

MUST HAVES

BASA (Business and Arts SA) CEO Michelle Constant shares some of her favourite things with us

1. Necklace: I found this necklace at a second-hand jewellery store. It's got a Georg Jensen, the Danish designer, silver mark on the back. Other than that I know very little about it, but it certainly represents classic mid-20th-century European design.

2. Pieter Hugo photograph: I'm a huge fan of photography and have work by Guy Tillim and Jo Radcliffe among others. This picture of the hyena and owner/trainer was taken in Nigeria. It's almost hard to comprehend.

3. CD collection: In the time of iPods this does seem a little old school — a rack of CDs! Throughout my career I have always been asked to choose my favourite album or song or musician. It's an impossible task, but all together these CDs tell a fabulous story of my life.

4. Perfume bottle: My ouma lived in a small town outside Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Her home was filled with little objects of love. She was an extraordinarily tough woman, but such a lady. This was hers.

5. Earrings: These earrings are the future. They are created with computer technology called rapid prototyping by a South African engineer, Dr Michaella Janse van Vuuren. Basically they are laser printed in nylon. It's wild.

6. Sculpture by Owen Ndou: Ndou hails from Limpopo, where some of SA's finest sculptors can be found. This particular piece is called June 16. It's a powerful rendition of our country's heritage and history.

7. Chair: My father, who was an architect, designed this chair for my mother in KwaZulu-Natal. It used to be covered in horrible yellow and brown '70s fabric — hip at the time I'm sure. It's a classic piece hooked into my childhood memories.



“ I love being at home. It's a sanctuary of beautiful things



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“ I am really looking forward to the World Summit on Arts and Culture which takes place at the end of September

