



MARANTHA TO SHARE NAMA STAGE WITH REBECCA MALOPE

Namibian new gospel sensation Maranatha will share the stage with legendary Rebecca Malope at the 2017 Namibian Annual Music Awards. The two will perform a medley of their songs “In his Presence” and “Thula Africa” respectively, another first on the NAMA stage.

This is definitely a performance to look forward to at the 2017 NAMAs.

About Maranatha:

Maranatha is a rising star with a powerful and unique voice. She started singing at a very young age but officially started her singing career in 2013. She has shared the stage with great local performers such as Namibia’s gospel sensation D-Naff and South African gospel stars Rebecca Malope and Benjamin Dube, she performed on several international stages such as TBN Africa (during Praisathon) and Christian Family Churches, Johannesburg and the Bay Cape Town. She is a graduate of Advanced Public relations from the University of Namibia

Maranatha is one of the few gospel singers that one finds difficult to limit to a single genre. She has been able to bring in a contemporary feel to her delivery of gospel music. Maranatha says she is a minister and not an entertainer. Maranatha released her first debut album entitled “Smile” in 2016 at the National Theatre of Namibia. Her album serves to encourage people to always have a positive outlook on life and to never give up on life.

“Performing with Rebecca Malope is a dream come true for me. It is something I have always been looking forward singing with a woman of her caliber. It is an honour and a humbling experience and also an opportunity to learn from her. I am so grateful for the exposure”, said Maranatha

About Rebecca:

Few artists occupy the high firmament that Rebecca Malope enjoys in the South African music scene. She has released 35 chart breaking albums, sold millions of copies, won countless music awards, honoured by institutions of higher learning and above all is respected by her peers and revered by legions of her fans.

From the moment she entered and won “Shell Road To Fame”, Malope’s name was in the stars. Her superb collaboration with Sizwe Zako, Vuyo Mokoena and Jabu Nkabinde weaned her off bubblegum music and instead spurned gospel anthems that inspired generations.

Her music has given birth to new believers, entrenched faith in those who started to doubt themselves and brought back hundreds from their suicide attempts. Malope, through her immense talent and voice has

comforted many women who couldn't bear children, struggling to support their families or were in abusive relationships. And many more men and women whose hearts have been broken by the death or loss of their loved ones have found strength in the spiritual booster that is her music.

Rebecca's music indeed reaches people from all walks of life and from all over the world. Despite all of these tremendous accomplishments and accolades, heartaches and struggles, Rebecca refuses to forget her roots and her biggest mentor, her Lord. And she's always pushing herself forward – in particular honing her song-writing talent. Since she joined SAMRO Rebecca has notified more than 70 songs! She is the original gospel superstar who performs mostly new compositions and her unique style of singing has been imitated by many young artists and continues to be an inspiration to wannabe singers.

Her TV show on SABC2 unearths new talent on a weekly basis. While her role as a judge in the South African version of the international television show "Clash of the Choirs" showcases her musical expertise and helps unearth the country's next big choral group. She is the big sister whose wisdom and words of encouragement helps fuel the ambitions of the next crop of gospel stars.

Rebecca Malope, Sis Ribs, Doctor Malope is a legend in her own lifetime. She is a national treasure to be cherished. Thirty one of committed service to the music industry and 15 SA Music Awards, Lifetime Achievement, Best Gospel Classic Song and Best Gospel Artist at the Crown Gospel Music Awards, 4 Metro FM Music Awards, 2 Kora All Africa Music Awards later. Music trends will come and go, and styles will change, but Malope will remain the rock of ages!

"I love Namibia and always look forward to performing there so I am very excited to be going back and can't wait to perform at the NAMA's for the 1st time. I'm also really looking forward to performing with the very talented Maranatha I hope our performance leaves people with a feeling of unity amongst all Africans." **Rebecca Malope**

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