

## **Standard Bank Young Artist Quartet**

The Young Artist Awards, a project of the National Arts Festival, Grahamstown are regarded as the most prestigious awards that recognize established South African artists of a relatively young age who have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen disciplines. Standard Bank has been a proud sponsor of the awards for the past 25 years. The awards are designed to encourage the recipients in the development and pursuit of their careers and guarantee them a platform on the main programme of the annual festival. Since its inception the list of past recipients reveals the names of nationally and internationally celebrated artists in all genres.

The Standard Bank Young Artists Quartet (SBYA Quartet) is a collaboration project between **Kesivan Naidoo, Mark Fransman, Shannon Mowday & Concord Nkabinde**, who all have been recipients of this prestigious award.

In various formats, this concept has performed in London, Turkey, China, throughout South Africa and in January 2010 will be performing at the world economic forum in Davos, Switzerland.

### **The Quartet**

The quartet represents the many diverse sounds and cultures to be found within South African music with each of the musicians coming from completely different backgrounds and learning environments. Each member leads their own projects and also performs with some of the leading artists in South African Jazz. Aside from their original music, they are also able to pay tribute to the rich South songbook and heritage.

This tour is supported by Standard Bank South Africa.

### **Kesivan Naidoo (Drummer - 2009 SBYA Jazz winner)**

Winner of the SAMRO Overseas Scholarship Competition (1999), Kesivan has performed and toured with many of South Africa's leading musicians including Bheki Mseleku, Miriam Makeba, Zim Ngqawana, Feya Faku, Selaelo Selota and Judith Sepuma and has also recorded with several of them.

He is director of Silent Revolution Productions, a company established for the production of music created in South Africa. He is composer and drummer for the following bands, Tribe; Babu; Closet Snare; Restless Native and Kesivan and the Lights.

[www.babu.co.za](http://www.babu.co.za)

**Mark Fransman (Pianist, Singer, Composer – 2008 SBYA Jazz winner)**

A multi-talented musician Mark has received several awards: two SAMA awards as Best Producer for Jimmy Dludlu's 'Afrocentric' in 2004 and Best Producer in 2007 for Moreira Chonguisa's 'The Journey'. He won the UCT Adcock Ingram (Jazz) competition in 2000 and in recognition of his outstanding musicianship and talent he received the Johnnie Walker Musician of the Year award in 2004.

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**Shannon Mowday (saxophones, clarinet, penny whistle)-  
2007 SBYA Jazz winner)**

Performer, composer and arranger, Shannon has travelled extensively with performances throughout South Africa, in Europe, Australia, Asia and America. She has performed both as soloist and with her bands and received a distinguished talent visa for residency in Australia. On the homefront she has performed and recorded with artists such as Sibongile Khumalo, Thembe Mkhize, Gloria Bosman, Judith Sephuma, Selaelo Selota and international artists such as Ingrid Jensen, Mike Del Ferro, Jeroen van Vliet, Steffen Schorn, James Morrison. Her music has been written and arranged from duo to Big Band and she has performed extensively as soloist with symphony orchestras with her music. International collaborations include North Sea Big Band (Norway), SAFRA (France) Jamyne (Scandinavia), ISIS (Scandinavia). She is currently residing in Norway and studying for her masters degree at the Norwegian Academy of Music

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**Concord Nkabinde (Bass Guitar and Singer – 2006 SBYA Jazz winner)**

Concord received his B (Music) degree in Jazz Studies and has worked as a full-time music teacher. He has performed extensively and worked with icons such as Abdullah Ibrahim, Johnny Clegg, Miriam Makeba, Ladysmith Black Mambazo and many more. He is a highly respected, well-travelled and in-demand musician as a Bass Guitarist, musical director, composer & arranger and has also produced and released his own CD's.

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