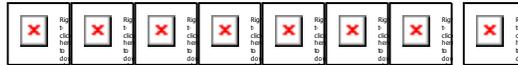
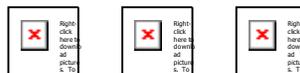
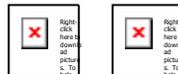


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## JazzCorner Returns to the Standard Bank Joy of Jazz Festival in Johannesburg September 15-17, 2016



## Standard Bank Joy of Jazz starts next Thursday Sept 15

For the 5th consecutive year **JazzCorner.com** is proud to be the U.S. partner for the **Standard Bank Joy of Jazz Festival** Johannesburg, South Africa  
**September 15-17, 2016**

**Bob James, José James, Houston Person, Kendrick Scott, Kahil El'Zabar, Jonathan Butler, Sibongile Khumalo, Ester Rada, Gerald Albright, Bill Champlin**

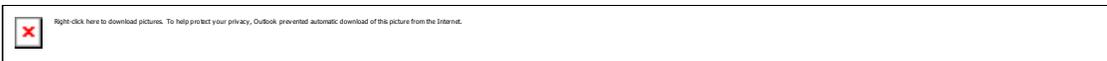
**Three days, four stages and 38 performances!**

This year's edition of [Standard Bank Joy of Jazz](#) is a mix of popular favorites along side great classics, with groups that also stretch audiences' imaginations with some visionary musical concepts and collaborations, with established jazz heavyweights and upcoming rising stars. [JazzCorner.com](#) will be reporting live with video, photos and interviews on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

In three days of not-to-be missed performances and collaborations. American jazz giant **Gerald Albright** and South Africa's **Jonathan Butler** join forces on the opening night of **Standard Bank Joy of Jazz** and kick-start South Africa's premier jazz festival which runs at the **Sandton Convention Centre** for three days from September 15 to 17.

The line up includes Grammy® Award winner **Bill Champlin** who co-founded the legendary Bay Area band the Sons of Champlin, but who is perhaps best known for his nearly three decades as a member of **Chicago**. He joins forces with four time Grammy® Award winning vocalist **Deniece Williams; Brenda Russell** and drummer **Paul Peress** in a special collaboration called "Sounds of Love."

Other big international names in the jazz world include the award winning **Bob James, José James, Kendrick Scott Oracle**, tenor saxophonist **Houston Person**, known for his legendary partnership with the great vocalist Etta Jones. Canadian based vocalist **Ranee Lee**, popular for her ability to channel the grand dames of jazz.



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South African greats billed for this year's edition include legends **Barney Rachabane, Sibongile Khumalo**, 2015 Grammy® Award winning flautist **Wouter Kellerman**; "The Voice South Africa" coach **Lira** and perennial favorites: **Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse** and **Ringo**.

There are some exciting collaborations at this year's **Standard Bank Joy of Jazz**. **The Graz Roots Project** celebrates past South African composers and musicians who gave future generations the sound of mbaqanga, mgqashiyo, maskandi and African jazz and features a powerhouse of musicians including

**Billy Monama, Concord Nkabinde, McCoy Mrubata, Lwanda Gogwana, Mduduzi Mtshali, Paki Peloele and Themba Mokoena.**

The inimitable firebrand percussionist and leader of the legendary Ritual Trio, **Kahil El'Zabar** brings an outfit that features jazz tenor saxophonist **Teodross Avery** and the incredible vocalist **Dwight Trible** who makes his return to the Standard Bank Joy of Jazz stage. El'Zabar comes out of the resilience of Chicago's pro Africanist avant-garde jazz tradition. His music is as intense as it is swinging.

Senegalese bass player and vocalist **Alune Wade** brings the Havana-Paris-Dakar project to this year's festival. The project is an eclectic celebration of the Afro-Cuban jazz tradition with musical sojourns into Wade's Franco-Phone Senegalese heritage. It features Argentinean piano maestro **Leonardo Genovese**.

US born vocalist **Deborah J Carter** teams up with **Paul van Kessel** from The Netherlands for "New York 'Round Midnight" which includes a rhythm section, horns, and vocalists from the cream of the Dutch jazz scene to take listeners back to the heyday of jazz in the '50s and '60s.

Trumpeter **Feya Faku** presents The Swiss Unit Project- featuring music from his album Le Ngoma (The Song) - with Swiss musicians **Domenic Landolf** (tenor sax, alto flute), **Jean-Paul Brodbeck** (piano), **Fabian Gisler** (acoustic bass) and **Dominic Egli** (drums). The concept includes tribute songs such as : "Miss Benjamin" (for Sathima Bee) and "Dirge" (for Zim Ngqawana): "I created this concept to celebrate legends that came before me. I am what I am because of them. My quest is to recognize them and keep them alive," he says.

**Standard Bank Joy of Jazz Festival takes place at the Sandton Convention Centre, three days, four stages and 38 performances!**



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