

27 BOXES

— Melville —

27 Boxes is now a Children's Paradise

The echo of childish laughter tells the story - 27 Boxes has evolved into a destination for the whole family. It's been stylishly overhauled with surprises around every corner: an Eco Park populated with large Euphorbias and succulents; water features, a wishing well and a thoroughly modern playground.



If mom and dad want to shop or have lunch, **Tinker School** and **Kidchen** are intent upon keeping your kids enthralled. Pippa Anne (left, with daughter Anouk) lives and breathes kids at Tinker, her multi-purpose art and expression studio. Her magical world includes a farm-petting zoo, creative gardening, potmaking, yoga, art and much more.



Kidchen is where our mini master chefs are in the making. All the tools of the professionals are at their disposal and six year old Yahli is ready to cook up a storm.

Of course, it wouldn't be a family destination without ways to keep the parents engaged. Christmas shopping's a piece of cake with our 27 Boxes' gift guide to get you started ... or just relax over a meal at any number of our food outlets upstairs and down (see back page).



Pic: Claire Sebastiao

Join us every Wednesday to **shop, play** and **eat** at 27 Boxes night market



Stephanie from Olea designed and models her stunning dress
 Dress/Sunglasses: Olea
 Earrings: Mantsho
 Freshwater Pearl necklace: Jewellery Experience
 Bag/Cuff/Bangle: Z-A Etc
 Shoes: Timeless Clothier
 Fairy garden/glass balls: Dominique's Angel Shack

27 (and more) BOXES full of GORGEOUS GIFTS

Whether you plan to save or splurge there's a special gift for everyone at 27 Boxes:



@ 27 Boxes – cool shopowner
Meet Sisi Nxumalo, the vibrant owner of Hair by Sisi. Passionate about hair, she sources some of the best real hair around for wigs and extensions made on site. "I am building a Hairmpire and creating employment one head at a time," she says on Facebook.

LOCAL IS LOVELY

Summer bright and vibrant colours
Clockwise from top left: bomber jacket, **Wishes Boutique**; silk head scarf, **Montsho**; full length skirt, summer print shift dress, **Meraki**; high waisted circle skirt, wrap around skirt all **Wishes Boutique**.



Fine-crafted, bespoke lamp designs from **Widmer + Co.**



SPOILT FOR CHOICE

Savvy shoppers can choose from classical pieces created by local artists to chic accessories and timeless treats
Clockwise from top left: polka dot skirt, **Pulido Designs**, wine cooler, **The Storr Room**; cushion cover, **Pulido Designs**; summer dress, **Beautiful Threads**; Chakra bath salts with essential oils, **Dominique's Angel Shack**; cement tea light holders, **Concrete Jungle**, blue sneakers, **Wishes Boutique**; striped clutch, **Bags by Propaganda**; flower thongs, **Watommy Beads**; wooden puzzle and sausage dog ruler, **Green Grass Design**; shoulder bag, **Watommy Beads**; cork mini satchel, **Bags by Propaganda**; Consul solar lamp jar, **Bottled Sunshine**; hare sculpture by Carol Slabolepszy, **The Storr Room**; funky sneakers, **Montsho**; shweshwe print pumps, **Pulido Designs**.



Gifts galore at **Concrete Jungle**.



@ 27 Boxes – cool shopowner
The dude with the fanciest shop and a name to match is Trésor Junior Kankonda. "Fashion found me," he says of his très stylish le Trésor Store.



KIDS' STUFF

Exquisite one-off outfits for little divas, **Kutowa**.



STYLISH MAN

From Ts to ties the stylish guy will set the trend this festive season
Clockwise from top left: orange crewneck, **KVK Uncultured**; yellow/navy hat and tie, **Timeless Clothier**; Man's navy T, **Krag Drag/The Strong One**; luxe blue and navy sneakers **le Trésor**; cork document wallet, **Bags by Propaganda**; leather belts, **Krag Drag/The Strong One**; leather card holder, **Bags by Propaganda**; unisex watch, **Z-A Etc**; socks, black/white, yellow, pink socks from **le Trésor**; multi-coloured socks, **Krag Drag/The Strong One**; bowties, **Z-A Etc** and **Timeless Clothier**.



Angelic presence at **Dominique's Angel Shack**.



Owner and artist David Moore captures summer, **More Art**.

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Wherever Revit is, Charles is not far behind – or vice versa. Charles Storr and his best friend are to be found at The Storr Room, the eclectic furniture-cum-art gallery...



SIMPLY STUNNING

For the stylish, there's a fabulous choice of dazzling jewellery to fulfil everyone's wish list
Clockwise from top right: funky winecooler, **The Storr Room**; turquoise necklace, **Meraki**; two blue/metal beaded necklaces, **The Treasure Box**; Liquorice All Sort neck piece, **The Storr Room**; Orange choker, **Z-A Etc**; Cerise earrings and red tassel earrings, **Montsho**; multi coloured choker, **Z-A Etc**; assorted bangles, **Wishes Boutique**; yellow beaded earrings, **Montsho**; green and red fan earrings, **Pulido Designs**.



Eat Your Heart Out

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From morning until closing time, food is on the go at 27 Boxes. If it's breakfast, one is spoilt for choice – we opted for **The Charred Marshalatte's** offering with coffee and freshly baked muffins.

We never tire of **The Curry Shack** for Jody Askin's no frills, home from home, Durban-curry dishes and **Blue Fig Pizzeria's** wood-fired, skinny-based pizzas. **Philly Cheese Steak's** signature sandwich is ever popular while the newest kids on the block are causing a buzz.

Reserved Café's (left) quiches and salads are eye-catching and yummy, while **Have Wings'** tasty chicken with novel side dishes are tempting.

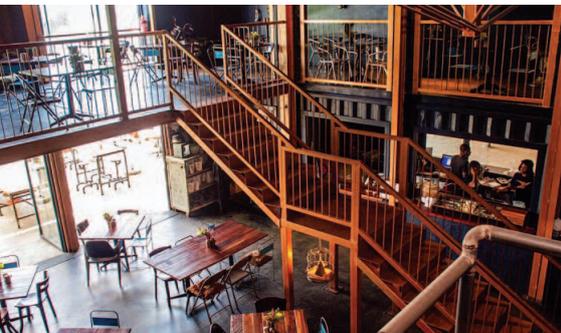


We love the **The Side Plate** (above) – next to Kidchen – where they will knock up a salad or something light that grabs your fancy.



Leon Pretorius, one of the team who masterminded the overhaul of 27 Boxes, is elated. "It's a blast to see children cooking up a storm at **Kidchen** (left), performing and painting at Tinker and

having a ball in the playground," he says.



Leon is also the owner of **The Countess** (left), which was the first restaurant in 27 Boxes and became a drawcard from inception. "The Countess has become my happy place," says a user reviewer in Eat Out. We confess to loving one

of their best-kept secret side dishes, Dirty Fries.

Eat Cake Anytime

We recommend indulgent, doorstep-sized, deliciously decadent slices of cake from **Heroin(es) Café** ... ice creams and milkshakes at **Arte Gelato SA** and from **X & O Cronuts** more-ish Cronuts, which are a cross between croissants and doughnuts..

On The Run

There's nothing like the aroma of freshly baked bread from **The Baker Brothers**. Sam (right) and his three siblings make some of the best in town. Also check out **The Farmers Boutique** and stock up on spices at **Sugar and Spice**.



Wednesday night markets are a jol. Strangers share tables upstairs in the foodhall and are firm friends before the night is out.

There are pop-up food stores offering meals for every palate and musicians jamming downstairs.



Local architect Eugene Marais believes there has been a subtle shift in the village. "27 Boxes is the new heart of Melville," he observes.



27 Boxes is situated at 75 4th Ave, Melville, Johannesburg. For more information go to our Facebook page @27boxes.

More good reasons to visit 27 Boxes ...

- Safe underground parking 24/7, free for the first hour
- Winnie's Nail & Beauty Bar for her and him: facials, waxes, makeovers and an extensive range of makeup
- Yards of large Euphorbia trees punctuate the new park, 27 Boxes' gift to the people of Melville
- Stylish design and contemporary use of refurbished shipping containers
- Ramp access for wheelchairs and prams
- "27 Boxes in Melville has the best kiddies' playground ever ... it's just wow!" – Melville resident and author Kate Shand added her voice on Facebook:



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