

# Africa Month Festival 2018

Celebrating International Music & Literature  
May 25th to June 8th

**SOUNDS OF RESISTANCE:**

## THE **LIBERATION** CONCERT

to Celebrate Nelson Mandela's Legacy with Song during Africa Month. Acclaimed award winning musicians from South Africa, West Africa, Central Africa, Cuba, United Kingdom, Italy and the USA.

Friday 25th May @8pm  
Mandela Stage @  
Joburg Theatre,  
Braamfontein



The Liberation Project is a unique collaboration emanating out of South Africa by a group of seasoned musicians from South Africa, Italy and Cuba who have come together to celebrate through song liberation struggles from various parts of the world. With the main focus being on the influence and re-imagining of liberation themed music from Cuba, Italy and South Africa, the concert also coincides with the launch of the album 'Songs That Made Us Free' produced by Neill Solomon, Phil Manzanera and Dan Chiorboli.



JoburgArtsAlive [www.theliberationproject.co.za](http://www.theliberationproject.co.za)

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Tickets: R150 [www.joburgtheatre.com](http://www.joburgtheatre.com) website or call 0861 670 670.



**JOBURG  
THEATRE**

# The Joburg Theatre, Department of Arts and Culture, National Arts Council and the Consolato Generale D'Italia – Johannesburg presents: Africa Month Festival: The Liberation Concert.

When the Organisation of African Unity (AU) was launched 54 years ago, it gave rise to the day that is commemorated as Africa Day, and 100 years ago the world-famous statesman Nelson Mandela was born.

The Liberation Concert at the Joburg Theatre on the Mandela stage on from May 25th, will for the first time see a fully-fledged South African cultural production involving artists from across the world in a once-off and unique performance, curated especially for celebrating Nelson Mandela's legacy during Africa Month. Featuring a line-up of artists such as Mamelodi's Grammy award winning 'The Voice' Vusi Mahlasela, master kora player N'Faly Kouyate from Guinea, Italian jazz singer Rossella Graziani, vocalist and percussionist Cyril Neville from New Orleans' esteemed The Neville Brothers, guitarist and producer Phil Manzanera of Roxy Music and Pink Floyd fame, golden voiced kwassa kwassa star from the DRC Bienvenue N'Seka from Les Fantastique. Rapper Stilo Magolide whose lyricism and bars capture modern South African life also adds to the bill alongside singer and guitarist Ernie Smith (who will perform a duet with Cyril Neville), singer Pu2ma Tiso and SAMA nominated jazz vocalist Zoe Modiga to name but a few.

The Liberation Project Band is made up of Giuseppe Cotumaccio (MD, Keyboards & Vocals), Neill Solomon (Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, and Piano), Tebogo Sedumedi (Vocals & Bass), Dan Chiorboli (Percussion), Peter Djamba (Drums), Tony Cedras (Accordion, Trumpet & Piano), Keeran Eshwarlall (Sufi Vocals, Harmonium, Melodica & Bul Bul Tarang), Zoe Modiga (Vocals) & Pu2ma Tiso (Vocals) as well as The Liberation Horns featuring Dan Selsick (Trombone), Mthunzi Mvubu (Saxophones & Flute) and Neil Engel (Trumpet). Ernie Smith appears as a Special Guest on Guitar and Vocals with Cyril Neville on the song Saturday Night in Soweto.

## workshops

Free Workshops prior to the concert around Johannesburg will be conducted by these acclaimed musicians in a bid to impart skills and share knowledge with the young. For information and to RSVP please email: [afroartsurban@gmail.com](mailto:afroartsurban@gmail.com)

### DAY 1

**Joburg Theatre – Saturday 19th  
@ 10h00 to 12h00**

The Making of The Liberation Project, Scoring music for film, Guitar Grooves from the DRC and how to make it as a musician in the industry. Tebogo Sedumedi, Dan Chiorboli, Neill Solomon & Bienvenue N'Seka

### DAY 2

**Joburg Theatre – Wednesday 23rd  
@ 16h00 to 17h30**

International guests Phil Manzanera, Cyril Neville and N Faly Kouyate talking about their music, their influences and international connections.

*The Liberation Concert is conceptualized & produced by The Joburg Theatre, National Arts Council, and Department of Arts & Culture together with Roshnie Moonsammy & Dan Chiorboli.*