

Royston Skippers



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The 21st Cape Town Jazzathon takes place at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town from Thursday, 18 January 2018 until Sunday, 21 January 2018.



The platform gives unsigned artists a platform to showcase their craft to a much wider audience. One such act is Royston Skippers and Lucrecia Rae - known as Tusmart.

They recorded their first CD project called *Made up My Mind*, which was released in February 2016. The title track won a Akademie award for best jazz song for an unsigned artist in Los Angeles in April 2016.

I caught up with Royston, last week, following the news that they will be performing at the Jazzathon 2018 on Friday, 19 January 2018 at 3pm.

■ ***What does music mean to you?***

It is a vehicle to express my inner feelings.

■ ***Any funny moments on stage?***

Being so in the moment I forget the lyrics to the song. Getting so excited and into a song, I knocked my partner off her chair. Tripping over my own equipment on stage.

■ ***Your heroes?***

My heroes are many but the late Robbie Jansen, Allou April locally and Luther Vandross, Will Downing, Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble internationally.



■ ***It's your round, what are you drinking?***

Caramel vodka or a red wine.

■ ***What makes you stand out?***

My natural ability to engage my audiences. The diversity of my vocal range to do various genres. My ability to catch the cords to a song almost immediately and play along.

■ ***Nicknames?***

Roy, Skippy.

■ ***If you were not a musician what would you do?***

I am a qualified medical orthotist and prosthetist.

■ ***Give us some real proper slang and what it means?***

I use Spanglish a lot to make fun of people who speak grammatically incorrect.

▣ ***Your greatest achievement?***

Winning an international award for my title track off my CD.

▣ ***What do you complain about most often?***

People being disorganised.

▣ ***On stage, I tend to?***

Close my eyes when I am in the moment.

▣ ***The best life lesson you have been taught?***

No-one is going to do it for you so get up and make it happen.

▣ ***Wishes and dreams for 2018?***

Compose more music. Establish my business. Perform on big stages worldwide; Jazzathon 2018 is a start.

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