



### MEDIA RELEASE: THE CAPE TOWN JAZZATHON 2024

#### THE SUMMER SHOWCASE

**JCQ PRODUCTIONS** is extremely proud to announce that the Cape Town Jazzathon will once again take place at the **V&A Waterfront Amphitheatre**, from **Friday 12 to Sunday 14 January 2024**.

The Cape Town Jazzathon, which recently celebrated its 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023, is the longest running music festival in South Africa. The Festival is supported by **The National Arts Council, The City of Cape Town** and **The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport**. Also fondly known as **'The Peoples Festival'**, the iconic event will feature at least **6 performances daily, between 12h00 – 20h00**.

The annual, free to public festival, will host mainly up-and-coming live bands, newly discovered talent, and as per usual, features a few surprise artists and Jazzathon Legends.

Now a regular feature at The Cape Town Jazzathon, the Sunday line-up is like prime real estate, with the immensely popular "Gospel According Jazzathon" always leaving one spoilt for choice.

"This musical formula seems to work well for the festival" says festival director Craig Parks of JCQ Productions, "We try our best to feature as many jazz related music genres at the Jazzathon, as possible. The upcoming Jazzathon Summer Showcase line-up will be extremely diverse as we have a whole range of music styles including Afro Jazz, Cape Jazz, Hip Hop and RnB, Reggae, Gospel and Neo Soul, and Straight Ahead all crammed into 3 days of back-to-back entertainment"

The festival organisers would like to remind patrons and attendees, that the Cape Town Jazzathon is a family event and thus we ask for common decency and respect for all attendees at the event.

We suggest the following festival tips ...

- Check the weather forecast, to ensure that you dress appropriately.
- bring a sun hat/cap,
- bring and apply sunscreen lotion/cream,
- come early to secure your seats,
- please support the sales of Jazzathon merchandise, and artist CDs,
- Always keep your belongings close to you,
- Alcohol is **NOR ALLOWED** within the amphitheatre area - only in designated V&A venues

## **New Era of Jazzathon**

The Cape Town Jazzathon takes on a different approach over the next few years with quite a few changes to both the format of the festival, and the programmes leading up to the festival.

Even more exciting for 2024 is that JCQ Productions, producers of the Cape Town Jazzathon, will host 3 Festivals – a free festival in January, a long weekend festival over the Easter period, and a ticketed festival in June 2024.

### **UPCOMING JAZZATHON EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2024**

- **The Cape Town Jazzathon Summer Showcase – Amphitheatre, V&A Waterfront 12-14 January 2024**
- **Jazzathon Easter Camp –(Easter Long Weekend) 29 March - 1 April 2024**
- **The Cape Town Jazzathon African Celebration – The Grand Arena, GrandWest on 28, 29, 30 June 2024.**

The objective behind the 3 festivals is to create a Jazzathon Circuit where artists who emerge from The Summer Showcase, could eventually perform at other festival venues around Cape Town and surrounding areas. Most importantly is that one festival will showcase brand new talent while the proceeding festivals provide a platform for some of South Africa's biggest performers.

### **Jazzathon Workshops**

Having already visited various community schools in Cape Town and surrounds, the Jazzathon team will head out to Karoo, The West Coast and Garden Route in the new year to ensure that as many music organisations as possible are given the recognition they deserve. The line-up in 2024 at the V&A will showcase the amazing talent as unearthed by various community music schools.

“This Jazzathon Summer Showcase is a musical extravaganza that focuses on the discovery of completely unknown artists, community-based music schools, and young-and-upcoming artists, while simultaneously providing opportunities for skills development for youth, who wish to learn about the many elements of entertainment and production” says festival director, Craig Parks. “Besides the 3-day showcase, we are excited to travel to various communities around the Western Cape, where we will conduct basic music business and development workshops.” He further reiterates, “While patrons can expect the usual music filled fun in the sun with friends and family, we encourage promoters and producers to scout around at Jazzathon for fresh talent and interact with previously unknown artists”

The Festival Programme and Line-up will be released in the new year. However, information will constantly be updated on the festival website – [www.jazzathon.co.za](http://www.jazzathon.co.za) - and various social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. **Social media handle - @jazzathon**

For all queries, please email [info@jazzathon.co.za](mailto:info@jazzathon.co.za)

Anyone who would like to become a sponsor or make any contribution towards the festival may contact our office via email – [jqc@jazzathon.co.za](mailto:jcq@jazzathon.co.za)

-----Message from The Mayor of Cape Town Herewith below-----

**Cape Town Jazzathon Festival – message from the Mayor**

The City of Cape Town is proud to support the Cape Town Jazzathon Summer Showcase, and we look forward to welcoming all the musicians and jazz fans to the Mother City for what will undoubtedly be another fantastic three-day festival.

Cape Town has a long and proud association with jazz, and many of our country’s most iconic musicians hail from the Mother City. And for every musician who has achieved recognition there are hundreds more waiting to be discovered. This is what makes the Jazzathon Summer Festival such a special event, as a host of young, upcoming jazz artists will have an opportunity to announce themselves to the world.

This “People’s Festival” has long been a launching platform for budding musicians, dating all the way back to 1997, and over three days in January many more youngsters will have a chance to show their skills and possibly set themselves on a lifelong music journey. With a special focus on providing opportunities for disadvantaged artists, this year’s festival will showcase talent from all around Cape Town and beyond, including artists from Mitchells Plain, Khayelitsha, Kuilsriver, Elsies River, Gugulethu, Langa and Bonteheuwel.

What a fantastic opportunity for these young musicians, and what a great day out for all those in the audience. I wish you all a wonderful Cape Town Jazzathon Summer Showcase!

**Geordin Hill-Lewis**  
**Cape Town Mayor**

-----The Cape Town Jazzathon Summer Showcase Programme-----

**THE CAPE TOWN JAZZATHON 2024 SUMMER SHOWCASE - 12TH TO 14TH JANUARY**

<b>13:00</b>	<i>to be announced later</i>
<b>13:30</b>	Cape Steelpan Ensemble
14:10	<i>Break</i>
<b>14:30</b>	Ntsh
15:10	<i>Break</i>
<b>15:30</b>	QaQamba Ntshinka
16:10	<i>Break</i>
<b>16:30</b>	Empress Naphtali
17:10	<i>Break</i>
<b>17:30</b>	GKD
18:10	<i>Break</i>
<b>18:30</b>	Kujenga
19:30	End

<b>13:00</b>	<i>to be announced later</i>
13:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>14:00</b>	WC Music Academy/WCYO
14:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>15:00</b>	The Project Live Band (c)
15:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>16:00</b>	Weskus Maestros
16:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>17:00</b>	Heinrich Frans
17:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>18:00</b>	Sonik Citizen
18:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>19:00</b>	Germaine Leonard
20:00	End

<b>13:00</b>	Blokvluit Blassers
13:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>14:00</b>	Jazz Cats
14:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>15:00</b>	Anastacia Links
15:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>16:00</b>	Melorie Jane
16:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>17:00</b>	Jodi Jantjies
17:40	<i>Break</i>
<b>18:00</b>	<i>to be announced later</i>
19:00	End

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**MESSAGE TO EDITORS:**

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