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Press Info

The Afro - pop, soul and jazz singer Shanti Lo from Botswana will perform at Stockholm Pride Festival at the Solidarity Gala on August 5 2011

The Batswana Afro - pop, soul and jazz singer Shanti Lo (Tumediso Kagiso Loeto) has been invited by The Stockholm Pride Festival to perform during the Solidarity Gala to be held in Kungsträdgården Friday 5th August 2011 in the evening. He will travel together with his guitarist and producer John Selolwane and his manager Soares Katumbela.

There will be a Swedish band waiting for Shanti and John in Stockholm with top of the range renowned Swedish jazz and soul musicians, Anna Christoffersson (song), Magnus Lindgren (sax), Daniel Palm (piano), Johan Hansen Larsson (bass) Åsa Wännström (song) and few other musicians who have not yet confirmed participation. The trip to Sweden will be the start of longer term collaboration with Swedish musicians. Within the plan is to bring some of the Swedish musicians to Botswana in December this year

Shanti Lo will also take part in discussions around the rights of homosexuals in Africa and in particular Botswana where it is against the law to live as homosexual. He will also represent the Batswana organization BONELA www.bonela.org

Shanti Lo together with John Selolwane and Anna Christoffersson will perform in TV4 – Nyhetsmorgon on Thursday August 4.

Shanti Lo will be in Sweden from the 2-15 of August.

SHANTI LO

The ever graceful and charming Afro pop/jazz singer Tumediso “Shanti Lo” Loeto was born 1982 in Kanye Botswana. He was introduced to the world of jazz and almost as a rightful passage for every singer wanting to be associated with his sophisticated genre , and would do his rendition of timeless jazz classic standards such as summertime, The A Train and Autumn leaves, and every opportunity he got during his school vacations would grace the serenade local night clubs.

He released his second album self-titled “SHANTI LO” in 2005. All the songs like the first offering were written by him.

His third album “LORATO” released 2011 March reveals Shanti Lo’s usual blend of folklore music and Southern African blend of Afro jazz and a new mix of Soft Rock. The album has been well received in Botswana and Swaziland.

(Shanti is a Hindi word and mean Peace, his Setswana name Kagiso have the some meaning. Lo is a shortening of Shantis family name Loeto)

JOHN SELOLWANE

World renowned guitarist, born in Francistown Botswana in 1946, John has been all over the world carrying the Botswana flag. He left Botswana 28 years back with South African top trumpet player

Hugh Masekela and his band KALAHARI. They toured America and Europe during his stay overseas and toured with Paul Simon (Graceland tour) as his lead guitarist. He only returned back home in 2010 to stay. Since his return he has assisted almost all Botswana jazz artists with their recordings. He is a producer of Shanti Lo's latest album. He will share his experiences with Swedish musicians backing Shanti at the Stockholm Pride Festival. A great guitarist to watch.

SOARES KATUMBELA

Shanti Lo's manager for 5 years now, a jazz radio presenter with a local radio station and one of the top music promoters in Botswana. His company Streethorn Promotions has brought to Botswana almost all the top jazz artists in the likes of Hugh Masekela, Jonas Gwangwa, Judith Sephuma and Zimbabwean Oliver Mtukuzi and Andy Narrell the American steel pan player with Louis Mhlanga. He is a chairperson for Botswana Entertainment Promoters Association (BEPA) of which objectives is to educate Botswana promoters on a regular basis on issues related to the industry through workshops and seminars, and to regulate Botswana's entertainment industry by ensuring adherence to the association code of conduct.

Also born in Francistown in 1961, Soares will be looking forward to meet with Sweden's promoters and share his experiences with them.

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