

Biography

Born and educated partly in Maputo, Mozambique, saxophonist Ivan Mazuze came to Cape Town in 2000, where he is currently based. Ivan has performed with top South African internationally acclaimed artists, including Jonathan Butler, Alvin Dyers, Jimmy Dlodlu, Judith Sephuma, Vusi Khumalo; Hotep Galeta as well as top bands such as Dondo, Tucan Tucan and Loading Zone. He has been featured at numerous international music festivals.

Ivan received his secondary education in Maputo, Mozambique, where he hails from. He studied piano, clarinet and saxophone, with clarinet as first instrument, at the Maputo National Music School. In 1998 he obtained a diploma in classical music from the school.

In 2002 Ivan obtained the Performers Diploma in music (jazz studies), and was awarded a distinction in jazz ensemble and jazz improvisation at the University of Cape Town (UCT). In 2005 he obtains a bachelor of music (Honours) in performance and that the degree was awarded in the first class (distinction) at UCT. In 2006 he graduated with a Master's degree in musicology at UCT.

In 2007 Ivan Mazuze writes an article about music and trance in ritual practices, for the educational magazine "The talking drum" released in December 2007 number 28. Ivan continues writing more articles for different ethno-musicological journals.

Musical Performance Experience:

In **2008** Ivan Mazuze performs as guest at Jonathan Butler's concert in Cape Town. Continues to perform with Alvin Dyers Quartet, Jimmy Dlodlu and Loading Zone just to name but a few but also with many of Cape Town jazz bands.

In **2007** Ivan performed in Mozambique (Coconuts) with his Ivan Mazuze group interpreting his own compositions. Ivan continues to perform with Ivan Mazuze quartet where he interprets mostly jazz standards. He performed again at the lifestyle event in Barhain at Ritz hotel. He recorded with a renowned Mozambican artist Stewart Sukuma. He continues to perform with Alvin Dyers quartet, Jimmy Dlodlu and Loading Zone.

In **2006** Ivan continues to perform with Jimmy Dlodlu, Loading Zone. Other live performances include playing with the Alvin Dyers Quartet, as well as Judith Sephuma and Allou April with whom he also recorded. He performed in Middle East (Barhain) at the lifestyle event at Ritz hotel.

In **2005**, Ivan performed with Jimmy Dlodlu in Cuba, Mozambique and across South Africa. He also performed with other renowned outfits such as Loading Zone and Strait and Narrow, as well as Mlungisi Gegana, Dereck

Schippers and Tucan Tucan. He performed with Mlungisi Gegana at the international Jazz Festival in Cape Town.

In **2004** Ivan performed with Hotep Galeta at the Jazzathon music festival in Cape Town. He also traveled with Tucan Tucan to Italy, where they performed at the Villa Celimontana. Other live performances include playing with Jaco Maria, as well as with Dereck Schippers at Joy of Jazz in Johannesburg. In 2004 Ivan recorded on the Jimmy Dlodlu's album "*Corners of my soul*".

2003 saw Ivan performing live at the Joy of Jazz festival in Grahamstown, with the Mike Campbell Big Band, backing artist such as Salaelo Selota, Stefon Harris, and Gloria Bosman. He also once again performed at the North Sea Jazz Festival in Cape Town, with the National Youth Jazz band. Other performances include playing with the project Dondo by Vusy Khumalo and Lawrence Matshiza in Johannesburg and Durban. A highlight of 2003 was performing Ivan Mazuze in concert in Mozambique, at the French-Mozambican Culture Centre (CCFM).

In **2002** he became a member of the National youth jazz band, directed by South African jazz saxophonist Barney Rachabane. Live performances include The North Sea Jazz Festival in Cape Town, the Joy of Jazz and Arts Alive in Johannesburg (with the Latin Afro group [Tucan Tucan](#) and UK trumpeter player Byron Wallen). In this year he also performed for American multi instrumentalist Bill prince's concert in Cape Town. Ivan also recorded for the jazz Impressions CD Vol.1, as well as Tucan Tucan's debut album intitled Xiluva.

The year 2000 saw him participating in the Old Mutual Jazz Competition, as well as the Chivas Regal Jazz Competition, and the University of Cape Town Jazz Festival. In 2001 Ivan was announced the winner of the composition category of the Old Mutual jazz competition. He also joined the UCT Big band.

In **1999** Ivan joined the fusion band "Nondje". During this year he also gave performances with Kappa Dech in Maputo, and performed with British jazz musicians with the Caroline Taylor Band.

In **1993** Ivan participated in a workshop presented by renowned American jazz musicians Jackie and Renée McLean. He also participated in the Youth Link Music Festival in Johannesburg with music students from Maputo National Music School. In 1997 he gave a performance with Ernest Dawkins (American saxophonist). He also gave various live performances with "Wazimbo". In 1998 he joined the Ghorwane's Band and Maputo Jazz Band, and presented some live performance with Stewart Sukuma.

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