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**PICK n PAY AND
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MUSIC AWARDS 2012**

FINALISTS' CONCERT

**JAZZ AND CLASSICAL
CATEGORIES**

WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST 2012 ❖ 7.30 PM
BAXTER CONCERT HALL

Please remember to switch off your cell phones and digital watches. The use of any photographic or recording equipment is strictly forbidden.

PROGRAMME

Master of ceremonies – Mark Jennings

JAZZ CATEGORY

Judges: Evan Milton, Jason Reolon, Mark Fransman

MARCÉ UNDERWOOD (VOCALIST)

Blake Hellaby (Keyboard), Jamie Steyn (Drums), Ian Smith (Trumpet)

Bliss of Life

Marcé Underwood

Fantasy Life

Marcé Underwood

Love Letters

Victor Young

Crazy Days

Marcé Underwood

Marcé was born in the Western Cape and attended Stellenberg High School. Following a gap year, she joined the South African College Of Music at the University of Cape Town to start a study path of Classical music in performance Diploma in Opera. She has performed alongside artists such as the Hassan'adas Band, Kyle Shepherd, Buddy Wells as well as in other genres such as dance/soul-lounge music projects. Apart from music, Marcé's interests include writing poetry and composing music. She has contributed to two original music projects, one being Maraca Band as lead vocalist and lyricist, and Project Escape Trio as bandleader, composer and lyricist. Marcé hopes and dreams to eventually record her project and work with many different artists in the future.

MANDLA MLANGENI (TRUMPET)

Bokani Dyer (Piano), Benjamin Jephtha (Bass), Frank Paco (Drums)

Freedom Jazz Dance

E Harris

I Remember

Clifford B Golson

The Scene is Clean

T Dameron

Kwa Nyandeni

M Mlangeni

Mandla Mlangeni comes from Soweto, Johannesburg and matriculated at the National School of the Arts. A graduate of music composition from the South African College of Music at the University of Cape Town, he has performed with Marcus Wyatt, Barney Rachabane, Hotsix Mabuse, Hugh Masekela, Jimmy Dlodlu, Thandiswa Mazwai, John Davies and Afrika Mkhize, to name a few. He has participated in numerous shows, musicals, symphony concerts and operas. He also performs in other settings such as Hip Hop, Ska Balkan, R&B and African Salsa. He participated in an exchange programme in Oslo at the Nowergian Music Academy. Mandla has toured extensively: Europe with a Balkan Rock band UDI, Germany with the MIAGI Youth Orchestra, Sweden with the Standard Bank National Youth Jazz Band (2006). He was the onstage trumpeter for the acclaimed tours of the UK (2009 and 2012) and Israel (2010) with Cape Town Opera. He has composed music for 2011/12 season of Mac Mckenzie's Goema, and is writing music and performing with his own group called the Tune Recreation Committee.

DARREN ENGLISH (TRUMPET) (WINNER)

Nicholas Williams (Piano), Shaun Johannes (Bass), Kevin Gibson (Drums)

Softly as morning sunrise

Sigmund Romberg

In a mellow tone

Duke Ellington

(Lenrick was) Touched by an Angel

Darren English

Bye Bye Blackbird

Ray Henderson

Darren English started playing the trumpet in Grade 9 at Muizenberg High School, under the mentorship of Fred Kuit. He graduated with a BMus Honours Degree in Music at UCT 2011 with distinction, being the first student in the history of the University of Cape Town to receive 100 per cent for both his Honours Recitals. He received a full year scholarship to study under jazz trumpeter, Eckhard Bauer in Norway in 2008. Darren has received a Masters Scholarship from the Head of Jazz, Georgia State University in Atlanta Georgia, USA for 2012-2014, studying under jazz trumpeter, Gordon Vernick. Darren performs with American pianist Joe McBride, Mark Fransman, Loyiso Bala, Alvin Dyers band, UK pop artist, Finley Quaye and Craig David. He has been Jimmy Dlodlu's trumpeter since 2011, and performed in David Kramer's Kat & The Kings this year.

SHORT INTERVAL

CLASSICAL CATEGORY

Judges: James May, Simone Kirsch, Cecilia Laurens

LEAH GUNTER (SOPRANO)

Accompanist: Philippus Hugo

Sposa son disprezzata
Heimwee
Gretchen am Spinnrade

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
S. Le Roux Marais (1896-1979)
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Leah Gunter is a third year BMus student at the University of Stellenbosch, majoring in voice under Magdalena Oosthuizen. She passed Unisa's Grade 7 singing exam with distinction in 2009. As a first year BMus student in 2010, she received the Graham Beck Bursary from the University of Stellenbosch and is the first first-year to have won the Music Department's Mabel Quick Singing Competition. Leah took part in the 2011 Muziqanto ATKV National Classical Singing Competition and ended up in the final top 8 singers in South Africa. At the recent 2012 National Grahamstown Music Competition, she won overall second prize on tertiary level and she also won the award for Best Vocalist. Later this year, Leah will sing the lead role (Dido) in the opera *Dido and Aeneas* by Henry Purcell in Stellenbosch under the direction of International mezzo soprano Michelle Breedt.

THOMAS ERLANK (TENOR)

Accompanist: Philippus Hugo

Comfort ye my people
Every Valley
Der Kuss
O del mio amato ben

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
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Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Stefano Donaudy (1879-1925)

Thomas Erlank was born in 1988, in the Northern Suburbs of Cape Town. At school, he studied piano, recorder, trumpet and saxophone, and also sang in the school choirs at D.F. Malan High School. Parallel to these activities he sang in the Tygerberg Children's Choir. Since the age of 13 he took part in numerous eisteddfods, UNISA, Royal Schools and Trinity exams. He passed the UNISA grade 7 singing exam with honours. Today he is a fourth-year Practical Diploma singing student with Minette Du Toit-Pearce and in 2010 he changed from a BA Music degree to a full BMus course. In September last year he won the Mable Quick singing bursary at the US Conservatoire.

JAMES REDFERN (PIANO) (WINNER)

Fantasia in F-sharp minor Opus 28
Con moto agitato
Allegro con moto
Presto

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Transcendental Etude No. 5 *Feux follets*

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

James Redfern has been selected for the 8th Hamamatsu International Piano Competition in Japan, based on his DVD entry. James has been described as a "born Beethoven player" and "an outstanding young pianist" (Paul Badura-Skoda). He is currently under the tutorship of Murray McLachlan in Manchester, as well as taking lessons with maestro Paul Badura-Skoda. As winner of First Prize, along with special prizes such as the Chamber Music Prize, and the Contemporary Prize at the prestigious International Franz Liszt Competition Junge Pianisten, Weimar (2005), James performed the 50th anniversary concert of the Liszt Festival. In his collaboration with Israeli conductor, Yoel Gamzou, he has toured the Ukraine with performances of Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1, to rave reviews. He has performed at such prestigious events as the debut of the International Mahler Orchestra at St. John's Smith Square, London, the Franz Liszt Festival in Weimar, Germany and the Chetham's International Keyboard Festival in Manchester. James won the Ligeti Award at the IBLA International Competition in Sicily, in 2011. He was recently a top prizewinner at the Dudley International Piano Competition. He is also the overall winner of the EPTA UK competition 2011. In November 2012, James has been invited to perform a recital at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, for the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe.

Please remain seated while the classical judges deliberate.

Prizes for both categories will be presented by Victoria Cawood, Station Manager of FMR101.3.

**The winner in each category receives a R20 000 prize.
Runners-up receive a Pick n Pay voucher
to the value of R2000.**

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**PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE
PICK n PAY/FMR101.3 MUSIC AWARDS**

	JAZZ	CLASSICAL
2005	Kyle Shepherd (piano)	Justin Krawitz (piano)
2006	Brent Kruss (guitar)	Avigail Buschakovitch (violin)
2007	Nicky Schrire (vocalist)	Pieter Crathorne (piano)
2008	Christopher Engel (saxophone)	Esthea Kruger (piano)
2009	Ethan Smith (saxophone)	Cherilee Adams (percussion)
2010	Monique van Willingh (flute)	Bradley Burgess (piano)
2011	Benjamin Jephtha (bass)	Hlengiwe Mkhwanazi (soprano)