

Press Release:

Oliewenhuis Art Museum Announces Valentine's Couples Competition 2026

Win a romantic night under the stars at the Canvas and Cupid Event

Bloemfontein, South Africa – Oliewenhuis Art Museum is delighted to announce the launch of its Valentine's Couples Competition 2026, offering three lucky couples the opportunity to experience an unforgettable evening of art, romance and picnicking on Friday, 13 February 2026.

This exclusive competition invites couples to share a heartfelt and inspiring reason why they deserve a magical Valentine's celebration. The three winning couples will receive tickets to the highly anticipated *Canvas and Cupid* event, a one-of-a-kind experience that combines art, a romantic picnic under the stars, and an evening of dancing in a magical outdoor setting. Winning couples will also enjoy a fully stocked picnic basket valued at over R1 000.

Event Highlights:

- **Art Exhibition:** A guided tour through the current art exhibitions on display.
- **Picnic under the stars:** A delicious picnic basket filled with snacks, perfect for relaxing in the Sculpture Garden.
- **Dance under the stars:** An opportunity to dance the evening away in a magical outdoor setting.

"We are thrilled to offer couples a unique way to celebrate Valentine's Day," said Ester le Roux, Curator at Oliewenhuis Art Museum. "This competition gives participants the chance not only to enjoy beautiful art, but also to create lasting memories under the stars at one of Bloemfontein's most iconic venues."

How to Enter:

Couples are invited to submit a short paragraph (no more than 200 words) explaining why they deserve to win this special experience. Entries must be submitted via the online form, available at:

<https://forms.gle/Wv8P2tsFMb8kn6t29>

The competition is open to individuals aged 18 years and older. The closing date for entries is Sunday, 8 February 2026 at 00:00. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, 10 February 2026, and will be notified directly by Oliewenhuis Art Museum.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, 13 February 2026
- **Time:** 18:00
- **Venue:** Oliewenhuis Art Museum, 16 Harry Smith Street, Waverley, Bloemfontein

Important Information:

- Only individuals aged 18 years or older may enter.
- The competition closes at 00:00 on 8 February 2026.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.



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- Staff members of the National Museum and its satellites, as well as their immediate family members, are not eligible to enter.
- Prizes do not include transport to and from Oliewenhuis Art Museum.

For more information, please contact: oliewen@nasmus.co.za.

About Oliewenhuis Art Museum

Oliewenhuis Art Museum is a premier cultural institution located in Bloemfontein, South Africa. Set in a beautiful historical building surrounded by expansive gardens, the museum is home to an impressive collection of South African art, ranging from historical works to contemporary pieces. As a satellite of the National Museum, Bloemfontein, an agency of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Oliewenhuis Art Museum offers visitors a unique blend of art exhibitions, educational programmes, and cultural events in a serene and inspiring setting.

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Visiting Hours

Mon to Fri 8:00 - 17:00

Sat 9:00 - 16:00

Sun & Public Holidays 9:00 - 16:00

Closed on Good Friday & Christmas Day

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