

PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN ARTISTS TO PERFORM AT MISS SA PAGEANT

Mi Casa, Matthew Mole and Bucie to appear at glittering Sun City finale

The dazzling Miss SA Pageant – to be held at Sun City on Sunday, March 30 and presented by Sun International and sponsored by Cell C – will feature some of South Africa's most exciting musical talent.

The line-up includes Mi Casa, Matthew Mole and Bucie who will entertain both the Superbowl audience as well the thousands of TV viewers watching the live broadcast on Mzansi Magic (Dstv Channel 161) from 17h30 on the night as 12 of the country's most talented and beautiful young women vie for the Miss SA crown.

Mi Casa, one of the biggest dance bands in South Africa today, comprises Dr Duda (piano), J'Something (vocalist and guitarist) and trumpeter Mo-T. Mi Casa is now one of the groups leading this year's 20th SAMAs with the most nominations as they are up for five categories namely Album of the Year for Su Casa, Duo/ Group of the Year, Best Dance Album, Best Music Video and Remix Of The Year categories.

Says J'Something: "As Mi Casa, we know we have put out a good project, so the fact that Jika was the most played song in South Africa for 13 weeks, most played song on the African continent and No 1 in the UK all means we did something right."

The group's debut album Mi Casa Music went gold and won several awards at the SAMAs in 2012.

Singer and songwriter Matthew Mole's debut album, The Home We Built, has received wide critical acclaim. His songs blend traditional folk instruments (acoustic guitar, banjo and ukulele) with eccentric electronics and entered the iTunes charts on their release, making Mole the country's first artist to achieve this feat and leapfrogging such names as Jay-Z, Imagine Dragons, Robin Thicke, Michael Bublè and The Rolling Stones. Mole is performing a brand new version of his Top 10 single Take Yours, I'll Take Mine called The Jury Chamber Mix. The single will be available exclusively on iTunes from Monday, March 24.

House music princess Bucie is a dynamic solo performer whose distinctive vocals have been described as "angelic". She was a member of the group Maubani and has featured in the TV soapie Rhythm City.

Musical director for the Miss SA pageant is Brendan Jury who will be conducting a 13-piece orchestra.



Says Mole: "I'm thrilled to be playing at Miss SA, it's such an honour! I'm really excited even to be playing a song with an orchestra, that's a dream of mine!"

The Top 12 Miss SA finalists who come from around the country are Abigail de Jager, Mpumalanga; Anzél Stofberg, Western Cape; Caylene Marais, Gauteng; Dipalesa Mbola, Free State; Jade Hubner, Western Cape; Julia Petersen, KwaZulu-Natal; Matlala Mokoko, Limpopo; Mishka Patel, Western Cape; Rolene Strauss, Free State; Tidimalo Sehlako; Gauteng; Tshegofatso Monggae, Gauteng and Ziphozakhe Zokufa, Eastern Cape.