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UCT interview opportunity and events

- **UCT opera student wins Belvedere Singing Competition** – Levy Sekgapane, who won the 34th International Hans Gabor Belvedere Singing Competition held in Amsterdam this month, is available for interview.
- **UCT hosts four Western Cape institutions at this year's Fresh from Fest** – UCT will welcome four Western Cape institutions which have returned from the Grahamstown National Arts Festival as part of the Student Theatre or Schools' Festival.
- **Café Scientifique** – Professor Jill Farrant to speak on challenges and potential medicinal and cosmetic uses of resurrection plants.

Date	Event/Topic	Background	Contact
14 July	UCT opera student wins Belvedere Singing Competition	<p>Levy Sekgapane, a student in the University of Cape Town Opera School, has won the 34th International Hans Gabor Belvedere Singing Competition held in Amsterdam this month. He is the second UCT student to win the prestigious international contest.</p> <p>Sekgapane's prizes include opera engagements (if roles are available) at the Aalto Theatre und Philharmonie Essen, the Festliche Operngala der Deutschen AIDS-Stiftung and the Gran Teatre del Liceu Barcelona. He also received the Wil Keune Prize (of €500), which is awarded to a young singer of real potential born after 1989.</p>	<p>Azwi Mufamadi Tel: 021 650 5427 Cell: 078 528 6065 Email: azwi.mufamadi@uct.ac.za</p>

<p>20 July – 25 July</p>	<p>Fresh from Fest 2015</p>	<p>The University of Cape Town (UCT) will host the annual student-run theatre festival, Fresh from Fest, at UCT’s Hiddingh Campus. UCT will welcome four Western Cape institutions which have returned from the Grahamstown National Arts Festival as part of the Student Theatre or Schools’ Festival.</p> <p>This year’s festival, hosted by fourth-year theatre making students, will be held in UCT’s Arena Theatre and Bindery Laboratory. The audience will be treated to six productions from surrounding Western Cape institutions. This year, the productions that will be showcased include those from CityVarsity (The Price of Meat and Raw Meat*), University of Stellenbosch (Unravelling), University of the Western Cape (Admission Reserved), Waterfront Theatre School (Edges) and UCT’s own Don’t Shoot the Harbinger (Winner of the Most Promising Student Scriptwriters award at the Grahamstown National Arts Festival).</p> <p>Tickets are R30 per performance (CASH only at the door).</p>	<p>Nabeelah Khan Tel: 021 480 7129 Email: nabeelah.khan@uct.ac.za</p>
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<p>21 July</p>	<p>Café Scientifique – Resurrection plants: Future food, future health</p> <p>Time: 18h00 – 20h00</p> <p>Venue: The Irma Stern Museum, Cecil Road, corner of Chapel Road, Rosebank</p>	<p>Over a glass of wine, Professor Jill Farrant will talk about the challenges and potential medicinal and cosmetic uses of resurrection plants.</p> <p>Resurrection plants are those that survive the loss of 95% of cellular water for prolonged periods without dying. Production of truly drought tolerant crops is imperative for food security as climate change models predict that South Africa will be a desert by 2060.</p> <p>Jill Farrant is Professor and UCT Research Chair in Plant Molecular Physiology. She was awarded the prestigious L’Oreal-Unesco Women in Science Award in 2012.</p> <p>Please RSVP by emailing UCTcafescientifique@gmail.com if you are interested in attending, indicating number of people as numbers are strictly limited.</p> <p>If space is available, an admission ticket will be sent to you.</p>	<p>Cynthia Best Tel: 021 650 3076 Email: Cynthia.Best@uct.ac.za</p>
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