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EMPERORS PALACE

THE PALACE OF DREAMS

The Palace of Dreams awakes to symposium of sound this March

Emperors Palace will offer music lovers an unforgettable entertainment experience over the long weekend of 21 – 23 March. Aptly titled *Legends Weekend*, the music festival will feature iconic entertainers **Caiphus Semenya, Jonas Gwangwa and Sandile “Ringo” Madlingozi** live in the Theatre of Marcellus. The venue will be transformed into a musical haven that will transport audiences on a journey of unique stories, histories and experiences, as reflected through the music of these talented musicians.

Celebrate Heritage Day with Johannesburg local, Caiphus Semenya as he kicks off *Legends Weekend* on 21 March with his world-renowned jazz and African jazz hits, including ‘Umoya’, ‘Sand’ and ‘Angelinah’. Semenya’s most notable collaborations range from regular partnerships with Quincey Jones to his compositions of the African music for the Steven Spielberg-directed “The Colour Purple” film, for which he received an Oscar nomination. Semenya’s local honours include producing hit albums for both Hugh Masekela and Miriam Makeba, two of South Africa’s top musical icons. The show will start at 20h00 and tickets can be purchased from R200 per person.

Jonas Gwangwa will grace the Theatre of Marcellus stage on 22 March with his elaborate arrangements and musical brilliance showcased through his love for jazz, and specialised trombone performance. From his humble Soweto emergence, to his edification in the bubbling underworld of the Sophiatown music scene, Gwangwa blazed through fiery apartheid restrictions to perfect his craft. His perfection of musical composition led to an Oscar for ‘Best Original Score’ which he composed with George Fenton in the much-heralded Richard Attenborough film “Cry Freedom”. This remarkable entertainer carries a list of never ending global honours and is a true legend to witness in the flesh from R200 per person. The show will start at 20h00.

Closing off the *Legends Weekend* music festival will be Sandile ‘Ringo’ Madlingozi on 23 March. Ringo has collaborated with musical heavy-weights such as UB40 and Miriam Makeba, and received multiple SAMA nominations for his intense productions and arrangements. “Using the wisdom of the universe to create music that will heal” has been attributed to Ringo’s success. Boasting numerous, multi-platinum

selling albums, Ringo has often 'stumbled' upon rhythms in his dreams or in studio. Fans can look forward to songs created from these encounters such as 'Kuzolunga', 'Nkqo-Nkqo' and 'Vuka', as well as his usual sultry jazz performed with mesmerising passion. Tickets start from R150 per person and the show will start at 17h00.

Dinner, show and stay packages will be available for the above shows. For bookings and more information, contact 011 928 1297/1213 or visit www.emperorspalace.com or www.computicket.com.

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Conveniently located alongside O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, with regular complimentary shuttles and now on the new Gautrain bus route directly to and from Rhodesfield Station, the Emperors Palace Hotel Casino Convention and Entertainment Resort is the Vegas of Africa.

This mega resort combines the timeless classical elegance of a bygone era with the sheer excitement of a modern casino resort to offer luxurious accommodation in four unique hotels, a glorious health and beauty spa, a magnificent casino with unparalleled gaming enjoyment, the finest in dining options, spectacular entertainment choices and a state-of-the-art cinema complex, world-class conference facilities, and impeccable service.

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