

# *Idols SA* winner on the ride of his life

And he walks away with R1.2m in prizes

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FOLLOWING many weeks of nail-biting performances and record-breaking votes on *Idols SA*, 24-year-old Karabo Mogane beat top contender 23-year-old Mmatema Moremi to be crowned the 2015 winner at Carnival City last night.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," said an emotional Mogane of Mbombela in Mpumalanga.

"I'm thankful for the people who supported me. This has changed my life. I have met people who have all contributed throughout my journey."

Mogane took away Moremi's chance of becoming the first black female winner and walked away with R1.2 million worth of prizes that included a recording deal and a trip to the US to watch the *American Idol* finale.

"I've won a car. I rode in a taxi to the finale thinking that I will never ride in a taxi again. That dream has come true because I have won a Ford Fiesta. I promised my father a Volvo \$40, so I will try and get him that too. I want to



ON A HIGH NOTE: Karabo Mogane is congratulated for winning *Idols SA* last night.

renovate my parents' home," said Mogane.

Part of the deal also includes Mogane opening for super group Mi Casa's *Dare To Love* tour at Carnival City on December 11.

Although defeated,

Moremi kept her spirits up. "I don't know how I feel yet but I am proud of both of us. All I know is hard work pays and it will all work out," she said.

The *Idols SA* Top 10 reunited on the Carnival City

stage for a group performance of Rachel Platten's *Fight Song*. The Top 2 performed Beyoncé's *I Was Here* as a duet, backed by the rest of the Top 10 contestants.

"We are in the studio with Karabo from November 25

and we are hopeful to release it on December 11," said *Idols SA* judge Randall Abrahams.

Other memorable performances came from Judith Sephuma, house music legends Mi Casa, hip hop artist Kwesta, and 2013 *Idols SA* winner Vin-

cent Bones. Another judge, Somizi Mhlongo, stole the show with an amazing dance exhibition of Black Coffee's *We Dance Again*.

Auditions for the next season of *Idols SA* are due to start early next year.

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SOUTH African style triumphed over American street dancing on Saturday night as Soulistic Fusion Trio took home the trophy at the Red Bull Beat Battle.

The Soweto-based crew defended their home turf at Walter Sisulu Square in the finals against Cape Town's Ninja Turtles, a break-dancing crew. In a suspenseful deliber-

ation that included a panel of four judges and a crowd vote, the iShbhujwa crew won by one point.

The trio, made up of Blessing Dhlamini, 23, Itshupeng Sereme, 21, and Khulekani Nxumalo, 20, showed crisp attention to detail with elaborate costumes and beats that they said they produced them-

selves. In the second round, they pulled out all the stops with kung fu film-inspired outfits and music with Chinese marimba sounds to match.

"At the end of the day, if you ask a chef, they say eat with your eyes first," said Dhlamini, explaining that they wanted to give a visual appetiser to the crowd before

their routine began. "Every element of what we offer is strictly tailor-made."

Indeed, as soon as the yellow costumes that could've come straight out of *Mortal Kombat* appeared from back stage, the crowd roared approval.

The crowd completed the judge's panel as the fifth judge for the evening, and the Joburg

crowd clearly adored the local crew.

"We're doing it for all the iShbhujwa cats out there," Dhlamini said. He said it felt good to win over hip-hop, especially in the place where iShbhujwa originated.

According to Dhlamini, the style started in Soweto in the early 2000s and really blos-

somed around 2007. The crew Soulistic Fusion Trio formed in 2011.

The second-place crew, the Ninja Turtles, said they struggled to win over the crowd because they were from Cape Town. In earlier rounds, the judges saved them twice after the crowd voted the other way.

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SMOOTH: The Reptiles slithered into the final of the Red Bull Beat Battle 2015 in Soweto on Saturday night.

PICTURE: DUMISANI DUBE

## Sharp-looking trio take Beat Battle in super-cool SA style



SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT: Josina Machel and Zenda la Grange share a hug at the 2015 Sisters with Blisters walk.

PICTURE: KEVIN WRIGHT

## Memorable mystery dinner at Joburg stadium

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JOBURGERS were treated to an amazing dinner with the Soccer City Calabash in Nasrec as a backdrop and views of the city as part of the third Diner en Blanc.

Dinner-goers, dressed in all white, were fetched from different points across the city and transported by bus to the secret venue.

Beautiful long, white tables arranged in the park outside the Soccer City stadium greeted guests when they arrived.

Before the dinner, a moment of silence was observed for the victims who were killed during a terror attack in Paris on Friday, November 13.

The Diner en Blanc concept originates from Paris.

Organisers Sam Croad and

Milla Anderson said they chose the stadium because the venue United South Africans during the 2010 Fifa World Cup.

In addition, the opening and closing matches of the tournament were played there and it was also the setting for Nelson Mandela's memorial service.

While people enjoyed their dinner, some worried that it would rain but the heavens behaved.

But the wind didn't. A cold breeze blew and to keep warm, diners wrapped themselves in the tablecloths.

The party eventually moved to the stadium's basement where diners danced and partied until midnight.

One lucky diner, Chantelle van Tonder, was named best dressed and will attend the original Diner en Blanc in Paris next June.

## Sisters get blisters for a good cause

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A FEW thousand people are limping around Joburg with blistered feet, but their consolation is that the pain is for a good cause.

Saturday saw 5 000 women, men, children and dogs walk to take a stand against women and child abuse at the 1st for Women Sisters with Blisters Protest Walk with Jacaranda FM.

The excited crowd donned their pink, white and black outfitts and kitted themselves out in heels that they felt would carry them up and down the slopes of Steyn City in Fourways.

Nalanti Goosen wrote on Facebook: "Sisters with blisters walk... 5km of downhill and uphill. I'm definitely going to feel it tomorrow #sisterswithblisters"

But all their efforts weren't for nothing because R400 000 was raised for Men against Child Abuse and the Department of Social Development's Hlyzivana Centre of Hope in KaBokwena, Mpumalanga.

Robyn Farrell, executive head of 1st for Women Insurance, said: "Over the past 10 years we have seen Sisters with Blisters go from strength to strength. It is an honour and a privilege to be involved in such a phenomenal movement – one that states that we, as South Africans, will not tolerate abuse in any shape or form."

The event was also supported by the Social Development Deputy Minister Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu.

The department wrote on their Facebook page: "Stop gender-based violence and violence against children! The Department of Social Development's Gender-Based Command Centre is 0800 428 428 or send a please call me to \*120\*7867# – No excuse for abuse!!! #sisterswithblisters #HeeltoHeal."

Zelda la Grange, author and former assistant to Nelson Mandela, also took part. She tweeted a picture with a fellow walker and captioned it: "NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE with @JosinaZM who recently lost her eye due to abuse. #sisterswithblisters"

Jacaranda FM's general manager Kevin Fine said: "Each year, together with 1st for Women Insurance, we continue to raise awareness regarding the issue of abuse. Sincere thanks to our listeners who participate every year."

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## Fashion event pulled off, almost seamlessly

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THE LAST day of Soweto Fashion Week (SFW) on Saturday was slow to start but when it did, it brought with it all the excitement and styles that were expected.

The event has always stood apart from other fashion weeks in the country, showing two seasons instead of one, running shows one after the other and providing up-and-coming acts as entertainment instead of big names. And that is where it gets its charm.

Those attending weren't the usual mix who hang around in affluent fashion circles, but rather people from Soweto with a genuine passion for well-designed clothes.

Tisc by Floyd Avenue had models walking down the ramp to the soundtrack of Moonchild Sanelly and Madala Kunene. The menswear collection had people cheering but most were more taken by the models rather than the clothes.

Collection labels were next and among them were Shona Accra, Freshwear, UJU and Christopher Malo.

Many of the collections were Afrocentric, while others, like Malo, showed futuristic and Asian-styled outfits with original prints.

Darling Hair, which gave out gift bags with hair extensions from the first day on Thursday, was one of the primary sponsors along with Canon and e.tv. They hosted their own show where they showcased hair-



SHOWCASE: A model walks down the ramp during Soweto Fashion Week on Saturday.

styles made with their extensions.

Debbie Allorto, the marketing manager of Darling Hair, said: "Darling allows women to express their beauty and style in every aspect of their lives and thus the partnership with SFW was a natural progression."

The founder of SFW, Stephen Manzini, thanked sponsors and participants for being part of his dream. He had previously said in interviews that the show has faced financial difficulties.

Michelle Janse van Vuuren, the marketing director at Canon, said: "We are excited to be associated with Soweto Fashion Week – a platform that appeals to the same influential, tech-savvy individuals that Canon does."

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