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## Julien Hucq participates in the Angojazz Festival

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The Belgian saxophonist and producer Julien Hucq is the guest of the first edition of the Angojazz International Festival, which has scheduled for today a masterclass, at the Iron Palace, and a concert, Saturday, at 6 pm, with the participation of the Folklore Ballet, at the Hotel Fórum , in Luanda.

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Belgian saxophonist (right) and Dimbo Makiessse teach an open class today © Photography by: DR

Speaking yesterday to Jornal de Angola, Dimbo Makiessse, leader of Angojazz and artistic director of the festival, said that they are preparing a concert in which national themes will have new arrangements, with the inclusion of some bosses.

The Belgian highlights the inclusion of a song by Sassa Cokwe, the song "Kimbo", an original by Dimbo Makiessse, and "Adeus à Hora da Largada", a poem by Agostinho Neto interpreted by Rui Mingas. Julien Hucq chose to work on the 1974 recording, justifying his choice by the strong message of hope that the poem carries.

Regarding the concert, they promise a night where there will be a symbiosis between traditional rhythms and the universal language of jazz, with messages of peace to unite peoples.

The Folkloric Ballet with its percussionists and dancers will explore rhythms such as kilapanga and chianda.



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Julien Hucq had previous passages on the African continent in Morocco, Algeria, Ethiopia and Democratic Congo where he has developed social projects. He treats his strand as a creative music teacher with rich and diverse teaching experiences, on piano, guitar, saxophone, clarinet, flute and percussion.

Julien uses an efficient, dynamic and accessible method of teaching music, enabling young musicians to build a solid musical base that allows their students to develop their curiosity and willingness to learn more.

According to Dimbo Makiesse, the Angojazz International Festival will take place annually and will take place in November, intending to be a platform for the promotion of cultural tourism and exchange between artists. The next edition is already being prepared and the organization intends to bring more artists from the United States, Brazil, Congo and South Africa, as well as to extend national participation.

As for the future of the partnership AngoJazz and Julien Hucq, Dimbo Makiesse does not rule out the recording of a studio and live album and an international tour.

The Banda Angojazz orchestra, led by pianist Dimbo Makiesse, is a project made up of young people whose common objective is to remove the elitist burden of jazz and make it reach a more eclectic audience. Angojazz during its exhibitions presents a jazz repertoire that mixes Angolan culture from traditional to modern, thus playing great jazz standards with influences from kilapanga, semba, massembe and chianda.

Dimbo Makiesse (piano), King Jaime (electric bass), Carlos Praia (electric guitar), Jackson Nsaka (drums), Ataíde (tenor saxophone), Benjamin Afonso (trumpet) and Jay Lourenzo (vocals) form the Banda Angojazz, created May 24, 2019.

### Belgian producer profile

Born in Belgium, Julien Hucq is a Belgian composer, arranger, producer, bandleader and artist who has been living in New York since 2012. A multi-instrumentalist with versatile musical skills, Julien has recorded nine albums and several EPs as a leader and producer which included numerous original compositions and unique arrangements.

Throughout his career Julien has collaborated internationally with artists from all backgrounds to create, compose, record and perform. Although he has a vast experience in jazz, his most recent project, "Last Call", is a set of songs with a vocal quartet and a chamber music ensemble - mixing traditional classical sound with pop music, in a subtle and contemporary production. The album sums up Julien's mission as an artist to mix and create beautiful music that tells stories and brings people together.

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O concerto em comemoração aos 30 anos do programa "Jazz LAC", realizado pela Banda Ango Jazz, na Casa das Artes, no final de semana, revelou o potencial artístico de novas cantoras que emprestam a voz a este género musical. No palco da Casa das Artes, Diana Cabango e Madalena Kaddesh provaram ser vozes com futuro brilhante para alcançar o sucesso, talento confirmado pelo director da banda, Dimbo Makiesse.

