

MTN BUSHFIRE 2023 PROGRAMME

MAIN STAGE

Friday 26th May
GATES OPEN 19H - 21H
PERFORMING ACTS
18:00 IAMSIVWAS su
19:00 Volenseni sz
20:00 DJ MK sz
21:00 Mokoomba Ft. Morena Leraba su, sz
22:00 MickyB za
23:00 Sho Madjozi za
00:00 Uncle Karly sz
01:00 Jack Parow za

Saturday 27th May
GATES OPEN 10AM - 10PM
PERFORMING ACTS
12:00 Tamika sz
13:00 Afrika Blues za
14:00 NickyB za
15:00 Desmond & The Tutus za
16:00 Mxmalah sz
17:00 Qilho Intelektual sz
18:00 IAMSIVWAS su
19:00 Showane sz
20:00 Supa CDD sz
21:00 Sogqili T za
22:00 Mantsjup za
23:00 Pongo sz
00:00 Kx All Blag sz
01:00 Black Motion za
02:00 Speech Umlangeni sz

Sunday 28th May
GATES OPEN 10AM - 10PM
PERFORMING ACTS
10:00 IAMSIVWAS su
11:00 Iya! sz
12:00 Tamika sz
13:00 Ami Fakiz za
14:00 Uncle Karly sz
15:00 The Covenent su
17:00 Mantsjup za
18:00 Ibeyi za

BALLANTINE'S FIREFLY STAGE

Friday 26th May
GATES OPEN 12PM - 2AM
PERFORMING ACTS
18:00 DJ 4D sz
19:00 Meqatronik ca
20:00 DJ V sz
21:00 DJ Muskotar su
22:00 Kreative Mativez za
23:00 Minda za
00:00 Ably Nurock za
01:00 Speech Umlangeni sz

Saturday 27th May
GATES OPEN 10AM - 2AM
PERFORMING ACTS
12:00 Queen Mabebeza su sz
13:00 Shaka sz
14:00 DJ Mseto sz
15:00 Hood Brodz su
16:00 DJ Fantasy sz
17:00 Venley sz
18:00 Bluu Jay sz
18:30 Yang TAPPO sz
19:00 Mantsjup sz
19:30 Young Zash sz
20:00 Casper The DJ su
21:00 DJ Mabilas su
22:00 DJ Albo Bula su
23:00 Kabza De Small za
00:00 DJ Dilson su
01:00 DJ Ali su
02:00 Trend Twins sz

Sunday 28th May
GATES OPEN 10AM - 10PM
PERFORMING ACTS
13:00 DJ Muscle sz
14:00 DJ Gwada Mike su
15:00 Ziyawa Kazitha sz
16:00 DJ Espo sz
17:00 DJ Crooks sz
18:00 DJ Buhle su
19:00 Touch Of Soul sz za
20:00 Belinda Chester sz
21:00 Uncle Karly sz

AMPHITHEATRE STAGE

Friday 26th May
GATES OPEN 19H - 21H
PERFORMING ACTS
18:00 Rumba Tumba su
19:00 AKA KIL sz ca
20:00 Qlusho su
00:00 Lusion sz
02:00 Scuru Fitchadu su

Saturday 27th May
GATES OPEN 10AM - 10PM
PERFORMING ACTS
11:00 Kiltigra Drumming za
12:00 Daliso Chaponda su
13:00 Javier Dier Ene za
14:00 The Planetside Ft. Mamakau Star sz za
18:00 The Dilembaba su
20:00 Thobile Makhoyane & King Don Ft. Hood Brodz su sz
22:00 Faysler su
00:00 Desiree Mkhona su
02:00 Afrotronix su

Sunday 28th May
GATES OPEN 10AM - 10PM
PERFORMING ACTS
11:00 Imhlini My Friend za
12:00 Bantu Speechlip, 9 su
13:00 Mlaleh su
17:00 Vox Sambou su ca
19:00 Xtra Luv sz

BRING YOUR FIRE ZONE STAGE

PERFORMING ACTS
Bantu The Tribe sz
Mlo'd Emotions sz
Volenseni sz
Qilho Intelektual sz
Vox Sambou su ca
Self Walkers za
Muralists sz
Panel Discussions sz
Waterford Student Performance sz
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**MTN BUSHFIRE FESTIVAL FULL PROGRAMME LINE-UP
ONLINE TICKETS ARE NOW SOLD OUT!**

It's almost time, that time of year where over 20,000 firestarters from across the world converge on the Malkerns Valley of Eswatini for a weekend of music, arts, activism, tolerance and celebration. MTN Bushfire 2023 will kick off early this year, with the campsite open for campers from Thursday May 25th and the festival doors officially opening on Friday May 26th and running through the weekend.

Please note that ONLINE tickets are now SOLD OUT and NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Camping tickets are still available for those who already have a festival ticket.

For those with valid tickets, be sure to get the MTN Bushfire Festival App to plan your weekend experience; just download the Woov festival app platform from Google Play or App Store and follow MTN Bushfire. Please protect your ticket barcode from being copied and be careful of 3rd party ticket sellers as MTN Bushfire cannot be held responsible for fraudulent tickets.

Remember, camping opens on Thursday May 25th and we strongly advise you to arrive early to avoid delays at the border and to take note of the travel tips: [https://www.bush-fire.com/plan-your-mtn-bushfire-2023-experience-now/!](https://www.bush-fire.com/plan-your-mtn-bushfire-2023-experience-now/)

The 2023 edition will once again provide a range of musical, artistic and performance based experiences, alongside meaningful conversations, installations, and activations, all created within the unique MTN Bushfire spirit of tolerance, inclusion, and sustainability.

Once again, the MTN Bushfire Main Stage will play host to some of Africa's best known and loved artists, as well as presenting a few surprises aimed to excite, inspire, and get the entire crowd on their feet. MTN Bushfire 2023 will once again present a diversity of styles and sounds with artists such as Mokoomba (ZW), whose unique sound blends genres as diverse as Sungura, Reggae, Dancehall, Urban and Afro Jazz with traditional rhythms and contemporary Zimrock; one of South Africa's brightest and boldest stars, **Sho Madjozi** is an accomplished, multi award-winning artist with audacious energy and

a colourful aesthetic making for a powerful stage presence; and **Jack Parow**, rapper, poet and a South African Pop Culture Icon, and self-proclaimed “Undisputed King of Afrikaans Rap.

Other Main Stage artists include South Africa’s **Desmond and the Tutus**, **Ami Faku**, the award-winning musician, performer and songwriter, and one of the most important voices to come out of South Africa in the last few years, and the legendary **Black Motion** known for blending House music with lively indigenous percussion and multilingual vocals.

Be sure not to miss Angolan singer **Pongo** whose hybrid sounds mix Kuduro, Melancholic Pop, Dancehall and EDM with lyrics both in Portuguese and Kimbundu; **iYA**, a singer-songwriter, vocal arranger and vocal coach from Eswatini, Lagos-based **The Cavemen** whose 'Highlife Fusion' combines Highlife, Afrobeat, Jazz, and Soul music; and **Ibeyi**, a French musical duo consisting of Afro-Cuban-French twin sisters who sing in English, French, Spanish and Yoruba.

The House on Fire Ampitheatre is an awe-inspiring performance area with a distinctly unique flavour at its core. A sunken ‘Afro-Shakespearean Globe Theatre’ that houses a range of thought-provoking entertainment, including music, poetry, theatre and dance, it provides a more intimate setting for artists and audience. Discover hidden gems with eclectic and engaging artists from around the world including: **Rumbo Tumba** is a one-man orchestra, playing, recording and mixing an array of exclusively artisanal wooden instruments native to South America; **Aka Kelzz**, a Berlin-based singer-songwriter; **Scúru Fitchádu** who represents a direct reference to both Cape Verdean music and African matrix, within punk aesthetics and disruptive electronics; and **Javier Díez Ena**, a double bass player, thereminist and electronic musician, who plays the Theremin or Etherphone, the oldest surviving electronic instrument in the world, which is played through electric signals without physical contact.

The HOF will also play host to comedy with internationally renowned stand-up comedian **Daliso Chaponda** who shot to fame on Britain’s Got Talent, making it to the final of the 2017 series and establishing himself as a firm favourite with the judges and the public. **Imbilini...my friend!**, a brand new South African play, written and performed by Bulelani Mabutyana, along with Siphenathi Mayekiso, directed by the award-winning Mdu Kweyama will also be performed on the HOF Stage.

The Ballantine’s Firefly Stage will see some of Africa’s coolest DJs performing throughout the weekend in an explosive, engaging and high-energy space to dance the weekend away. A melting pot of diverse talent, both local and international, showcase their skills and bring you the very best that Electronic, House and Amapiano have to offer.

Sets will include; **DJ V**, a dynamic and versatile Hip-Hop DJ and the ‘queen of bangers’ who unleashes a relentless stream of "bangers" that will set the dance floor ablaze with her electrifying presence and impeccable mixing skills; **Kreative Nativez**, a duo of Producer/ DJ from Lusaka in Zambia; **Abby Nurock (ZA)**, one of the few female vinyl DJs. South African DJ and Producer **Kabza De Small** as well as DJ, record producer, singer and dancer **Mörda**, best known for being a former member of the musical band Black Motion are also featured in this year’s line-up.

Eswatini’s own **Speech Umlangeni** is a house music DJ and producer specializing in Afro-House, Tribal, Techno and Old School House music. Other local DJs taking the stage will include **Slotta** who offers a musical escape to a place of harmonic solace, **DJ Mseto**, an Eswatini born house music DJ, Producer, graphics designer, compiler & house music activist, **DJ Fantasy**, conscious rap musician **Bluu Jay**, **Yung Tempo**, rapper, songwriter, mixing engineer and record producer, and **Trend Twins**, a female Afro House DJ duo to name a few.

International DJs from around the globe are also in the line-up, including **Megatronic**, a culture producer, DJ and music enthusiast from the UK, Finland's **Venior** who mixes Wild, Experimental Beats with Heavy Bass Sounds, Powerful Vocals; and from the Caribbean **Gwada Mike**, whose sets often bring a mix of Caribbean sounds blended with urban tracks.

Other event highlights include a diverse range of activations and performances including comedy, panel conversations, live muralists and more. Those campers at the **All Out Camp Site** can also take part in the All Out Campsite Gym, where fitness gurus will be running a series of free classes from 6am -10 am on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May in the mornings.

Don't forget MTN Bushfire is also family friendly and the **KidZone** in 2023 is the space where young Fire Starters can run free in this secure adventurous space filled with stimulating and fun-filled activities ranging from storytelling, sculpting and music workshops to high-energy lawn games. Each year, the festival works with a special theme for the KidZone that inspires creativity, engagement and skills development for young people of all ages, overseen by experienced, vetted child-care workers.

There are also daily performances and activations in the UN Eswatini supported **Bring Your Fire Zone**, where MTN Bushfire's resounding call to action of #BringYourFire is brought to life. Make sure to also visit the **Global Food Village** and the **Marketplace** where you will discover the memorably creative, sustainably-sourced, quality products and services on offer. This space is designed for the ethical consumer, with each company or artisan contributing in a positive way to the environment and their communities.

The full festival line-up and all other information can be found on the website, www.bush-fire.com