

Music: Dirty beat & cool cats

■ London-based Hyperdub hipsters **LV** recently proved their globe-trotting credentials by teaming up with South Africa's edgiest urban pioneers Okmalumkoolkat, Ruffest and Spoek Mathambo to



release an album that operated in the interzone between UK funk, dubstep, kwaito, soca and hip hop. Now LV's *Okzharp* has hooked up with Zaki Ibrahim and Okmalumkoolkat, to push the boundaries further. Catch their debut, alongside afro-futurist pranksters Dirty Paraffin, electro-hop duo Christian Tiger School, the ever-enigmatic Jakobsnake and Funafuji. **WHEN** August 17, 9pm. **WHERE** The Assembly, 61 Harrington Street, Cape Town. **COST** R50 to R80. **INFO** Call 021 465 7286 or visit theassembly.co.za

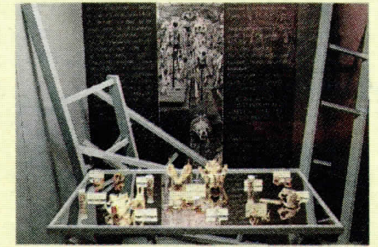
Literature: A thrilling luncheon

■ Expect an afternoon of wild literary banter, ranging from science-fictional interludes to nuanced deconstruction of gender in mass culture, when Lauren Beukes discusses her multi-award winning new book **The Shining Girls** at a three-course luncheon this weekend. The novel takes the reader into the minds and hearts of its protagonists, evoking the very real possibility that evil is everywhere—maybe even inside us. Woven through this dark tapestry are the glittering threads of humanity, humour, and in the form of one young woman, the promise of redemption. Don't miss the chance to join South Africa's literary pop star in conversation over good food and wine. **WHEN** August 17, 12.30pm. **WHERE** Webersburg Wine Estate, Stellenbosch. **COST** R250. **INFO** Call 021 881 3636



Poetry: Vocal revolutionaries

■ In **R-A-T: an Associative Ordering**, curator Fritha Langerman bends found forms and objects into story, repurposing science, biology and history. She combines mathematical precision with programmer's logic to generate emotion and wonder. Wildly inventive, sly and astute, the exhibition uses the brown rat, *Rattus norvegicus*, as a means to explore the representation of species within museums of natural history. Rather than a discrete display, *R-A-T* is an exhibition dispersed throughout the museum, furtively making its way into disused corners and cabinets. **WHEN** Until December 8. **WHERE** Iziko South African Museum, 25 Queen Victoria Street, Cape Town. **COST** R30. **INFO** Call 021 481 3800 or visit iziko.org.za



Festival: Food and wine

■ Now in its third year, the sumptuous weekend-long **Big Bottle Festival** pairs renowned winemakers and 5-star chefs headed up by Peter Tempelhoff, with Edgar Osojnik (Buitenverwachting), Harald Bresselschmidt (Aubergine), Roland Gorgosilich (Bosman's) Gregory Czarnecki (Waterkloof) and Brad Ball (Bistro Sixteen82). Participating wine estates include Bouchard Finlayson, Hamilton-Russell, Iona, Delaire Graff Estate, Buitenverwachting, Neil Ellis, Jordan, Thelema, Tokara and Klein Constantia. **WHEN** August 23 to 25. **WHERE** Cellars-Hohenort Hotel, Constantia **COST** Walk-Around Day Pass is R400 (includes food and wine), the Gourmand Dinner Experience is R1980 and the 2002 Prestige Champagne Tasting R2300 per person. **INFO** bigbottle.co.za and book at Webtickets



Comedy: The insanity league

■ Now on the Cape Town leg of their national tour, **The Rise of the Insanity League** is a comedy movement comprising the combined forces of actors Aaron McIlroy, Ben Voss and John van de Ruit. More than a random selection of sketches, *The Rise of the Insanity League* promises to be a comic study on insanity unlike anything ever seen on the stage in South Africa before. It is directed by Greig Coetzee. **WHEN** Until August 31. **WHERE** Theatre on the Bay, 1A Link Street, Camps Bay. **COST** R100 to R160. **INFO** Book Computicket or theatreonthebay.co.za



Drama: Tin Bucket Drum

■ Playwright Neil Coppen's **Tin Bucket Drum** finally comes to Cape Town after garnering praise both nationally and internationally. The story of a spirited child with a revolutionary heart born into a country with a cruel and silent dictatorship gives a fresh twist to the traditional conventions of African storytelling by weaving together magical realism, shadow puppetry and Kabuki theatre. It is directed by Karen Logan. **WHEN** Until September 8. **WHERE** Kalk Bay Theatre, 2 Main Road, Kalk Bay. **COST** R100. **INFO** Book at kbt.co.za

