

Two pianists live for Summer Jazz Concerts at Luthuli Museum

iSupport Creative Business, in collaboration with Luthuli Museum and supported by Concerts SA, presents two pianists live in concert. On Friday, 2 December, Sanele Phakathi will share his compositions; on Saturday, 10 December, it is Lindi Ngonelo's turn to share her tunes. The doors will open at 6pm, entry is R50 per concert and tickets are available at the door or on Webtickets.

Both pianists moved away from their home Province of KwaZulu-Natal and are returning to celebrate the festive season with us.

Umlazi-born **Sanele Phakathi** is a contemporary jazz pianist, producer and composer. He has played piano/keys for some of SA's well-known and celebrated South African Artists, such as Mbuso Khoza, Xolisa Roro Gqoli-Dlamini, Nhlanhla Mahlangu, Ndabo Zulu, Linda Sikhakhane Hle Ntombela, Israel Mkhize and Philani Ngidi, to name a few. He started playing the piano at the age of 17 and his personal sound bears reference to the sound of yesteryear soul and jazz legends he refers to as his musical inspirations- such as George Benson, Al Jarreau, Bheki Mseleku, Keith Jarrett and Oscar Peterson. Phakathi has written and created concerts themed 'Stones Left Unturned' and 'New Anthem'. On his upcoming show, titled 'The Muse', the sounds and music will reflect how he has grown in music, the musical vessel he has become, being open-minded about life and other realms where the music originates. For this concert, Sanele Phakathi will feature his quintet comprising Zoe The Seed on vocals, Senzo Mdamba on bass guitar, Thabo Sikhakhane on trumpet, and Sbu Zondi on drums.

Lindi Ngonelo is a pianist and music teacher at the East Rand School of the Arts in Benoni, Gauteng. She was a music lecturer at the University of Kwazulu Natal between 2012 and 2013. She is also a composer, arranger, performer, and session pianist. She occasionally works as a music director for different artists. She is currently the keyboard player for Buhlebendalo Mda (formerly of The Soil). Ngonelo holds an Advanced Diploma in Music from the University of Kwazulu Natal and a Bachelor of Music (Hons) from the University of Pretoria. Her performance background spans a variety of genres of music, including jazz, afro-pop, gospel, funk and hip-hop. Lindi was part of the Durban-based all-female outfit Heels Over Head for eight years before relocating to Gauteng in 2013. This band was nominated for a South African Music Award in 2011 alongside the likes of Jonathan Butler.

Ngonelo heads up her own quintet in which she displays her keen and avid love for composing and arranging. She utilises the platforms she performs to display her musical flair and passion with the audience. She also received the KZN Young Achievers Award 2019 in the Music Instrument category. In May 2022, Ngonelo was inducted into the SAJE - South African Association for Jazz Education. This organisation aims to build the jazz arts community by advancing education and research. Also, in 2022, Ngonelo was nominated for the first edition of the Mzansi Musical Instrumentalist Awards in the Best Jazz Pianist category. Ngonelo's band will include Talent Mbatha on bass guitar and Sbahle Mthembu on drums.

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 by SAMRO Foundation).

Event listing:

Sanele Phakathi

Luthuli Museum

Groutville, Durban

Friday 2 December

Doors: 6 pm - Concert: 7 pm

Tickets: R50 on Webtickets and at the door: <https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Event.aspx?itemid=1521027787>

Lindi Ngonelo

Luthuli Museum

Groutville, Durban

Saturday 10 December

Doors: 6 pm - Concert: 7 pm

Tickets: R50 on Webtickets and at the door: <https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Event.aspx?itemid=1521028499>

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