**Village das Cores Tour – December 2018**

In association with Concerts SA and [Akum Agency](http://www.akumagency.com/), post-folk band [Urban Village](http://www.urbanvillage.co.za/) will be embarking in December on their first tour across southern Africa.

For this tour, [Urban Village](http://www.facebook.com/urbanvillagemusic) will be joined on tour by Mozambican band Cantinho das Cores. Honouring this collaboration, the tour has been named *Village das Cores Tour*.

The*Village das Cores Tour* starts early December in Mozambique, spreading throughout the rest of the month with shows in eSwatini, Nelspruit, Soweto, East London and Durban.

Different bands will join them on stage in each city. Tégui in Maputo, The Buddies and Goodnews in Nelspruit, Msaki in East London, and The Brother Moves On in Durban.

A musical motion of sound fused by urban and rural influences based on society’s daily survival, struggles and joys, the music of [Urban Village](http://www.instagram.com/urbanvillagemusic) encourages and motivates, entertains, and awakens cultural and traditional consciousness. It encapsulates day-to-day personal and societal experiences echoed with teachings by the elderly, bringing us back- not to be regressive but to take us back to a point where our identity reflects us and our stories.

Inspired by an innate love for the sound of music and with rhythm that flows through their bones with the same consistency as blood, the sound of [Urban Village](http://www.twitter.com/urbanvillagefam) can be described as a blend of folk music, Zulu rock, Xhosa funk, *mbaqanga*, *maskandi* layered with electric and funky acoustic melodies clearly rooted in South Africa.

The members of [Urban Village](http://www.soundcloud.com/urban-village-906132602) are Lerato Lichaba (guitar & vocals), Tubatsi Moloi (flute & lead vocals), Xolani Mtshali (drum & vocals), Simangaliso Dlamini (bass), and Mojalefa Mofokeng (percussions & vocals).

“Urban Village are excited to be performing in Mozambique and eSwatini for the first time. A big thank you to Concerts SA for helping make it possible to take our music and the stories we share each time we step onto the stage across borders to new eyes and ears. The opportunity to collaborate with Cantinho das Cores, and to play with different musicians in each place we go, is also a great chance to exchange, dialogue, and bring the village together. ” – Simangaliso ‘Smeg’ Dlamini.

Formed by Trkz, May Mbira and [Nandele](https://www.facebook.com/xirico23/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)during late night improvisation sessions in Maputo, Cantinho das Cores is a project that responds to the insatiable interest in the exploration of instruments and rhythms. Guitars, tambourines, mbiras, loop pedals, synthesizers, and many more instruments are combined in a playful meditation on music and their own lives.

Cantinho das Cores is the result of existing individual compositions by the three musicians and an ongoing collective process of creation. Their skills are combined in a virtuous and unique manner, bringing the listener to familiar yet staggering sounds. The three band members are among the most promising and relevant artists in Mozambique.

[Urban Village](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcsvoVyBSXcDEyQdOJ64_VQ)’s *Village das Cores* SADC Tour is supported by **Concerts SA**through the [**Music Mobility Fund**](http://www.concertssa.co.za/our-activities/mobility-fund/), a funding mechanism which offers opportunities for South African musicians to undertake live music tours.

**Artist Links**

Website: [www.urbanvillage.co.za](http://www.urbanvillage.co.za)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/urbanvillagemusic](http://www.facebook.com/urbanvillagemusic)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/urbanvillagemusic](http://www.instagram.com/urbanvillagemusic)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/urbanvillagefam](http://www.twitter.com/urbanvillagefam)

Soundcloud: [www.soundcloud.com/urban-village-906132602](http://www.soundcloud.com/urban-village-906132602)

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCcsvoVyBSXcDEyQdOJ64\_VQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcsvoVyBSXcDEyQdOJ64_VQ)

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**Events Listing**

**Maputo – Wona Live Sessions @ CCBM (Centro Cultural Brasil Moçambique)**

Thursday 6 December– 7pm – Mt600 (phase 1) / Mt800 (phase 2) / Mt1000 (door)

Address: Av. 25 de Setembro 1728, Maputo, Mozambique

Bookings: +258 21306 840 / ccbm.eventos@gmail.com / [www.facebook.com/wonaistosee](http://www.facebook.com/wonaistosee/)

**Manzini – The Place**

Thursday 13 December– 7pm – E80

Address: Tenbergen St & Mhlakuvane St, Manzini, eSwatini

Bookings: +268 7602 8331

**Nelspruit – Casambo Lodge**

Friday 14 December– 6pm – R100

Address: Plots 74 & 75 Goedehoop Farm, 1206 Luphisi Road, Nelspruit, South Africa

Bookings: 013 007 0163 / reservations@casambo.co.za / [www.facebook.com/pg/casambo1](http://www.facebook.com/pg/casambo1)

**Soweto – The BoxShop**

Saturday 15 December– 1pm – R100

Address: 7166 Vilakazi St, Orlando West, Soweto, South Africa

Bookings: 011 048 9900 / info@theboxshop.co.za / [www.facebook.com/pg/theboxshopsa](http://www.facebook.com/pg/theboxshopsa)

**East London – The Velvet Jazz Lounge**

Monday 17 December– 7pm – R100 (general) / R50 (musicians & students) / Free for kids

Address: 25 Pontoon Rd, Parkside, East London, South Africa

Bookings: 043 722 1076 / alfredo@thevelvetjazzlounge.co.za / [www.facebook.com/pg/TheVelvetJazzLounge](http://www.facebook.com/pg/TheVelvetJazzLounge)

**Durban – The Chairman**

Saturday 22 December– 10pm – R150

Address: 146 Mahatma Gandhi Rd, Point, Durban, South Africa

Bookings: 079 753 6313 / info@thechairmanlive.com / [www.facebook.com/pg/thechairmanlive](http://www.facebook.com/pg/thechairmanlive)

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**Notes for the Editor**

**Urban Village** was founded by Lerato Lichaba in March 2014, after having been inspired through travel and gaining experience throughout the years as a session guitarist.In 2016 the band independently released the six-track EP, *Bantu Art*, in April 2016 which features the people’s favourite *Ubaba* and *Makolo*. They are winners of the 2016/17 Puisano Jazz Competition of the Gauteng Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation. Artistic self-expression through performances, rehearsals and studio recordings fuels the band. Their incredible interaction, improvisation and spontaneity during live performances goes to show just how skilled they are as musicians. The feedback and response from fellow musicians, industry players, veterans, radio personalities and fans alike has been overwhelmingly positive. Among them: Madala Kunene, Thebe Lipere, Nicky B (Kaya FM), Thulane Shabangu, Mabi Thobejane are the many endorsers of the Urban Village. The band has so far performed at Oppikoppi, Gauteng Government Youth Day 2016 Commemoration, Fete De La Musique Joburg, Open Letter to Freedom by Soweto Theatre, North West University Art Gallery, Roots of Humankind Festival, Soweto Wine and Lifestyle Festival, Basha Uhuru Freedom Festival, Mieliepop Festival, 947 Big September, Rise & Shine Festival, Seven Sounds, and corporate events including the Brand South Africa CEO Breakfast and the Dean’s and Director’s Association of African Business Schools Connect Annual Conference at the Gordon Institute of Business Science.

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