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A Tribute to Fela Kuti: A Felabration

This Africa Month, iSupport Creative Business and Luthuli Museum, supported by Concerts SA, are presenting a tribute to the late Nigerian musician and activist Fela Kuti. The concert will take place at Luthuli Museum in Groutville on Friday 26 May, with doors opening at 6 pm. Tickets are available on Webtickets for R50 or can be purchased in cash at the door.

The event will feature a live performance of some of Fela Kuti's most beloved songs. Fela was a pioneer of the Afrobeat genre, combining elements of jazz, funk, and traditional African music. His music was heavily influenced by his political activism, and he used it to speak out against the oppressive Nigerian government. His music has been an inspiration to many, and his legacy lives on in the hearts of his fans.

The band, who consider themselves the spiritual and musical children of the late Fela Anikulapo Kuti, will consist of Salim Washington on tenor saxophone, Eldene Bruiner on trumpet, Sibusiso Shabalala on tenor sax, keys and vocals, Skhulile Mthembu on drums, Blessing Twala on bass guitar and Dimitry Barry on guitar.

After years of listening to and learning from his music, the members felt compelled to take up the mantle and perform his music to honour his legacy and continue his message of healing, conscientisation, and celebration.

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Tickets for the event are R50 and available now on Webtickets and can be purchased online or at the door.

This concert is made possible by The SAMRO Foundation/Concerts SA. Concerts SA is a joint South African/Norwegian live music development project housed under the auspices of SAMRO and managed by IKS Cultural Consulting. It receives financial, administrative and technical support from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SAMRO and the SAMRO Foundation. Working with musicians, promoters, venue owners and audiences, and providing support to the sector through research and skills development for music professionals, the project aims to build a vibrant and viable live music circuit in southern Africa. It also aims to develop an interest in and appreciation of live music by showcasing music performances and conducting workshops at schools.

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Event Listing:

Friday, 26th May – 6pm

Felabration

Luthuli Museum, Groutville

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Suggested social media captions (tags not traced, but examples), always tag in Luthuli Museum, iSupport and Concerts SA.

With artwork:

Celebrate Africa Month with us at the Fela Kuti tribute concert at Luthuli Museum in Groutville this Friday! Doors open at 6 pm and tickets are available on Webtickets for R50 or can be purchased in cash at the door. #AfricaMonth #FelaKuti @iSupportdoyou @LuthuliMuseum @ConcertsSA #FridayNightFun

Pic of Fela and artwork

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Band pic and artwork:

We are proud to announce the formation of the band that pays homage to the legendary Fela Anikulapo Kuti! Featuring Salim Washington on tenor saxophone, Eldene Bruiner on trumpet, Sibusiso Shabalala on tenor sax, keys and vocals, Skhulile Mthembu on drums, Blessing Twala on bass guitar and Dimitry Barry on guitar. #FelaAnikulapoKuti #MusicLegacy @SalimWashington @EldeneBruiner @SibusisoShabalala @SkhulileMthembu @BlessingTwala @DimitryBarry

Pic of Sbu:

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