

## MTN Bushfire performers announced

The latest confirmed artists for MTN Bushfire, which is to be held from 29 to 31 May, 2015, have been announced. The artists reflect a wide range of musical styles and cultures - hailing from as far afield as Australia, Turkey and Austria - as well as from African countries closer to home.

These artists are just the latest in a long list of performers, including recently announced headliners, Grammy-nominated artists Les Nubians. The majority of artists are still to be announced in the forthcoming weeks.



### The latest list of confirmed artists includes:

**Black Jesus Experience (Australia):** Black Jesus Experience blends traditional Ethiopian music with modern hip hop and funk grooves. Their rhymes and chimes deliver the musical strength and beauty of Africa through the vocal prism of hip hop and the freedom of jazz;

**Bongeziwe Mabandla (SA):** Two-time SAMA nominee Bongeziwe Mabandla has been making waves at home and overseas with his perfect blend of urban-African folk. He has performed at festivals in Germany and Spain, as well as opening for the likes of Joss Stone during her South African tour;

**123 (Turkey):** Since their formation in 2004, the Turkish indie pop band 123have been dazzling audiences with their intriguing stories and dreamy melodies. They released their debut album, 'Aksel', in 2009, which told the story of a boy named Aksel, an owl and a whale;

**Banda Kakana (Mozambique):** Banda Kakana has become a leading representative of a new generation of Mozambican bands, following in the celebrated footsteps of groups like Ghorwane, Eyuphuro and Orquestra Marrabenta Star of Mozambique;

**Shortstraw (SA):** Shortstraw is an indie-pop band from Joburg. They make music that sounds like kittens meowing as they wake up. Having taken South Africa by storm with radio hit after hit - the group's infectious summer-inspired music is the ideal festival vibe;

**BCUC (SA):** Bantu Continua Uhuru Consciousness (BCUC) consists of seven musicians from Soweto. BCUC moves the audience both physically and emotionally with a sound derived straight from our ancestral lineage. BCUC demystifies the general world views about modern Africa;

**Sweet Sweet Moon (Austria):** Sweet Sweet Moon is multi-instrumentalist Matthias Frey. Starting from a traditional guitar singer songwriter approach he has now accomplished the integration of his great skillset creating almost orchestral arrangements live on stage merely relying on a violin and his favourite sidekick - the loop pedal;

**DJ InviZable & the Champions of the Sonarverse (South Africa):** A master of staging creative guerrilla performances through the guise of the most acclaimed commander to ever lead the 1st corps, the renowned advisor to The Imperial House of Africa, DJ Invizable. The man behind the mask, Nick Matthews, who comes from Cape Town, has been a professional DJ and producer for over the last decade;

**DJ Okapi (SA):** DJ Okapi digs up South African 'bubblegum/disco' gems from the late-80s and early 90s, showcasing individual releases and collecting tracks onto mix tapes that he features on his Afro-Synth blog;

**DJ Danger Ingozi (SA):** The ever-progressive DJ Danger Ingozi has been flexing his electroactive polymers with a high-voltage selection of forward-thinking dance music, often infused with African, Baile, Balkan, reggae, Tropicana and other World Beats.

Tickerts for MTN BUSHFIRE 2015 are already on sale via [www.bush-fire.com](http://www.bush-fire.com).

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