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## Excitement building as East Africa's number one music festival draws closer

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual Sauti za Busara music festival in Zanzibar is scheduled to take place from 8 - 12 February 2012. After receiving over 600 applications to participate from artists in more than sixty countries, around 31 groups were selected to perform on the main stage in Zanzibar's Old Fort. Previous years editions have featured renowned acts such as Samba Mapangala & Orchestra Virunga (DRC/ Kenya), Bi Kidude (Tanzania), Thandiswa (South Africa), Bassekou Kouyate (Mali) and Didier Awadi (Senegal). The 2012 line up includes,

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

**Zanzibar ( Pemba):** Juhudi Taarab, Mkota Spirit Dancers

**Tanzania mainland:** Lady Jaydee, Leo Mkanyia, Lumumba Theatre Group, Seven Survivor, Tunaweza Band, Jembe Culture Group, Jagwa Music , FM Academia

**Uganda:** Ndere Troupe, Qwela

**Kenya:** Ogoya Nengo, Super Mazembe

**Congo Brazzaville :** Freddy Massamba

**South Africa:** Tumi & The Volume

**Nigeria:** Nneka

**Cape Verde:** Ary Morais

**Comoros:** Chébli Msaïdie

**Madagascar:** Hanitra

**Reunion:** Kozman Ti Dalon

**Sudan :** Camirata Group

The opening day of the festival will include a carnival street parade that will feature beni brass band, ngoma drummers, mwanandege umbrella women, stilt-walkers, capoeira, and acrobats. The parade will snake its way through the island's streets with fire and excitement to the Old Fort where the main festival stage is set. In addition to four nights of

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100 % African live music simultaneous programs that promote the African creative economy and music industry will be happening, notably screening of African music films, Busara Xtra fringe events and the festival marketplace.

## About Sauti za Busara music festival

Sauti za Busara now in its ninth edition provides a platform for local musicians to experience music from other parts of the world, whilst introducing East African music to the visitors. In any society this kind of interchange is vital to the health and development of musical styles.

Sauti za Busara provides an example of an event designed to develop, both locals and visitors an appreciation of the uniqueness, wealth and diversity of music from the region. It shows there is a beauty in our traditional music, with employment and income to be gained in sustaining it.

Artistic, technical workshops and seminars have been a key element of Busara's activity, aimed for musicians, media professionals, arts managers, technicians and cultural workers from the region. These workshops have helped to build knowledge and skills for the long-term cultural benefit of East Africa.

## For More Information

[Artists Bios](#)

[2012 Festival Timetable](#)

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For pre-festival interviews and any other questions, contact [press@busara.or.tz](mailto:press@busara.or.tz)

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