

PRESS RELEASE

**Moreira Chonguiça and Manu Dibango
first live performance of collaboration at
Cape Town International Jazz Festival**

Audiences will be in for a special treat at this year's 18th Cape Town International Jazz Festival when they hear the very first live performance of the collaboration between Manu Dibango and Moreira Chonguiça on Friday 31 March 2017. The album M&M Manu Dibango and Moreira Chonguiça will also be launched to coincide with the performance.

The performance is with Moreira's band The Moreira Project which includes Mark Fransman on keys, Angelo Syster on guitar, Tlale Makhene on percussion, Ronan Skillen on tablas, Helder Gonzaga on bass and Kevin Gibson on drums.

With a friendship of over 15 years, these two extraordinary saxophonists have come together to perform some of the world's great jazz standards with re-worked arrangements by Manu Dibango. *"An African re-reading the music made in the USA, the return of the 'boat' to African soil"*. says Manu.

Moreira Chonguiça has produced this album, which was recorded in Paris, France and mastered in Cape Town, South Africa

"I am deeply honoured to be sharing the stage with this legendary iconic musician and interpreting these amazing songs with him. This has been an extraordinary project for me." says Chonguiça.

The first collaboration between them was with Moreira Chonguiça's second album, **The Moreira Project Vol 2: Citizen of the World** on the track West South Side, which has also been included on the new album **M & M, Manu Dibango and Moreira Chonguiça**.

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