

## **Pianist Mthobisi Mthalande in Concert**

ISupport Creative Business, in partnership with Concerts SA, presents pianist and composer Mthobisi Mthalande in concert on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 6 pm at The Luthuli Museum in Groutville.

Mthobisi's describes his music as influenced by a mixture of genres including world music, traditional jazz, and afro-jazz. The pianist is known for his wonderful playing and amazing touches on the piano.

Many know Mthobisi for wearing feathers on his head as his signature look, he explains: *"One of the musicians that we never give credit to are the birds. I connect with nature while I am playing because as musicians, we are the prophets of the land. We hear sounds and voices and get inspiration from all of that."*

Mthalande was born in Pimpendle, outside Pietermaritzburg, and is a University of KwaZulu-Natal Jazz and Popular Music graduate. The list of people he has played with is endless and includes many nationally recognised musicians and bands, including Dorothy Masuku, Camagwini, Ntando, Zulu Boy, Rebecca Malope, Hlengiwe Mhlaba, Benjamin Dube, Jub Jub, Jaziel brothers, Madala Kunene, Maisha and Vusi Mkhize Band. Additionally, he has been involved in prominent projects such as the *SABC Gospel Music Crown Awards*, *SATMS Awards* and *The Jacob Zuma Education Trust Fund at ICC*.

His experience and qualifications have also enabled him to teach music at *Bat Centre* in Durban, at the *Msunduzi School of Music* in Pietermaritzburg, and several schools in Durban, namely, *Glenmore Primary School*, *Yellowwood Park Primary School*, and *Glenashley Primary School*.

Concerts SA is a joint South African/Norwegian project working with musicians, promoters, venues and institutions. The project aims to grow a viable live music circuit and develop audiences in South Africa and the region. It is supported by the Norwegian Embassy Pretoria and SAMRO and administered by IKS Cultural Consulting (formerly SAMRO Foundation).

### **Event listing:**

Mthobisi Mthalande

Luthuli Museum, Groutville

Friday 24 June

Doors: 6 pm

Tickets: R50 at Webtickets or at the door

### **Note for the editor**

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