



UEJAA, MAPPS AND BONANG TO MC NAMAs 2017

Radio and TV personality Mappz Kapofi will be sandwiched by Uejaa Kazondunge and Africa's undisputed Radio and TV personality Bonang Matheba on the NAMA 2017 stage. The trio has been selected to MC the 2017 event which will go live to over 40 million viewers across the world.

"I've come to Namibia numerous times, and it goes without saying that in a big fan of the country and its wonderful people. To be trusted to co-host a production of this magnitude is such an honour for me. I look forward to making Namibians proud, and I promise to bring unsurpassed entertainment, fashion and a world class package and experience" Bonang Matheba

"I am beyond excited. This is a grand opportunity to be co-hosting the 2017 NAMAs as we get to celebrate and award the best in the Namibian music industry", Uejaa Kazondunge

On the blue carpet on Saturday will be newcomers Esperanca Luvindao and Paul Munanyala, while Luciana Kangombe and Katrina Andreas will be in the blue room.

On the main stage for the Industry Awards on Friday will be El-Shaddai Aluteni and Joe Mulisa, while Chantal Kambrude and Paul Munanyala will be on the blue carpet.

Herewith profiles of the NAMA 2017 MC team for the various events events';

Saturday, 29th April Main Stage

Mappz

Matthew Mappz Kapofi was born in Oshakati on the 13 May, he is a Radio Presenter & Producer, TV Personality, Hip Hop Artists, Singer/Song Writer and a Bar Manager, he has been a Namibian Recording Artist since 2004 and has collaborated with a large number of Namibian artists.

Currently a Radio Presenter/Producer at 99FM (Saturday & Sunday 10-14hrs), he has released his much anticipated album the 1st Masterpiece in 2015 with various featured artists on the album such as Ras Sheehama, Tesh, Tequila, Gazza, Cashley, Adiva, Playshis the Poet, Truth and Suzy Eises.

In 2014 Mappz hosted the Namibian Annual Music Awards: Industry Awards, in 2016 he hosted the NAMAS main stage. Mappz is the CEO & Founder Walakasha Records cc founded in May 2014 as well as the Communications Director at Events Namibia, an event management and brand promotion company.

Bonang Matheba

Bonang is Africa's undisputed MC, radio and TV personality, fashion and beauty icon. Described as the 'best presenter to come out of South Africa' Bonang is a regular red carpet host for E! Africa and is currently a Top Billing presenter on SABC3. She has graced prominent stages such as MC Mzansi Magic Clash of the Choir, hosted the SA Music Awards, Metro FM Music Awards, co-hosted the MTV Africa Music

Awards and numerous productions across the African continent. She is Africa's Queen of social media, Woolworths, Courvoisier and Revlon Brand Ambassador, not forgetting that she is the first black celebrity to have graced the covers of Maxim SA and Glamour SA magazines.

Uejaa Kazondunge

Born in Windhoek, Namibia, Uejaa has been in the entertainment industry for the past 10 years. She has developed an impressive list of clients that have requested her services as a Master of Ceremonies. 2011 saw her as the main host alongside Mufaro for the first ever Namibian Annual Music Awards (NAMA). Her list included The Last Band Standing Competition 2012-2014, MTC Premiership Awards, NCCI Gala dinner, Bank Windhoek Cancer Apple Project Comedy Show, Inaugural African Fashion Showcase are but some of the events where she was a host.

She made her mark when she was chosen as the presenter for Pasta Polana's campaigns: Be our guest and Dinner's at My Place with celebrity chef Fortune in 2015 & 2016 respectively. Uejaa is currently employed as Head: Marketing, Promotions and Sponsorship at Shipanga Holdings (PTY) LTD, a media graduate from NUST and voice over artist for radio & television adverts.

Saturday, 29th April Blue Carpet

Esperance Luvindao

Esperance Luvindao is Miss Grand Namibia 2016, a Spoken Word poet and a fifth year medical student. As a well-known poet, she says her most amazing honour thus far has been the invitation to perform at the World Aids Day celebrations that took place in Swakopmund, December 2016. She adds that nothing beats making a difference and at times we fail to understand just how important our God given talents are. In her spare time, Esperance enjoys writing short stories and running charity drives for The Angel for Hope Foundation; a project she started in 2013. She concludes that she does whatever she sets her mind to and if she can teach just one other young woman to do the same in this lifetime, she will peacefully say: "I have lived."

Paul Munanjala

Paul Munanjala is a 25-year-old BA Media Studies graduate from the University of Namibia. Popularly known as Paul Da Prince, with his role as a Whatagwan presenter on nbc 1 and the Friday 9PM radio show on nbc National Radio, he is an all-round, all season entertainer. He is also a singer, songwriter, DJ, actor and choreographer. Having debuted on the NAMAs stage in 2015, his career continues to grow from strength to strength, gracing various stages across the country and beyond. His goal is to inspire and motivate young people from all walks of life to pursue and achieve their dreams through hard work, dedication and commitment.

Saturday, 29th April Blue Room

Luciana Tjipembe Kangombe

Okatana is home to Luciana Tjipembe Kangombe, the young Lucy grew up with her mom and aunt who instilled the culture of determination that the older Lucy possesses, as seen through her on air persona that started on the Fresh FM radio station, her quirkiness landed her in the hearts of many Namibians as Lucy K, her cross cutting persona has graced her through commercial radio stations from Fresh Fm she moved to Energy100fm and then on to the national broadcaster the nbc, where she and a fellow radio personality launched their own LucySquared show. Luciana's mark in broadcasting does not end at radio as television got bugged with the Lucy K phenomana and saw her entry on TV doing interactive presenting on Soccer pitch, and became one of the youngest woman to host Soccer Pitch which was mainly dominated by male presenters. Lucy K recently became the face of the nbc TV licence Pay to Stay Competition. What many might not know is that she is well invested in business, owning one of the very first wedding planner companies named Namibian Weddings that aid newly weds to execute their day perfectly. Lucy K surely puts to question the old saying Jack of all traits and master of none, cause surely her capabilities surpasses expectations.

Katrina Andreas

Katrina "Trina" Andreas is a 24-year-old MC/Television/Radio/presenter from Walvis Bay. Katrina is currently the host for Whatagwan on nbc 1 which is a proudly Namibian Music show aimed at promoting local music. Katrina is pursuing her Communications degree at the Namibia University of Science NUST. When she isn't MC'ing, presenting or studying, Trina is very social and can be found enjoying art exhibitions, theatre plays and musical events. She is very determined in life; her motto is to definitely always follow your dreams no matter where you come from or your circumstances.

Friday, 28th April Industry Awards Main Stage

El-Shaddai Aluteni

As Co-Founder, Co-Executive Producer and Presenter at the very popular online entertainment show, This Entertainment, El-Shaddai has steadily and consistently been making her mark on the entertainment industry. Through her work with This Entertainment, she has had the pleasure of interviewing super stars such as Sally Boss Madam, Lize Elhers, Cassper Nyovest and AKA to name a few. She made her stellar debut at the Namibian Annual Music Awards scene last year at the Industry Night on the Blue Carpet.

El-Shaddai is a full-time dreamer and doer, a lover of all things pop-culture and a young and proud professional at Standard Bank Namibia.

Joe Mulisa

Fresh out of law school, Joe Mulisa is a triple threat aiming to take his place as one of Namibia's entertainment giants. He is an up and coming Actor, dancer, model and writer, with the natural ability to leave the audience in awe.

Having gained his experience in the legal and entrepreneurial sphere, he is now going full throttle in his pursuit for his equally true passion, taking the stage.

Friday, 28th April Blue Carpet

Chantal Magano Kambrude

"C-Star born Chantal Magano Kambrude, is the founder and creative director at TeamHermitCreations CC based in Windhoek, established in 2012. C-Star is a multitalented, energetic, compassionate, relatable soul and a great listener. Her portfolio includes artist, chef, writer, actor, poet, jewellery maker, entrepreneur, singer, dancer, fashion and graphic designer. She also dabbles in interior design, "twork" out, life coaching/counselling and modelling. C-Star also loves being in nature, surrounded by good people, family and friends as well as good food.

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