

# **MOREIRA CHONGUIÇA**

## Mozambique's cultural ambassador of Jazz

"Music is not just a sound – it is the language of peace, identity and connection" – MOREIRA CHONGUIÇA

## Key highlights

- Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Letres (France)
- UNESCO International Jazz Day performer (Tangier 2024)
- Founder Maputo International Jazz festival & More Jazz Series
- Collaborations with Manu Dibango, Najee, Hugh Masekela, Jonathan Butler, Jimmy Dludlu, Judith Sephuma...
  - Sounds of Peace (2022) a cross cultural masterpiece

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## **ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT**

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#### 1. QUOTES

"Moreira has matured into one of the top African exponents of jazz from Africa, African jazz or do we create a new genre style and classify it Afro World Jazz! ....Moreira does not disappoint; he has taken this journey along with his collaborators to the world and proves that he is a leader and an innovator in the ever expanding and growing world of jazz music" – Eric Alan: All Jazz Radio (Mzanzi Jazz Award recipient for Best Jazz Radio 2018)

"Moreira is an intuitive reedsman who knows exactly what to do with his love of a melodic soprano solo – keep it funky" – Miles Keylock (Journalist, Publisher of Rolling Stone magazine Africa)

"When a groove is melded with a variety of cultural influences and competent musicianship on every instrument, you have something special" – Woodrow Wilkins (All About Jazz)

"I'd be very surprised (but delighted) if there's a better Southern African jazz set in 2023" – John Armstrong (Truth and Lies)

#### 2. BIOGRAPHIES

https://www.moreiramusic.com/about/#biography

#### Short Biography (100 words)

Mozambican jazz-saxophonist, composer, producer, academic and philanthropist, Moreira Chonguiça is feted as one of the finest exponents of innovative and original jazz from Africa.

As an independent artist with seven award-winning, globally informed and celebrated albums – he is blazing a trail from his east-African roots to the world.

Exposed to and inspired by the likes of Miles Davis, Fela Kuti, Percy Sledge and Manu Dibango, Moreira's energetic contemporary rhythmic compositions have garnered applauses across all six continents.

His unique sound, technical agility and ingenuity on the alto and soprano saxophone, coupled with passionate stage performance captivates audiences universally.

#### 3. MUSIC LINKS

Soundcloud: https://soundcloud.com/moreira-chonguica

Bandcamp: <a href="https://moreirachonguica.bandcamp.com">https://moreirachonguica.bandcamp.com</a>

Spotify and Apple profiles available too (Moreira Chonguiça or The Moreira Project)

#### 4. **DISCOGRAPHY** (commercial) – Label: Morestar Entertainment, Cape Town

2005 – The Moreira Project Vol 1: The Journey

2008 - The Moreira Project Vol 2: Citizen of the World

2011 - Khanimambo — Moreira Chonguiça homenageia Lendas de Mocambique Vol 1

2012 - Sensasons (non-commercial)

2013 - MP Reloaded

2015 - Live at Polana Serena Hotel

2017 - M & M: Moreira Chonguiça and Manu Dibango

2022 - Sounds of Peace

2025 – 2/3 of Trilogy: 'Dá Ou Não Dá' (feat. Mr Kuka) &

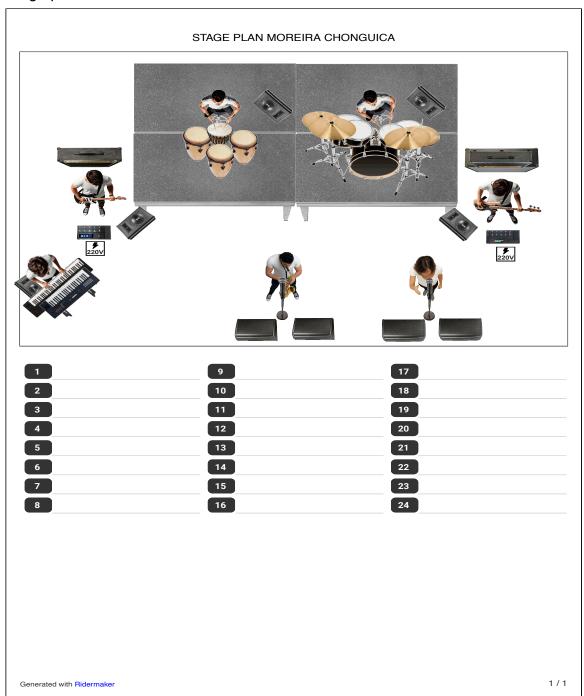
'Na Ku Randza' (feat. Pauleta)

2025 – Vinyl release to celebrate 20 years of Vol 1: The Journey

## **<u>5.</u>** LIVE PERFORMANCE PROFILE

(available on request as an attachment)

Stage plot and tech rider



#### **EQUIPMENT LIST**

#### 1. Drum Section:

- -1x Riser 2x2m with 40cm height.
- -1x Yamaha Absolute Hybrid or Recording Custom.
- -Bass Drum 22".
- -Snare 14".
- -Toms 10",12",16",18".
- -1x Zildjian K Custom Hybrid Cymbal Pack.
- -4x Cymbal Boom Stand.
- -1x Straight Cymbal Stand.
- -1x Hi-Hat Stand.
- -1x Snare drum Stand.
- -1x Yamaha FP9500C Bass Drum Pedal.
- -1x Drum Throne.
- -1x Drum Rug 2x2m.
- -1x Small mixer Yamaha MG10 for headphones.
- -1x Small flight case or Table for mixer.
- -1x Sub speaker 18" or 15".

Note: Drum Skins must be new or in very good condition.

#### 2. Bass Guitar Section:

- -1x Aguilar DB 810 Bass Cabinet.
- -1x Aguilar Tone Hammer 700 or Aguilar AG 700.
- -1x Guitar Stand.
- -1x D.I. Box Rupert Neve Designs RNDI.
- 2x TRS Cable 6 meters.

#### 3. Keyboard Section:

- -1x Roland RD2000.
- -1x Roland Fantom X8.
- -3x Heavy Duty single Keyboard Stands.
- -3x D.I.Box Radial Engineering J48 Stereo.
- -6x TRD Cables 3 meters.

#### 4. Guitar Section:

- -1x Fender 65 Twin Reverb.
- -1x Guitar Stand.
- -1x D.I. Box Rupert Neve Designs RNDI.
- -1x Small Mic Stand for Amplifier.
  - -2x TRS Cable 6 meters.

#### 5. Percussion Section:

- -1x Riser 2x2m with 40cm height.
- -3x Congas LP Galaxy 12 1/2", 11", 11 3/4".
- -1x Double Congas Stands.
- -1x Single Conga Stand.
- -1x Straight Cymbal Stand.
- -1x Percussion Table.
- -1x D.I. Box Radial Engineering J48.
- -1x TRS Cable 3 meters.

#### 6. Saxophone Section:

- -1x Hercules Stands HCDS-533B Multi Stand.
- -1x Microphone Stand.
- -1x Wireless Clip on Mic Shure Beta 98 H/C with Transmitter.
- -1x Wireless Mic Shure QLXD2/Beta58 H51.

#### 7. Singers Section:

- -2x Microphone Stands.
- -2x Wireless Mic Shure QLXD2/Beta58 H51.

#### 8. Monitors:

9x Martin Audio XE 300 or XE 500.

#### 9. F.O.H. Mixer:

1x Yamaha CL5 or QL5.

### 6. PHOTOGRAPHS -

https://www.moreiramusic.com/photos/

#### 7. PRESS COVERAGE

https://www.moreiramusic.com/press/#published-media

Moreira is regularly covered in the Mozambican press.

Most recent coverage available on request

#### 8. OTHER NOTEWORTHY PRESS LINKS -

#### **BBC** interview

https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-africa-33455852/the-afro-jazz-of-moreira-chonguia

#### **CNN** interview

https://edition.cnn.com/2016/09/28/africa/timbila-mozambique-jazz/index.html

#### Forbes Africa

https://www.forbesafrica.com/focus/2012/09/01/brand-band-young-man/

# 9. ALBUM REVIEWS - <a href="https://www.moreiramusic.com/about/#awards-accolades">https://www.moreiramusic.com/about/#awards-accolades</a>

#### 10. SOCIAL MEDIA and ONLINE PRESENCE

Website	Bios/EPK	https://www.moreiramusic.com		
Soundcloud	Music	https://www.soundcloud.com/moreira-chonguica		
Youtube	Videos	https://www.youtube.com/@MoreiraChonguicaMusic		
Spotify	Music	Streaming link for albums: M&M MP Reloaded; Live; Sounds of Peace https://open.spotify.com/artist/39IHtnX5EC2ge39XUftUle?si=YrX_uQi TIOYbH2D_xpW-A		
Spotify	Music	Streaming link for albums: Vol 1 – The Journey and Vol 2: Citizen of the World <a href="https://open.spotify.com/artist/5saZ1GNkmrDQfx2xzSr2UC?si=wrblvvT3SAuEXRUbmL7IFw">https://open.spotify.com/artist/5saZ1GNkmrDQfx2xzSr2UC?si=wrblvvT3SAuEXRUbmL7IFw</a>		
Bandcamp	Music	www.moreirachonguica.bandcamp.com		
Facebook	Social Media	https://www.facebook.com/moreirachonguicamusic		
Twitter	Social Media	https://www.twitter.com/moreiraproject		
Instagram	Social Media	https://www.instagram.com/moreiramusic		
Linkedin	Social Media	https://www.linkedin.com/in/moreirachonguica/		

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