## Meg van Wyk shares her 'Trousseau' at National Arts Festival



Singer-songwriter Meg van Wyk will perform music from her debut EP. Photo by Vita Chan

Independent singer-songwriter, Meg van Wyk, will share the stories and songs from her debut EP *Trousseau* in the Beethoven Room at the upcoming National Arts Festival in Makhanda. Meg released her EP last year on 15 April 2024 to celebrate her seventh wedding anniversary.

Trousseau is a deeply personal project for Meg—a labour of love dedicated to her late husband. The title of the EP reflects her journey through the intricacies of life, love, and self-discovery. Drawing inspiration from artists such as Damien Rice, Suzanne Vega, and Lianne la Havas, she crafts her narrative with a raw, emotive edge that resonates with listeners. The EP's lead single, 'Burn Down', is a testament to Meg's storytelling prowess, combining haunting melodies with succinct poetic lyrics that explore the dynamics of attraction and infatuation as a dance between two individuals akin to flames flirting with one another. Meg explains the choice of title: "A trousseau is a kist in which a bride gathers items which she will take into her new life with her chosen partner and I felt like each one of these songs signified an important

moment in my relationship with my late husband. Although he is no longer with me, I carry the love and the joy we shared with me always".



Meg performs for an intimate crowd. Photo: Nelson Fung

Meg will share a stripped-down acoustic set where listeners will be regaled with tales about love, loss, and transformation in-between songs. Audiences may also be treated to some new, yet-to-be-released songs that van Wyk has up her sleeve. Performances are in the Beethoven Room on the first floor of the Rhodes Music Department, Somerset Street, Makhanda. Mobility-impaired audiences are reminded that the venue is not accessible to wheelchair users. Tickets are R120 for general access and R108 concession. Shows are at various times between 2-5 July 2025, check the National Arts Festival website for the most accurate information at www.nationalartsfestival.co.za

Fans and new listeners alike are encouraged to explore *Trousseau* and join Meg van Wyk on her musical journey. For more information, follow Meg on her social media platforms and stay tuned for upcoming performances and releases.

## **About Meg van Wyk:**

Meg van Wyk (she/they) is an emerging indie singer-songwriter whose music blurs the lines between alt pop and folk. With a passion for storytelling through music, Meg crafts songs that speak to the soul, making her debut EP *Trousseau* a heartfelt introduction to her artistry.

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