



# JAZZ Afro SUNDAYS

A PROJECT OF THE OPERA HOUSE | NELSON MANDELA BAY

## PRESS STATEMENT

**JAZZ Afro SUNDAYS**  
PRESENTS

**BLAZE**  
JAZZ BAND

**R50**

**22**

**MAY 2016**

**THE BARN THEATRE**  
**16H00**

**SAMRO COMPLIANT**

**CASH BAR AVAILABLE**

**THE OPERA HOUSE**  
NELSON MANDELA BAY

**Eastern Cape**  
GOVERNMENT

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SOUTH AFRICA

## JAZZ'AFRO SUNDAYS @ THE BARN

### PRESENTS BLAZE JAZZ BAND

Mzwanele Maqhosha formed Blaze Jazz Band in 2005 to develop the young talent in Nelson Mandela Bay after realising shortage in development of the youth who had passion for music. Dudley Tito, a jazz great in his own right, elevates Mzwanele Maqhosha as one of the last remaining pianists who have the piano touches that are an embodiment of jazz as jazz is supposed to be.

Since its formation, Blaze Jazz Band has performed with the cream of South African jazz musicians such as Feya Faku, Stompie Mavi, McCoy Mrubata, Bongani Tulwana, Ernie Smith, MXO, Musa Mavundla and many more. The band is a regular feature in the Bay's festival scenes such as Ebubeleni Music Festival and IsiXhosa Festival and have also performed at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. Blaze Jazz Band's popularity has ensured that it is featured regularly in the Monday Night Live Music event at Oom Cola's tavern in Zwide and many other live music promoting venues throughout Nelson Mandela Bay.

Having versatility and flair, Blaze Jazz Band members have collaborated with the PE Opera House on the Nelson Mandela Bay Concert Series tribute to Stompie Mavi and AVOH choir. Blaze Jazz Band has also collaborated with Centrestage and musicians from abroad visiting Nelson Mandela Bay.

Blaze Jazz Band comprises of Lee Anne Wales on vocals; Enrico Damons on vocals; Saki Nompozolo on Drums; Curtis K on Saxophone; Mzwanele Maqhosha on Keys and Them bani Khubashe on Bass Guitar.

#### About The Show

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Show Date : 22 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

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Bookings can be arranged through : Cingiwe Skosana (cingiwe.skosana@gmail.com )  
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**NB. NEXT SHOWS :** on 29 May 2016 on stage will be : **Allegro**  
05 June 2016 **The Kora X Project**

## **About Jazz’Afro Sundays**

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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**

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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**

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

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## **Sponsorship, Partnership and Donations**

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### **Sponsorship**

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### **Partnerships**

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### **Donations**

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