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### **Mafikizolo returns to Silverstar**

Afro pop sensation, Mafikizolo will be returning to their own 'backyard' to perform at the West Rand's premier entertainment destination, [Silverstar](#), on Saturday, 2 December 2017. Backed by an accomplished live band and energetic dancers, audiences can look forward to an energetic performance kicking off the band's 2017/18 tour.

In celebration of their 20th year in the music industry, the award-winning group will also be launching their new album, aptly titled [Mafikizolo Celebrates 20 years](#). Fans can expect the duo to perform both evergreens and new material in this first performance of the tour.

Mafikizolo was founded in the mid-nineties by Theo Kgosinkwe, Nhlanhla Nciza and Tebogo Madingoane. Originally a trio, the group were quickly recognised for their unique style (visually and musically) and signed their first record deal in 1996. Their self-titled debut album was released in 1996 with three more albums following in quick succession.

In 2000, the single Loot was remixed by international DJ and producer Louie Vega opening up doors for Western and European interest. The remix was so successful, that Mafikizolo took their first trip to perform on the international stage at the Miami Winter Music Conference. The band has since returned to perform across our borders and earned a huge following in the SADC regions across Africa.

Following a car accident in 2002, Mafikizolo dedicated their next album to God by naming it Sibongile ("We are thankful"). Fuelled by the crossover smash single Ndihambanawe, the album was a massive success and sold over 350 000 copies. Mafikizolo won multiple awards and continued to get invitations to perform all over the African continent and around the world. In 2003 the group released Kwela which featured jazz legend Hugh Masekela, and sold over 37,000 copies. Less than one year after this successful album, Mafikizolo lost one of their founding members, Tebogo Madingoane - a massive loss to the group and the music industry as a whole.

Theo and Nhlanhla decided to continue to build the legacy and continue as a duo releasing two more albums. After 12 years as a team, 2009 saw the duo taking a break and working on solo projects. After a five year hiatus, the duo came together in 2013 to collaborate on a new album simply titled

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Reunited. The first single from this album, Khona won the hearts of Africans across the continent and rapidly became a crossover hit.

Be sure to book your tickets now for Mafikizolo's 20th Anniversary show on Saturday, 2 December 2017. Tickets are available [www.silverstar.co.za](http://www.silverstar.co.za) from R280.

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