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## **Fischermanns Orchestra Announces South African Tour – September to October 2025**

*Top Swiss ensemble to bring their Explosive Street Jazz to Five Cities across SA*

**South Africa – 1 September 2025** — [Arte Viva Management](#) is thrilled to announce the first South African tour by Swiss jazz mavericks, [Fischermanns Orchestra](#). Starting off with two performances at the world-renowned [Joy of Jazz](#) festival in Johannesburg on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September respectively, the Space Revolution tour then moves down to the coast for concerts in [Durban, East London, Gqeberha and Cape Town](#) between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

Imagine, if you will, an archaic rumbling orchestral sound with blaring brass fanfares, punky vocals, filigree electronic sounds and rousing grooves, and you'll have some idea of the music of Fischermanns Orchestra. It's a masterful intertwining of jazz improvisation, ambient textures, and world influences with classically influenced orchestration. This bold combination delivers visually arresting performances that evoke deep emotional resonance, intellectual curiosity, and rhythmic exhilaration - creating an experience that transcends cultural and generational boundaries.

Celebrating fifteen years together, Fischermanns Orchestra is a nine-piece ensemble who have performed more than 300 concerts on four continents, sharing their exuberant and wildly creative music with captivated audiences across the globe. They have released eight albums to date, and been recognised with multiple awards including the prestigious Jazzpreis Luzern (Switzerland).

With a widespread and avid international following, the musically free and footloose Fischermanns Orchestra has performed everywhere from street parties and clubs through to the stages of major festivals, such as the Jazzfestival Willisau, Cairo Jazz Festival and FestiJazz Internacional in Bolivia. Niklaus "Knox" Troxler, Director of Jazzfestival Willisau, has said "The freshness, enthusiasm and abandon which Fischermanns Orchestra exudes is seldom found today. It is precisely this joy of playing that is the essence of any music that is able to touch the heart."

Fischermanns Orchestra is an intoxicatingly exciting band to see live. Their music is characterized by its improvisational nature, with sections of "soundpainting" guided by hand signals, creating a dynamic and unpredictable performance for the listener. The band members can't wait to have local

audiences experience their distinct blend of supersonic free jazz combined with elements of electro-world music, South American rhythms, African hues and Eastern European folk music.

For tour information and ticket links, go to [bandsintown.com](http://bandsintown.com)

Fischermanns Orchestra's SA tour is produced by [Arte Viva Management](#) and made possible through funding support from [Pro Helvetia](#), [Aargauer Kuratorium](#), [Fondation Suisa](#), the Canton of Bern, the City of Bern, the Canton of Zug, the City of Zug and the Canton of Uri.

### **Fischermanns Orchestra - Line Up:**

Thomas Reist (Bass Drum, Drums, Band Leader)  
Samuel Hopfengärtner (Trumpet)  
Lino Blöchlinger (Alto Sax)  
Sebastian Strinning (Tenor Sax)  
Simon Petermann (Trombone, Co-Band Leader)  
Josephine Nagorsnik (Trombone, vocals, electronics)  
Elia Aregger (Guitar)  
Linus Meier (Electric Bass)  
Reto Eisenring (Snare Drum, Drums)

### **Concert Dates**

Friday, 26 September: Joy of Jazz, Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg  
Sunday, 28 September: Joy of Jazz, Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg  
Wednesday 1 October: Centre for Jazz & Popular Music, UKZN, Durban  
Thursday 2 October: St Joseph's Preparatory & College, East London  
Friday 3 October: Centrestage at Baywest, Gqeberha  
Saturday 4 October: The Wave Theatre Café, Cape Town  
Sunday 5 October: Guga S'Thebe Cultural Centre, KwaLanga, Cape Town

### **Reviews**

- "The freshness, enthusiasm and abandon which Fischermanns Orchestra exudes is seldom found today. It is precisely this joy of playing that is the essence of any music that is able to touch the heart."  
- Niklaus (Knox) Troxler, Festival Director - Jazz in Willisau (Switzerland)
- "Seemingly effortlessly, the Fischermanns Orchestra succeeds in creating wonderful moments of communal happiness with complex music, unpredictable performances and wildly precise challenges to themselves and the audience."  
- Phillippe Bischof, Director of Pro Helvetia, Laudation for the Lucerne Jazz Prize
- "It's a special pleasure to see and to hear the Fischermanns Orchestra. A joyful experience to those who are lucky enough to witness this band's performances."  
- Peter Schärli, musician
- "The Fischermanns Orchestra is one of the most refreshing large formations with an amazing "Spirit" and ravishing joy."  
- Roberto Domeniconi, musician

- “In their showcase at the Jazzahead 2015 in Bremen the Fischermanns Orchestra created immediate and sometimes uninhibited fireworks with a mild conduction form allowing spontaneity, surprising turns, and nice skew sounds.”  
– Henning Bolte, [allaboutjazz.com](http://allaboutjazz.com)

## **Socials**

[Official Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Youtube](#)

## **Listen to the music on:**

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## **LISTINGS**

### **FISCHERMANN'S ORCHESTRA**

Experience Fischermanns Orchestra's intoxicating fusion of world-music grooves and electrifying jazz as this spectacular nine-piece Swiss ensemble brings the energy of their Space Revolution Tour to South Africa. Book your tickets for an unforgettable night of wildly creative sound and exuberant live performance!

### **JOHANNESBURG**

#### **Joy of Jazz**

Festival Dates: 26 – 28 September 2025

Venue: Sandton International Convention Centre

**Fischermanns Orchestra plays on Friday, 26 September and on Sunday, 28 September.**

Tickets available at [Ticketmaster](#).

*Full Ticket Prices Are:*

R1 350 for a Day Pass (1 Day only)

R2 250 for a 2-Day Pass (Friday & Saturday) OR (Saturday & Sunday)

R3 250 for a Weekend Pass (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

*Standard Bank Card Holder Discount:*

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster. Standard Bank cardholders qualify for a discount of up to 15%\*.

The offer is limited to two tickets per person, and only on usage of a valid Standard Bank debit, cheque or credit card and is subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.

### **DURBAN**

Wednesday, 1 October at 17h30

Doors open at 17h00

Centre for Jazz and Popular Music, University of Kwazulu-Natal

Tickets available at [webtickets.co.za](http://webtickets.co.za) or at the door

R120 adults / R90 pensioners / R60 students

### **EAST LONDON**

Thursday, 2 October at 18h30  
Doors open at 17h30  
St Joseph's Preparatory & College, Beacon Bay  
Tickets available at [webtickets.co.za](http://webtickets.co.za)  
R150 adults / R80 pensioners / R60 students

### **GQEBERHA**

Friday, 3 October at 19h30  
Doors open at 18h30  
Centrestage at Baywest, Baywest Mall  
Tickets available at [Quicket](http://Quicket)  
R200 adults / R100 pensioners & students  
Block Bookings: Contact Wendy on 083 2255 401

### **CAPE TOWN**

Saturday, 4 October at 19h30  
Doors open at 18h30  
The Wave Theatre Café, 44 Long Street  
Tickets available at [catchthewave.co.za](http://catchthewave.co.za)  
R180 adults / R90 pensioners & students

### **KWALANGA, CAPE TOWN**

Sunday, 5 October at 16h00  
Doors open at 15h30  
Guga S'Thebe Cultural Centre, King Langalibalele Avenue (previously Washington Street), KwaLanga  
Tickets available at [webtickets.co.za](http://webtickets.co.za)  
R150 adults / R80 pensioners & students

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