

PRESS STATEMENT

JAZZ Afro SUNDAYS

A PROJECT OF THE OPERA HOUSE | NELSON MANDELA BAY



JAZZ Afro SUNDAYS
PRESENTS

Allegro

R50

29

MAY 2016

THE BARN THEATRE
16H00

SAMRO COMPLIANT
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Logos for The Opera House, Eastern Cape Government, and SAMRO are also present.

JAZZ'AFRO SUNDAYS @ THE BARN

PRESENTS ALLEGRO

Allegro was started in 2008 by vocalists with an extensive musical background whose wish was to achieve something more with their vocal talent, broadening their musical knowledge and the desire for the freedom to experiment with classical sounds uniquely flavouring them with current popular songs.

Members of Allegro Siphosethu Lungu, Siseko Lungu, Bonakele Edward Mqubuli, Zimisele Mqubuli, Futhi Zuma and Wongeka Mbeki to date have performed at corporate functions, weddings, graduation ceremonies, schools and old age homes.

In 2011 Allegro recorded a demo and plan to record a full album in the near future. Allegro's producer Bonakele Edward Lungu is a both a practitioner and choral expert. He is both a singer and Vice-Conductor of the award-winning national championship outfit Matthews Singers. He is a conductor of the Alex Matikinca Voices and has just released a debut CD entitled 'I Am A Winner'. Bonakele Edward Mqubuli is an active music trainer who travels throughout South Africa training School and Church choirs. In 2003 Bonakele led Nxanel'imfundo choir to the finals of the Tirisano Schools Music Competition. In 2013 he worked his magic and won 5 trophies in Bloemfontein with Home Affairs Choir. He led the Siyaya SSETA Choir to victory in 2008 at a music competition in Durban. "Mqhubuli" was selected to perform in the South African remix version of "Say What You Will" by the award winning Canadian Singer- Songwriter Justin Hinds at the 2011 MTV Awards in Johannesburg

Bonakele is affectionately known as "Teddy Bear" by his adoring fans from Emmanuel Heaven Community Radio Station (EHFM) where he has his own show.

Bonakele, a protégé of Linda Grootboom his Operatic Voice trainer during his time with La Music, has worked on various productions adding to his versatility. In 2010 Bonakele worked in the production staged at the PE Opera House starring Nomhle Nkonyeni called 'The Last Dance', in 2015 he worked on another PE Opera House musical titled Inde Le Ndlela which premiered at the National Arts Festival. As a person living with disability, Bonakele does not let his disability get in the way of chasing his dreams.

About The Show

Show Date : 29 May 2016
Venue : The Barn Theatre, PE Opera House
Time : 16:00
Admission : R50.00 – **limited seating be sure to be early**
[Friends of Opera House have Discounts – To Be A Friend contact Ms Skosana]

Bookings

Bookings can be arranged through : Cingiwe Skosana (cingiwe.skosana@gmail.com)
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NB. NEXT SHOWS : on 05 June 2016 on stage will be : The Kora X Project
12 June 2016 Melikhaya Heugh

About Jazz'Afro Sundays

Jazz'Afro Sundays at The Barn is commissioned music shows staged every Sunday. This programme is designed to enhance Nelson Mandela Bay based musical brands and provide jobs to musicians.

Your Experience At The Venue

A cash bar is available at the Ideas Corner (Upper Foyer) and the Sweet Counter at the Ground Floor [open an hour before the show begins and after the show].

Programme Producer and Statement Submission

Programme is produced by Nobesuthu Rayi, Artistic Manager – The Opera House

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