

## Afropunk adds more performers to its 2020 lineup

Afropunk has announced the second wave of artists who will be performing at the 2020 edition of the festival, which will be livestreamed from 23 October to 25 October.



Bringing together the largest virtual gathering of the worldwide Black creative community into one curated online space for the first time in its 15-year history, Planet Afropunk will also host Oscar and Grammy award-winning Chicago rapper Common for a performance powered by Bose, Cape Verdean singer Mayra Andrade, Sudanese-American artist Dua Saleh, genre-fluid band ASIATICA, North Carolina experimental four-piece BLACK HAÜS, Kenyan Nyege Nyege affiliate and rapper MC Yallah, and Soweto punk rockers TCYIF alongside the previously-announced Ari Lennox, Tiwa Savage, Moses Sumney, and Smino just to name a few. Planet Afropunk will be co-hosted by actress and UNHCR ambassador Nomzamo Mbatha, Bahia cool hunter and entrepreneur Loo Nascimento, as well as OG Afropunk fam Gitoo.

Additionally, Afropunk Bahia, supported by the Salvador Convention Center as the host for some of these vibrant performances, will have new additions to their sets. The previously-announced Brazilian artist Larissa Luz will now be joined by legendary Bahia singer/percussionist Carlinhos Brown, 10-piece Afro-Brazilian band Afrocidade will feature guest appearances from Majur and Mahal Pita, and ÀTTØØXXÁ's set will also feature an appearance by the rapper Hiran.



Afropunk Bahia will also feature Solution Sessions Brasil and Afterdark. Powered by Bradesco, Solution Sessions Brasil puts at the centre of the debate the trajectories of the great Black names that intersect to promote solutions, propositions and Black perspectives about the future of Black entrepreneurship and Afro-tourism, the importance of strengthening the Black community and the power of Black influence. Taking place after the performances on the global stage, Afterdark features the brand new music scene in Bahia and presents new mixes and an eclectic and electrifying lineup. The result is bound to be a festival, unlike anything you've seen from Afropunk yet, with performances streaming everywhere from Atlanta, South Africa, Los Angeles, Nigeria, the UK, and Botswana just to name a few.

The festival is also set to host 'Punk is Jazz, Jazz is Punk', a conversation with Grammy Award-winners Robert Glasper and Terrace Martin moderated by curator Tyree Boyd - Pates. At face value, it's hard to imagine something that could be further in sound and structure from jazz than punk rock but punk and jazz have elements in common - the most important being attitude. Whether it came from the boundary-pushing free jazz of the late '50s or the experimental electronic sounds of the late '60s and '70s, the spirit of adventure, creativity and general fuck the system, throw 'the rules' out the window mentality has always been a part of jazz's historical trajectory and is what makes it punk. punk is anti-rules. Terrace and Roberts's ability to merge jazz with some of today's biggest hip-hop stars, soul singers and old jazz greats is testament to musical renegade mentality. We want to dig into and dissect their ethos and delve into the future melding of jazz, punk, rock and hip-hop into a genre-fluid expression of Blackness.

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Planet Afropunk will also feature a premiere list of speakers including actor and activist Jesse Williams, comedian and actress Amanda Seales, *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah* correspondent Dulcé Sloan and multimedia journalist Ivie Anie. Also joining the lineup is media personality Ashlee Marie Preston, singer-songwriter and model Dawn Richard and activist Tamika D Mallory.

Fans eager to sign up may do so at [www.planetafropunk.com](http://www.planetafropunk.com) to RSVP immediately.

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