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### Public Announcement: 4th Mzantsi Jazz Awards Nominees

The Mzantsi Jazz Awards Company is pleased to announce all the nominees that have been nominated for the 4th installment of its Mzantsi Jazz Awards (MJA) that will take place on Saturday, 29 August 2020.

The public announcement took place yesterday 08 July at 4pm CAT online soon after the adjudication process.

In 2019 some of the top musicians that were awarded include Zarcia, Ndivhuho NL, Branford Marsalis, Gabisile Motuba, Thabang Tabane, Sibusiso 'Mash' Mashiloane and Tali Monin amongst others. The jazz award will venerate, recognise and celebrate the rich heritage and contribution of jazz music, jazz artists, radio stations supporting jazz and jazz clubs/venues in our country and internationally.

The nominees for the 4th Mzantsi Jazz Awards are:

**Best Jazz Album.** This is a public vote category and the winner will be decided by public vote. To vote send a text message: ZaJazz Nominee code (e.g. BA3) to 40439

- Ndabo Zulu & Umgidi Ensemble - Queen Nandi (BJ1)
- Steve Dyer - Genesis of a Different World (BJ2)
- Sibusiso Mash Mashiloane - Umkhuleko (BJ3)
- McCoyMrubata - Brasskap Sessions Volume 3 (BJ4)
- Viwe Mkizwana - Ensemble - Tributes (BJ5)
- Spha Mdlalose - Indlela eyekhaya (BJ6)

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- Sibusiso Mash Mashiloane - Tugela (BS1)
- Ndabo Zulu & Umgidi Ensemble - Ngovivi (BS2)
- McCoy Mrubata - Ziphi (BS3)
- Viwe Mkizwana - Ensemble - Sicel'u Xolo (BS4)
- Steve Dyer - (Bhaca blue) (BS5)
- Bandabanda & The Crocodiles - Ester and James (BS6)

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### Best Contemporary Jazz Album

- Sean Sanby - Out of the candlelight
- Sibusiso Mash Mashiloane - Amanzi Nemifula: Umkhuleko
- Riley G - A groove for the nation
- Bandabanda & The Crocodiles - Africado
- Victor Kgantlape - The Right Timing
- Spha Mdlalose – Indlela eyekhaya

### Best Traditional Jazz Album

- Ndabo Zulu & Umgidi Ensemble - Queen Nandi
- It Has To Be Jazz - Ancestors Danced
- Paul Hanmer & Robert Pickup - Morning into evening
- Clement Benny & se7enofn9ne - By way of introduction
- Steve Dyer – Genesis of a Different World

### Best Female Jazz Artist

- Ziza Muftic - Shining Hour
- Spha Mdlalose – Indlela eyekhaya

### Best Male Jazz Artist

- Riley G
- Sibusiso Mash Mashiloane
- McCoy Mrubata
- Viwe Mkizwana
- Victor Kgantlape

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- Ambrose Akinmusire - On The Tender Spot Of Every Calloused Moment (BF1)
- John Scofield - Swallow Tales (BF2)
- John Zorn - Calculus (BF3)
- Lakecia Benjamin - PURSUANCE: THE COLTRANES (BF4)
- Boney James- Solid (BF5)

**Best Radio Station Playing Jazz.** This is a public vote category and the winner will be decided by public vote. To vote send a text message: ZaJazz Nominee code (e.g. BA3) to 40439

- Alex Fm 89.1 (BR1)
- TransAfrica Radio (Mo'Afrika Wa Mokgathi) (BR2)
- Kofifi FM 97.2 (BR3)

**Best Club/Venue for Jazz**

- Special Effect Jazz Club

Any questions and/or press inquiries may be directed to [info@zajazzawards.co.za](mailto:info@zajazzawards.co.za)

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Sincerely,

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