



Santuri on Safari

Mr Raoul K, Auntie Flo, Esa Williams and Mim Suleiman lined up for festivals and events in East Africa this September

This September, Santuri East Africa is curating a series of events and workshops highlighting collaborations between East African musicians and noted electronic music producers, including Auntie Flo, Esa Williams Mr. Raoul K, among others. Santuri is a non-profit organisation that works with festivals around Africa to develop links between local musicians and global producers.

Working closely with Sondeka Festival in Nairobi, Kenya and Bayimba Festival in Kampala, Uganda - Santuri (the Swahili word for vinyl) has invited various UK, European and South African artists to contribute to a programme of music creation, workshops, performances and parties.

In the run up to each festival, Santuri will be hosting a series of workshops designed to push the boundaries of creativity in the Kenyan and Ugandan music scenes. Working with local artists, young producers and DJs to build innovative new ways to create and perform music - from sampling traditional instruments to integrating technology into acoustic live performances - the international guests will pass on skills, ideas and experiences to participants before sharing the stage and experimenting with various collaborative performances.

Santuri is a project that works to empower East African artists with new skills for musical expression, while putting them on a level playing field with regards to global technology and access to consumers.

“Our workshops and pop-up studios at festivals have proven really successful- both in terms of fostering new collaborations and developing East African artists outside of the region. Last year’s events have already led to two really well received EPs on Highlife World Series, and have seen the artists involved tour the UK and Europe this summer. And that’s really only the beginning”, explains Santuri co-founder David Tinning.

The workshops will feature artists and producers such as **Mr. Raoul K, Auntie Flo, Mim Suleiman, Nonku Phiri, Blinky Bill, Akula Akwabi, Behr**, and **Esa Williams**, and is supported by Ableton, Creatives Garage and the Dutch NGO, HIVOS.

More information:

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More About Santuri

Santuri is a not-for-profit limited-by-guarantee company that operates throughout East Africa. The organisation is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. The mission of Santuri is to develop and support a vibrant and creative East African network that enables artists and musicians to experiment, innovate, collaborate, and present their work professionally to audiences both regionally and globally. Santuri creates spaces and platforms for learning and expression for musicians, DJs, curators, and audio engineers. Santuri works toward the vision of an authentic and globally-recognized East African sound created by empowered and connected East African artists.