

# DISCOVER FUMBA!

## Free show with top acts

Busara+ concert in Zanzibar's first eco-city

15 FEB  
10AM-4PM  
FUMBA TOWN

Make use of the opportunity to visit Fumba Town, East Africa's growing eco town by **free bus shuttle**. Only a 25-minute ride from

Stone Town, in an intimate tropical garden setting, three major acts perform live on stage. Attended by about 1,000 visitors last year, "Busara+ will bring once again a very special atmosphere to our seaside town. We are expecting visitors from around the globe", said Tobias Dietzold, one of the directors of developer CPS, the main sponsor of Busara. Live performing are Ukhoikhoi, a South African duo merging electronic loops with opera; The Zawose Queens with Pendo and Leah Zawose from Tanzania who recently released their debut album, and Kenya's urban-con-

temporary jazz and hip-hop star Blinky Bill. "The eclectic fusion and urban music styles deeply reflect diverse communities", Busara Promotions director Lorenz Herrmann said. Fans will return in time to the main festival in Stone Town.



### Busara+ gig:

11:00-11:45 Ukhoikhoi  
12:30-13:30 The Zawose Queens  
14:00-15:00 Blinky Bill  
(clockwise from bottom left)



Cheers to good times in Zanzibar: spend an awesome day with like-minded people in Fumba

## Street food, music and market fun

Mingle with the crowds at the popular Kwetu Kwenu community market with dozens of unique fashion, craft and food vendors on the day of Buxsara+. Experience Zanzibar's multicultural society, see award-winning architecture and make friends in Fumba Town.

- Up to 100 vendors
- Test the brand-new beach!
- Afterparty with VIP's



Get social: market visitors in Fumba

ZANZIBAR  
14-16 FEB  
2025

3 DAYS  
4 STAGES  
30 SHOWS



SAUTI ZA BUSARA

# YOUR FESTIVAL GUIDE

3-17 FEB  
GRAFFITI LIVE  
FUMBA TOWN



## 1st Street Art Festival

Watch artists live creating murals and graffiti

Eight public spaces and two private houses are getting a new look during a very first two-week long 'Street Art Festival' in Zanzibar. The action takes place in Fumba Town. During the Busara weekend, a visit can be combined with the free

**Busara+ daytime concert in Fumba on 15 February** (see story above).

Visitors get to watch professional graffiti artists painting and spraying live. Ten talented artists chosen for the event come from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda

### Highlights:

- Artists from 10 countries
- Kids workshops
- International exhibition

and collaborate with wildlife conservation projects to create ten powerful, large scale murals. "Together, we're turning walls into stories that inspire change", said Viktoria Firth, one of the organisers of the festival featuring live painting, street art workshops and art exhibitions. She will be on site with an all-female crew to create her own mural. Firth from England and Laura Sierzputowski from France of "The Wild Murals Project" have worked extensively in Africa, France and other regions. In Fumba, Kids workshops are held each day with school groups.



Bringing graffiti to Zanzibar: mural artists Viktoria (left) and Laura



Street art in the making: gorillas on a supermarket in Fumba Town

The complete Busara Line-up 2025

# NON-STOP GOOD VIBES

# YOUR BUSARA PLAYLIST  
Scan the QR code to listen to the 2025 line-up



## DEAR MUSIC LOVERS FROM NEAR AND FAR!

Welcome to a magic weekend on the magical island of Zanzibar filled with African music under African skies. Our team has been working hard to make sure you can enjoy yet another epic edition of Zanzibar's annual music festival Sauti za Busara - Swahili for "Words of Wisdom" -, taking place for the 22nd time! For us, a proud record, and for you, a promise: join us for three days of true cultural celebrations under the theme of "Voices for Peace". United we dance! Karibuni nyote!

Your Team Busara



	FRIDAY, 14 FEB			SATURDAY, 15 FEB			SUNDAY, 16 FEB		
	Forodhani Stage	Main Stage	Amphitheatre	Fumba Town	Forodhani Stage	Main Stage	Amphitheatre	Forodhani Stage	Main Stage
11:00	 <p><b>FRIDAY, 14 FEB, 3PM-4PM</b> <b>Carnival Parade</b> Every year, a 2-km carnival parade marks the opening of Busara in Zanzibar, starting at Kisonge Square (Michenzani), ending at Forodhani. Brass bands, acrobats and traditional dancers are cheered by a crowd of thousands. It's a one-of-a-kind experience and everybody is invited to join in.</p>			<p><b>Ukhoikhoi</b> South Africa - electro 11:00-11:45</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, 17 FEB, 6PM-LATE, FUMBA TOWN</b> <b>Ultimate Afterparty</b> Dance with the stars! Bring your sweetheart and keep the rhythm going! Fumba Town's awesome seaside restaurant &amp; bar KWETU KWENU CHILL is hosting Busara's official afterparty. Entrance free, bus shuttle available, all are welcome!</p> 				
15:00					 <p><b>Étinsel Maloya</b> Réunion - traditional 17:40-18:30</p>				
16:00	<p><b>Joyce Babatunde</b> Cameroon - fusion jazz 16:30-17:20</p>				<p><b>Charles Obina</b> Uganda - traditional fusion 16:30-17:20</p>			<p><b>Nidhal Yahyaoui</b> Tunisia - traditional/electro 16:30-17:20</p>	
17:00	<p><b>Baba Kash &amp; The Band</b> Tanzania - singeli 17:40-18:30</p>	 <p><b>Assa Matusse</b> Mozambique - jazz fusion 22:40-23:30</p>				 <p><b>Joyce Babatunde</b> Cameroon - fusion jazz 20:20-21:10</p>		<p><b>Zenji Boy</b> Tanzania - hiphop 17:40-18:30</p>	 <p><b>Thandiswa</b> South Africa - jazz/spiritual 00:00-01:10</p>
18:00									
19:00		<p><b>Zanzibar Taarab Heritage Ensemble</b> Zanzibar - taarab masters 19:05-19:55</p>				<p><b>Swahili Encounters</b> Various countries - fusion 19:05-19:55</p>			<p><b>Charles Obina</b> Uganda - traditional fusion 19:05-19:55</p>
20:00		<p><b>20:00 Welcome Address</b></p>				<p><b>20:00 Board Chairperson</b></p>			<p><b>20:00 Managing Director</b></p>
21:00		<p><b>WD Abo</b> Sudan - traditional activist 20:20-21:10</p>	 <p><b>BOUKURU</b> Rwanda - jazz/spiritual 20:40-21:30</p>			<p><b>Joyce Babatunde</b> Cameroon - fusion jazz 20:20-21:10</p>	<p><b>20:30 Emerson Foundation Award</b></p>		<p><b>Bokani Dyer</b> South Africa - jazz fusion 20:20-21:10</p>
22:00		<p><b>Leo Mkanyia and the Swahili Blues</b> Tanzania - blues/rumba 21:30-22:20</p>				<p><b>Baba Kash &amp; The Band</b> Tanzania - singeli 21:30-22:20</p>	<p><b>Mumba Yachi</b> Congo/Zambia - Afrobeat 20:50-21:40</p>		<p><b>The Zawose Queens</b> Tanzania - fusion electro 21:30-22:20</p>
23:00		<p><b>Assa Matusse</b> Mozambique - jazz fusion 22:40-23:30</p>				<p><b>Kasiva Mutua</b> Kenya - percussion queen 22:40-23:30</p>	<p><b>Tryphon Evarist</b> Zanzibar - taarab fusion 22:00-22:50</p>		<p><b>Blinky Bill</b> Kenya - urban fusion 22:40-23:30</p>
00:00	 <p><b>Frida Amani</b> Tanzania - hiphop 23:20-00:10</p>	<p><b>Étinsel Maloya</b> Réunion - traditional 00:00-01:00</p>				<p><b>Christian Bella and Malaika Band</b> Tanzania - rumba 00:00-01:00</p>	<p><b>Nidhal Yahyaoui</b> Tunisia - traditional/electro 23:10-00:10</p>		<p><b>Thandiswa</b> South Africa - jazz/spiritual 00:00-01:10</p>

**SATURDAY, 15 FEB, 10AM-4PM**  
**Free bus shuttle to Fumba**  
Free bus rides to Fumba Town and back every hour from Old Fort. The new green city on the seafront is staging a free Busara+ live concert with 3 main acts and other attractions (details on back page).

For latest information and tickets please visit [www.busaramusic.org](http://www.busaramusic.org)

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