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Love Swings: Gloria Bosman and Timothy Moloi with Johannesburg Big Band

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One night only at The Lyric Theatre, Gold Reef City, Saturday, 14 February at 8pm



Join the **Johannesburg Big Band** and two of South Africa's finest vocal talents this Valentine's Day in a scintillating celebration of love in *Love Swings* at **The Lyric Theatre**, **Gold Reef City** for one night only on **Saturday**, **14 February**, at **8pm**.

After three successful shows, the world-class 17-piece Johannesburg Big Band, directed by Adam Howard, returns to The Lyric Theatre providing a charming musical journey that celebrates *love* in true, classic big band tradition.

Love Swings will pay tribute to the greatest love songs made popular by the stars who performed and composed them.

Joining them on stage will be SA's finest award-winning jazz vocalist, **Gloria Bosman** (*Shanghai Expo in China*, *African Songbook*, *Porgy & Bess*, *The Mandela Trilogy*, *Songs of Migration*) and the crowd favourite with his velvety vocals, **Timothy Moloi** (*FIFA 2010 World Cup Opening Ceremony*, *My Big Band Valentine*, *My Favourite Swings*, *Starlight Classics*, *Aladdin*).

They will be adding their incomparable voices to the instantly recognisable hits including *It Had To Be You*, *L.O.V.E.*, *My Girl*, *Beyond The Sea*, *My Funny Valentine*, *That's Amore*, *Ain't That A Kick In The Head* and *Home* and many more...



Love Swings will be a night out on the town to remember, transporting the audience through a roller-coaster ride of their favourite love songs. The show will highlight the inimitable flair of the Johannesburg Big Band and the vocalists, as they provide an unforgettable evening for those in and out of love, those still searching for the elusive emotion and those who merely love a good love song.

"After the success of My Big Band Valentine last year, we're thrilled to have been able to secure the Johannesburg Big Band for a second consecutive year," says Mike Page, Director of Operations and General Manager of Gold Reef City.

He continues: "We're proud to be hosting Love Swings on Valentine's Day 2015 and we look forward to our audience at the Lyric Theatre enjoying the outstanding vocals this year by the award-winning Gloria Bosman and the smooth-aschocolate voice of Timothy Moloi."

Whether you are a huge Cupid and Valentine's fan, or merely enjoy the classic renditions of great love songs, there's no better way to spend 2015's Valentine's Day than by being a part of *Love Swings*!

Love Swings is on for one night only at The Lyric Theatre, Gold Reef City on Saturday, 14 February at 8pm.

Tickets range from R130-R180 and can be booked online at <u>www.goldreefcity.co.za</u>, by calling **The Lyric Theatre Box Office** on (011) 248 5000 or through **Computicket**.

Discounts for groups of 10 or more, senior citizens, scholars and students apply.

Click here to see videos of the Johannesburg Big Band in action.

DINNER/SHOW PACKAGE

For those wanting to make an evening of it, the newly refurbished **Back O' The Moon Restaurant** is providing a fabulous dinner/show package for the evening.

At just **R840 per couple (working out to R420 per person)**, patrons will get two of the best premium (top price) seats available in the theatre for *Love Swings* (*subject to availability at the time of booking*), and a scrumptious three-course dinner at Back O' The Moon Restaurant.

Dinner begins at **6pm** to give patrons ample time to enjoy the mouth watering dishes on offer after which the patrons will move across to The Lyric Theatre to enjoy Love Swings at 8pm. *Please note this package excludes all drinks and gratuity costs.*

Bookings for this Dinner/Show package need to be made directly with The Lyric Theatre Box Office *only* at 011 248 5000 or by emailing: <u>goldreef.boxoffice@tsogosun.com</u>.

"Back O' The Moon is delighted to partner with The CoLab Network in providing an unforgettable night out for our Love Swings audience. Before you enjoy the show, you can indulge in a superb five-star three-course menu with your sweetheart, especially designed for this event by our Executive Chef. The recently reopened Back O' The Moon Restaurant, restored to its former glory, is the perfect setting if you are looking to treat your loved one," says Steve Chimana, Manager of Operations for the Back O' The Moon Restaurant.

OPTIONAL EXTRA - SPEND THE NIGHT!

Don't end the evening just yet. Take advantage of the special offer at the Southern Sun Gold Reef City Hotel and spend the night!

For only **R1,400 per couple** including breakfast and a romantic turndown, how about adding on a stay-over at this stylish hotel for the evening? To book your accommodation, contact the hotel directly on 011 248 5000 (ask for the hotel).

Please note: This is to be booked and paid for separately to the Dinner/Show Package (which is to be booked through the Lyric Theatre Box Office).

Love Swings is directed by Cito with Musical Direction by Adam Howard and is proudly brought to you by The CoLab Network in association with The Lyric Theatre and Johannesburg Big Band.

For interviews and image requests in higher resolution, please contact Collett Dawson of The CoLab Network on <u>collett@thecolabnetwork.com</u>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

BIOGRAPHIES

JOHANNESBURG BIG BAND

The Johannesburg Big Band is a collection of the finest jazz and session musicians in South Africa. Formed in 2011 and run by its Musical Director, Adam Howard, through his company, Howard Music, they have already performed at many functions, including highly successful performances for the 702 Easter Celebration at Nelson Mandela Square in 2012 and 2013. The troupe has a vision to bring back the big band sound to Jozi life and give Johannesburg its first dedicated permanent big band.

After three successful shows at The Lyric Theatre, namely, *Swingin' Christmas*, *My Big Band Valentine* and *My Favourite Swings*, they are thrilled to be back at this incredible theatre to be part of *Love Swings*.

GLORIA BOSMAN

Gloria is undoubtedly one of South Africa's quintessential vocalists in jazz, African, rock and gospel, being a multiple SAMA Awards winner and Kora and Naledi Awards nominee.

Born in Mofolo and raised in Pimville, Soweto, Gloria's career began in the church choir. She has since shared the stage locally and internationally with many musical greats including Sibongile Khumalo, Moses Molelekwa, Tananas, Concord Nkabinde, Vusi Mahlasela, Hugh Masekela and many others.

She has six albums to her credit and has wowed audiences across the African continent and the globe in countries like England, France, Finland, Netherlands, Australia, Angola, Nigeria, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Swaziland, Chile,

Argentina, Peru and Venezuela.

Gloria has been part of several theatre productions including *African Songbook*, *Shanghai Expo in China*, *Porgy & Bess*, *The Mandela Trilogy* and *Songs of Migration*.

TIMOTHY MOLOI

Timothy is one of South Africa's most extraordinary talents and with his smooth-as-velvet voice and masterful range, he's a firm favourite with audiences throughout South Africa.

He is without doubt, one of the most in demand performers, from the *Opening Ceremony of the FIFA 2010 World Cup*, to Johannesburg Youth Orchestra's *From Russia with Love*, to *Starlight Classics*, sharing a stage with Katherine Jenkins, to performing in the presence of presidents and royalty. Other credits include *Motown Gold* and most recently, playing the genie in Janice Honeyman's pantomime, *Aladdin*.

Timothy has been a firm favourite with Johannesburg Big Band/The CoLab Network collaboration shows having starred in *My Big Band Valentine* and *My Favourite Swings* in 2014, and is thrilled to be back for *Love Swings* in 2015.

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