



Press Release

Sauti za Busara gears up for 2012 Festival – First Artist Line-up Announced

Each year, the list of artists performing at one of East Africa's premier musical events is eagerly anticipated by the many fans of Sauti za Busara around the world. The festival that has proven in eight previous years how exciting it is to experience first class live African music under African Skies. Artists already confirmed to be on stage at the 9th edition of Sauti za Busara festival in Zanzibar from 8 – 12 February 2012, include

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Zanzibar: Kidumbaki JKU, Shirikisho Sanaa, Skuli ya Kiongoni, Swahili Vibes Band, Tandraa Traditional Group, Tausi Women's Taarab, Utamaduni JKU, Wanafunzi wa SOS

Tanzania mainland: Ally Kiba, Jembe Culture Group, Leo Mkanyia, Lumumba Theatre Group, Seven Survivor, Tunaweza Band

South Africa: Tumi & The Volume, Teba Shumba, EJ von Lyrik

Nigeria: Nneka

Cape Verde: Ary Morais

Comoros: Chébli Msaïdie

Mozambique: Companhia Nacional de Canto e Dança

Madagascar: Hanitra

Reunion: Kozman Ti Dalon

Uganda: Ndere Troupe, Qwela

Kenya: Ogoya Nengo

DRC/Kenya: Super Mazembe

In addition, Sauti za Busara 2012 will feature the island's largest Carnival Street Parade to date, setting alight the streets on Opening Day, including *beni* brass band, *ngoma* drummers, *mwanandege* umbrella women, stilt-walkers, *capoeira*, acrobats and surprises. Other attractions include the African Music Film programme, the festival marketplace, Swahili Encounters 4-days of artistic collaborations, seminars and training workshops, the Busara Xtra fringe programme and much more.

Visit www.busaramusic.org/festivals/2012/ for the latest information on artists and events!

For pre-festival interviews and any other questions, contact press@busara.or.tz

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