



## Press Release

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### **Jembaa Groove (Germany) to Tour Southern Africa for the First Time**

**Performing at Bushfire Festival (Mbabane, Eswatini) and Afro diaspora Connection (Cape Town & Johannesburg, South Africa)**

The **Goethe-Institut**, in collaboration with **The Dig Global** (South Africa) and **Jazz re:freshed** (United Kingdom), proudly presents **Jembaa Groove** (Germany) as part of the all-star lineup for this year's **Afro diaspora Connection**.

Following widespread acclaim for their 2022 debut album *Susuma*, which gained strong international support from the likes of **KEXP**, **BBC 6 Music**, **Gilles Peterson**, **Soulection**, **WDR**, and **FIP**, Berlin-based collective **Jembaa Groove** is now preparing to visit Southern Africa for the first time.

Led by **Ghanaian percussionist and vocalist Eric Owusu** and **German bassist/producer Yannick Nolting**, Jembaa Groove has carved out a unique global sound rooted in **1970s Ghanaian Highlife**, fused with **jazz**, **soul**, and **Afrobeat**. Over the past two years, they've performed at some of the world's premier venues and festivals, including **SXSW**, **Supersonic Jazz**, **ESNS**, and a live session at **BBC Maida Vale Studios**.

With band members of African and European descent — and former collaborators with legends like **Tony Allen**, **Ebo Taylor**, **Pat Thomas**, and **Orlando Julius** — Jembaa Groove offers a truly contemporary take on African diasporic sounds. Their music doesn't imitate; it innovates.

### **SOUTHERN AFRICA TOUR DATES (2025)**

**♪ 25 May – Afro diaspora Cape Town**

📍 Cape Town, South Africa

**♪ 30 May – Bushfire Festival**

📍 Mbabane, Eswatini

**♪ 31 May – Afro diaspora Johannesburg**

📍 Johannesburg, South Africa

This marks **Jembaa Groove's first tour of Southern Africa**, landing during **Africa Month** — a fitting celebration of the continent's global sonic influence and the evolving dialogue between African and European music traditions.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to witness one of Europe's most exciting Afro-fusion bands live in concert. From hypnotic Highlife grooves to soaring jazz solos and irresistible Afro-soul energy, **Jembaa Groove's live show is a must-see.**

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