

# SA team stages slick Broadway show

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THE red carpet was rolled out for singers and actors on the opening night of Jersey Boys SA, but the show's four stars outshone the glittering guests in the audience at Montecasino's Teatro.

The eye-popping show about the trials and tribulations of The Four Seasons, played and sung by Grant Almirall, Daniel Buys, Kenneth Meyer and Emmanuel Castis, drew a standing ovation.

Their success came on the back of a gruelling process with Broadway producers,

including thick New Jersey accents, pitch and tone training.

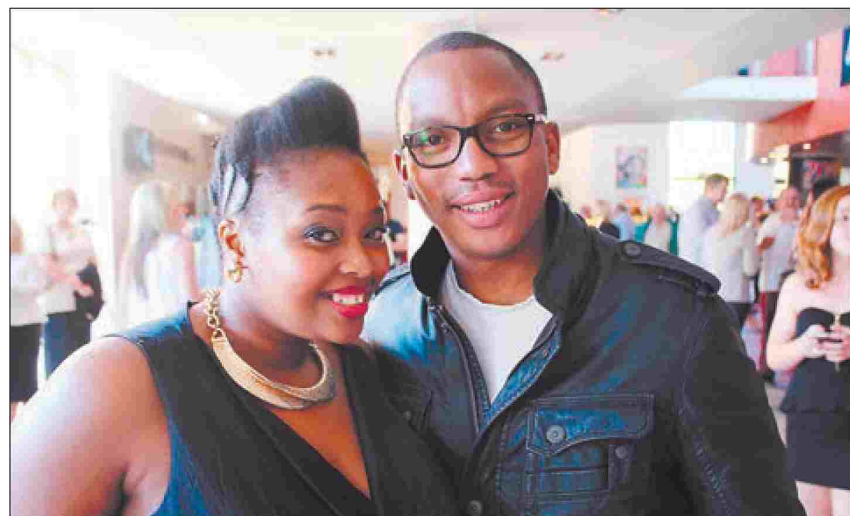
The SA cast includes Carmen Pretorius, Duane Alexander, Jaco van Rensburg, Taryn-Lee Hudson and Bjorn Blignaut. They spent invaluable time fine-tuning their roles with two-time Tony Award winner and Jersey Boys Broadway director Des McAnuff.

Before opening at the Teatro, cast and crew of the South African production spent 11 weeks in Singapore, in an acclaimed run to tighten their grip on the show.

Set changes run like clockwork, with choreography and music intertwined in a slick package.



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