



## Saxophonist Linda Sikhakhane

In association with Concerts SA, iSupport Music Business and Rainbow Restaurant present Linda Sikhakhane Live in concert. As part of this concert series in KwaZulu Natal Sikhakhane and his band will visit Luthuli Museum in Groutville on Friday 5 May.

**Linda Sikhakhane** is 24-year old South African born saxophonist, composer and arranger. He was born in Umlazi Township and his musical journey began in primary school taking recorder lessons with Mrs V Rajmoney in Clairwood Boys Primary School. His love for music especially jazz was triggered at an early age, this saw him attending music classes under the tutelage of the Legendary Dr Brian Thusi and Mr Khulekani Bhengu. At a later stage he enrolled to study jazz music at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal under Prof Mageshen Naidoo and obtained a Diploma In Jazz /Pop Music.

Sikhakhane has played with respected South African and international artists such as Barney Rachabane, Brian Thusi, Feya Faku, Marcus Wyatt, Herbie Tsoaeli, Andile Yenana, Nduduzo Makhathini, Afrika Mkhize, Sibongile Khumalo, Lindiwe Maxolo, Ringo Madlingozi, Gregory Potter, Malcolm Braff and many more. Linda features on Nduduzo Makhathini's *Mother Tongue* album and formed part of Afrika Mkhize's Septet which performed at the Orbit's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.

Linda is also a co-founder of a hip group named H3 from Durban but now Johannesburg based, he is the 3rd member of this amazing horn section well known for their blend and they appear on many South African records such as McCoy Mrubata's Brasskap record, Zakes Bantwini's "Dance", Thuto Motsemme's "My Dream", Asanda Msaki Mvana's "Full Circle" and many more. This group has given them the opportunity to express themselves through composing and arranging music of their choice, also allows them to echo the sounds of the grand masters.

Sikhakhane is The 2016 SAMRO overseas scholarship award winner.

His line-up for the concerts will be Sakhile Simani on flugel horn & trumpet, Sanele Phakathi on keys, Sphelelo Mazibuko on drums and Nhlanhla Radebe on double bass guitar.

This performance is part of the Concerts SA Venue Circuit which aims to grow a love and support for live music in our communities, as well as anchor small and medium sized venues in urban and rural Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, and the Western Cape.

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Friday 5 May – Luthuli Museum - Groutville

Doors open 6.00pm

Tickets: R30 at the door

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