performance as part of the Heritage Day programme, contributing to the celebration of South Africa's diverse creative and cultural heritage.	OTH
	10:00 - 14:00	Puppet Planet - Join us for fun, hands-on activities and meet the fascinating prehistoric animals that once lived in our oceans!	Discovery Room, ISAM
	Every hour from 10am until 1pm	Indigenous Games kids workshop - An interactive children's workshop pairing cultural heritage with active play. Participants explore historical artworks during a guided tour of the William Fehr Collection, followed by a hands-on session playing traditional South African indigenous games.	Iziko William Fehr Collections, Castle of Good Hope
	12:00 - 13:00	Our Alfabet soep: Recipes in the Archives - Led by award-winning author, translator, and Kaaps advocate Gaireyah Fredericks (een voet innie kabr), "Our Alfabet Soep: Recipes in the Archives" unearths the hidden historical voices of the Cape. Join us as we trace the evolution of Kaaps and Cape Muslim vernacular from colonial records to modern speech, exploring language as a rich, multi-layered "soep" simmered across centuries of community history. Attendance is free, but booking is essential. RSVP online click here https://bit.ly/RecipesintheArchives	IBK
24-Sep-26	10:00-15:00	The Cape Guild of Weavers - Interactive demonstrations showcasing weaving, crocket, basket making and knitting.	ISAM, Old Town House
	13:00 - 15:00	Live Performance	ISAM

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

DATE	TIME	SHOW	DESCRIPTION
24 September Book Planetarium tickets via WebTickets	10:30	We Are Stars +Sida Tsoatsoas(Short)	Explore the secrets of our cosmic chemistry, and our explosive origins.
	11:30	Two Small Pieces of Glass +Sida Tsoatsoas(Short)	Explore Amazing Telescope" show follows two students as they interact with a female astronomer at a local star party.
	13:00	Mayan Archaeoastronomy +Sida Tsoatsoas(Short)	Dive into a Mayan world of knowledge and learn about the importance of the orientation of the temples in relation to the movement of celestial bodies like the Sun, the Moon and Venus.
	14:00	Rising Star	Journey through South Africa’s fascinating astronomy story—from our beginnings to the exciting future of space science and discovery.
	15:00	Voices of the Sky	Join a special talk exploring Khoi San perspectives and stories of the night sky and the knowledge passed down through generations.

HOLIDAY SHOW TIMES: TUESDAY TO SUNDAY, 25 Sept - 4 Oct 2026

TUESDAY TO SUNDAY	
TIME	SHOW
10:30	We are Stars
11:30	Two Small Pieces of Glass
13:00	Journey to the Stars
14:00	Dessi: 5000 Eyes

