

Qadasi & Maqhinga



Hailing from Empangeni in the heart of Zululand, David "Qadasi" Jenkins and Maqhinga Radebe are an acoustic duo on a quest to revive the powerful sounds of traditional Maskandi music. Both SAMA and SATMA Award nominees in their own right, the duo have taken their fusion of traditional Zulu and western folk music to audiences in the UK, Europe, Asia and throughout South Africa. Their debut collaborative album, "Lashis' Ilanga", was recently nominated for a 2017 SATMA Award for Best Male Group.

Music

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Video

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Biography

Hailing from Empangeni in the heart of Zululand, Qadasi and Maqhinga are an acoustic duo on a quest to revive the powerful sounds of traditional Maskandi music. Both professional musicians in their own right and sharing the same vision, joining forces has resulted in an international caliber of music which represents the heart and soul of South African roots music.

David Jenkins, also known as Qadasi, is an accomplished Maskandi guitarist, concertina and banjo player who developed a deep passion for Zulu culture and music at a young age.

This interest grew exponentially over the years, and as a result, his love for traditional music was born. After matriculating in 2010, Qadasi released his first studio album under record label, Sande Entertainment headed by Sibongiseni Shabalala of four-time Grammy Award winning group, Ladysmith Black Mambazo. His second album, released in 2014, has since been nominated for a SAMA (South African Music Award) and SATMA (South African Traditional Music Award). In 2015, Qadasi was honoured to receive a KwaZulu Natal Young Achievers Award for 'social cohesion through Maskandi'.

Maqhinga Radebe began his career as a Maskandi musician in the mid 80's and has received numerous awards for his amazing musical skills, which also include SAMA and SATMA Award nominations. Well travelled, he has performed to audiences in several countries, including Zimbabwe, England and the USA and throughout Southern Africa, sharing stages with top artists such as Hugh Masekela, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Phuzekhemisi and Soul Brothers, to name a few. He is presently most well known for his key role as the guitarist in popular Maskandi group, Shabalala Rhythm.

David first met Maqhinga in Durban in early 2010 when enquiring about a concertina tuner. After a 'jam session', thus began their story and the two have become firm friends, with Maqhinga taking the role of music director and producer of David's first solo projects. The talented musicians later decided to join forces after realizing the musical potential that was possible by combining their artistry.

Over the past several years, the two of them have travelled home and abroad with their eclectic fusion, taking it to audiences in the UK, Europe, Asia, and throughout South Africa, and are thrilled to have released their long awaited collaborative album titled, "Lashis' Ilanga" – an organic, acoustic fusion of traditional Maskandi and western folk music. This was recently nominated for a 2017 SAMA Award for Best Traditional Album and a SATMA Award for Best Male Group.

Aside from promoting Zulu culture, traditional music and social cohesion, the duo have also been actively involved in rhino conservation, working alongside the Kingsley Holgate foundation and Project Rhino as rhino ambassadors.

There is much excitement in the promise of what lies ahead for this Maskandi duo which is continuing in the footsteps of this powerful genre's icons.

Noteworthy Performances & Achievements

2013

*Performance at "South Africa Week" in Dublin & Limerick, Ireland
Support Act for Johnny Clegg, Old Mutual Concert, KwaZulu Natal
World Transplant Games Cultural Evening, KwaZulu Natal
Nelson Mandela Sport and Culture Day, FNB Stadium, Johannesburg*

2014

*Support Act for Oliver Mtukudzi, Caversham Mill, KwaZulu Natal
Rhino Ambassadors for the "Rhino Art - Africa" Project and the "World Youth Rhino Summit"
(Qadasi) Uhambo Olusha nominated for South African Traditional Music Award (SATMA) for Best Maskandi Album
(Maqhinga) iFacebook nominated for South African Traditional Music Award (SATMA) for Best Male Album*

2015

*(Qadasi) Uhambo Olusha nominated for South African Music Award (SAMA) for Best Traditional Album
(Maqhinga) iFacebook nominated for South African Music Award (SAMA) for Best Maskandi Album
(Qadasi) Performance at the SAMA Awards Live show.
(Qadasi) KZN Young Achievers Award for Social Cohesion through Maskandi Music.
Performance at the 'Take a Walk on the Wild Side' South African Ball in Bangkok, Thailand.
Performance at the Bear Grylls Survival Race Festival in London, United Kingdom.*

2016

*Performance at Moses Mabhida Stadium for Human Rights Day celebration, Durban KZN.
Performances for SA Embassies in Vietnam & Thailand and SA Consulate in India as part of SA Freedom Day celebrations.
Release of collaborative acoustic album, Lashis' Ilanga.
Collaboration and performance with Danish vocal group, Baobab Sisters.*

2017

*Lashis' Ilanga nominated for South African Music Award (SAMA) for Best Traditional Album.
Lashis' Ilanga nominated for South African Traditional Music Award (SATMA) for Best Male Group.
Invited to perform at the annual Ferrara Buskers Festival in Italy.
Performance with the Baobab Sisters (Denmark) at 2017 SATMA Awards Ceremony in Mafikeng.*

