

**ARTSCAPE YOUTH JAZZ**  
For solo instrumentalists and  
Artscape Theatre, Cape Town



**SERIES 2026**  
singers

#### **Project Overview:**

This event was launched in 2003 as the Youth Jazz Festival. The project has grown extensively over the years to accommodate the enormous interest and exceptional talent of young jazz musicians. As the project continues to evolve it is now known as the **Youth Jazz Series**.

The project includes Masterclass programmes where the young musicians will learn from those experienced in the industry and then they will take to the stage across two days. Youth Jazz Soloists showcase their talent after being mentored by Youth Jazz Alumni on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026** and the School Jazz Bands will perform on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026** at Artscape Theatre.

Young aspiring Jazz musicians (Soloists) that would like to participate in this year's Festival can submit their video auditions via our online platform by **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

The live performances will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026** and will be preceded by a week of masterclasses.

#### **Festival Criteria**

- The age restriction is 27 years in the year of participation.
- We encourage scholars and informal music students to audition.
- Music literacy is not essential. Candidates who only play by ear are most welcome.
- Candidates must reside in the Western Cape.
- A maximum of two 3-4 min Audition videos to be submitted by **Friday, 17 April 2026. (Please complete application form and submit with your audition videos)**
- Candidates must submit 2 songs/standards. Any jazz tune or standard is acceptable.
- Selected candidates will be contacted for live audition with Audition Panel if further audition performance is required
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated per candidate.
- All candidates must be available to attend Masterclasses . These sessions will be set up and agreed upon by candidates and mentors once auditions are concluded.
- All candidates must be available for **ALL required rehearsals** between May - June 2026
- (These sessions will be set up and agreed upon by candidates and mentors)

#### **Below are the details to send Audition Forms & Audition Videos**

- *Entry forms and Audition Videos can be send to [slu@artscape.co.za](mailto:slu@artscape.co.za)*
- *For more information please contact Craig Parks at 083 340 8904.*
- (Please confirm name & surname) By **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**NB: Completed application form to be emailed once audition video is submitted**

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Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and telephone number of music teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School / University: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Song	Composer/Artist	Key

