

# OppiKoppi 25 postponed until 2020

The 25th annual OppiKoppi music festival has been postponed until 2020. The festival's owners, Matchbox LIVE, made this decision after discussions with all stakeholders, international investors and partners as well as sponsors and partners on the viability of the project this year.

The organisers have decided to take a 'gap year' to figure out the festival's logistical issues. "Unfortunately, in 2018, we experienced the rampant crime currently impacting events and festivals across South Africa. For us to present the 2019 event with the increased security measures that are required to curb this crime to present a safe and enjoyable festival, the production costs also increase drastically. By taking a gap year, we are giving ourselves the breathing room to redesign the festival and bring in the necessary changes without impacting the festival-goer by increasing ticket prices. We believe that in doing this; we will bring everyone a fresh new festival, ready to take music lovers forward for the next 25 years," said Matchbox LIVE CEO Thresho Selesho in a statement.



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The team is re-looking every single aspect of a festival in South Africa. And it is even investigating ways of bringing the festival to a venue closer to a major city to enable day ticket-holders less travelling and other options for the attendees.

"We realise that a festival like OppiKoppi has a significant role to play in the South African music scene, along with a critical social cohesion role that it has been playing for many years. We are 100% up for it but we want to do it right," adds Selesho.

The organisers are open to all suggestions on venues, provinces, bands, genres, stages, entertainment, bars and any ideas that you may have for the 25th edition of the iconic South African festival. You may send them to [hello@matchboxlive.co.za](mailto:hello@matchboxlive.co.za).

Additionally, those who have already purchased tickets will receive a refund. If you purchased your tickets using your credit card, the money will be refunded back to you directly with no further action needed.

If you purchased your tickets via EFT, please email [tickets@plankton.mobi](mailto:tickets@plankton.mobi) and the team will assist.

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