

Q&A with comedian Phil de Lange

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Phil de Lange, a comedian and an all round nice guy continues his rapid rise up the comedy ranks with an upcoming one-man show, *The Phil Spectrum*, at the Mash Turn in Woodstock, Cape Town on 10 May 2018.

De Lange will also be featuring in Trevor Noah's upcoming TV series; *Trevor Noah's Nation Wild* airing on M-Net later this year. I caught up with him, last week.







■ ***When are you happiest?***

When someone who thinks something I thought was funny, is funny too.

■ ***What does comedy mean to you?***

Comedy is a space for you to hold the attention of a group of people who are looking for a laugh but also want to get to know you and the weird thoughts you have.

■ ***What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?***

The process of discovering something that I think is funny and fleshing out the idea until I take it to stage.

■ ***What drives you: ego or humility?***

A bit of both.

■ ***Your heroes?***

Scooby Doo; my parents; my brothers; and people who like Marmite (don't listen to the haters).

■ ***Which living person do you admire most and why?***

Charlize...that accent is flawless. Inspired as a voice-over artist.

■ ***What is your most treasured possession?***

My Makala tenor ukulele.



■ ***It's your round what are you drinking?***

Lime and soda.

■ ***Dream gig to do?***

Saturday Night Live.

■ ***What makes you stand out?***

My complexion (seriously I can get sunburnt at night); my ukuleles.

■ ***Nicknames?***

Phillie; Uncle Fester.

■ ***Pick five words to describe yourself?***

Self-deprecating, introspective, cute, funny.

■ ***Who do you love?***

Pizza with enough garlic to make colleagues put in a complaint with HR.

■ ***Your greatest achievement?***

Performing at *Trevor Noah's Nation Wild* showcase in 2018 at *The Lyric* in Joburg.



■ **What do you complain about most often?**

Lack of sleep.

■ **What is your fear?**

Going viral on Twitter for the wrong reason.

■ **Happiness is?**

Going viral on Twitter for the right reasons.

■ **Where would you like to be right now?**

In front of a full house at my next one-man show.

■ **Wishes and dreams for 2018?**

Reach more audiences, write more songs, travel with my show more, and stay fresh.

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