

Copshop and Kaalgat Karel previews

By Daniel Dercksen

Copshop and a preview of *Kaalgat Karel* open at local cinemas this weekend, as well as a couple of drive-in options around the country.

Copshop

Copshop is an explosive new action-thriller from writer-director Joe Carnahan, who gave us the supercharged and excellent *Boss Level* earlier this year.

With its charismatic characters and its singular marriage of intrigue, suspense and all-out carnage, *Copshop* is the sort of highly original genre production that could only come from filmmaker Joe Carnahan. The writer-director says he's excited to be able to offer audiences a reason to head back to movie theaters for a great night out.

"These types of films are great, popcorn, escapist kinds of movies, and I think that especially now, with what we're dealing with as a global community, people need to be entertained," Carnahan says. "Giving people a reason to laugh or smile or lose themselves for even a couple of hours is a noble pursuit right now."

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Kaalgat Karel

There will be sneak previews of *Kaalgat Karel* on 18 and 19 September. This inspiring new Afrikaans film is released with English subtitles. It was recently named Best Feature Film and Best International Production at the Lit Laughs International Comedy Festival in the UK.

The local romcom *Kaalgat Karel* tells the story of Karel Venter (Jacobs), a thirty-year-old guy who loves the thrill and accompanying social media stardom of streaking during sports matches. He falls head-over-heels for the paramedic, Rita (Visser), who saves him after a streak gone wrong, but there's a problem; she's a strait-laced single mom who has no interest in his streaking shenanigans.

The film stars Francois Jacobs (Donkerland, Vir die Voëls, Pad Na Jou Hart) and Christia Visser (Tess, Ballade vir 'n Enkeling, Hollywood in my Huis). The movie also boasts a star-studded cast that includes Schalk Bezuidenhout, Siv Ngesi, Tracey-Lee Oliver, Rosebelle Clasen and Eden Classens.

It is directed by Meg Rickards, who co-wrote and produced the feature with husband Paul Egan. It will be showing from 24 September.

Drive-Ins

From Friday to Sunday you can jump into your car and visit the **GoDriveln Movie & Roadhouse**, situated in an open-air lot in Salt River. The film offering at the GoDriveln is diverse and caters to families, adults, and film buffs. This weekend they will be screening *Star Trek* (17 Sept), *Tangled* (18 Sept) and *Kung-Fu Panda* (19 Sept). For more info go to godrivein.com.

The Galileo Open Air Cinema in Tamboerskloof invites you to enjoy a magical outdoor movie experience underneath a canopy of stars. This summer, The Galileo brings you three styles of cinema for your selection: Royale, Picnic & Drive In. This weekend they are screening *When Harry Met Sally* (17 Sept) and *The BFG* (18 Sept). For more info go to thegalileo.co.za.

Due to popular demand and a sold-out season, the **City Drive-In**, presented by Sandton City and powered by Ster Kinekor, has been extended until the end of September 2021. For more info go to <u>www.sandtoncity.com/thecitydrivein</u>.

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