

South African Composers – Playlist



In South Africa September is Heritage Month, but it is also International Classical Music Month. To mark this event, we have prepared a list of a selection of recordings of music by composers from South Africa that are available in Cape Town libraries. We would like to introduce you to these amazing musicians and their compositions.

The playlist below that we have compiled features many South African composers from the field of classical music, however, we have also listed several works by composers in other fields to illustrate the incredible diversity of South African music.

Important South African composers of classical music include Peter Klatzow, Hubert du Plessis, Arnold van Wyk, Stefans Grove and Allan Stephenson. Seminal jazz composers include Abdullah Ibrahim, Gideon Nxumalo, Bheki Mseleku, Chris McGregor and Zim Ngqawana.

South Africa also has a strong tradition of musical theatre and composers, such as, Mbongeni Ngema, Bertha Egnos, Todd Matshikiza, David Kramer and Taliep Pietersen have contributed many extremely popular stage shows including King Kong, Sarafina, Ipi n'Tombi and District Six: the musical.

The Cape Town Library Service holds thousands of compact discs and the list below is just a very small representation of the thousands of CDs that are available in our libraries. To celebrate the incredible variety of musical styles that exist in our country and the development of an incredibly diverse culture of music we would like you explore our music collections.

The LIS holds multiple titles by many of the musicians listed below. For instance, artists such as Peter Klatzow, Abdullah Ibrahim, Tony Cox, Allan Stephenson and Zim Ngqawana are all very well represented in our collections of CDs. Please enquire at your library about the artists who interest you.

SOUTH AFRICAN COMPOSERS		
Author	Album Title	Genre
COX, Tony	Blue anthem	African/Jazz/Folk
COX, Tony	China	African/Jazz/Folk
DE KLERK, Dirk	Variations on an English lullaby	Classical
DU PLESSIS, Hubert	Erkentlik deur die dae	Classical
DU PLESSIS, Hubert	7 Preludes for piano, op. 18	Classical
DU PLESSIS, Hubert	Pieces, piano, op. 1	Classical
DU PLESSIS, Hubert	Slamse beelde	Classical
DYANI, Johnny	Afrika	SA Jazz
EGNOS, Bertha	Ipi 'nTombi	Musicals
GRIPPER, Derek	Blomdoorns: 8 string solo guitar	African/World
GROVE, Stefans	Afrika hymnus	Classical

GROVE, Stefans	Dance rhapsody (in Timbila)	Classical
HANMER, Paul	Accused no. 1	SA Jazz
HOFMEYR, Hendrik	Concerto per flauto e orchestra	Classical
HOFMEYR, Hendrik	Notturmo elegiaco (Trip Hemanay)	Classical
HOFMEYR, Hendrik	It takes two	Classical
IBRAHIM, Abdullah	African Symphony	Classical
IBRAHIM, Abdullah	African Suite	Classical
IBRAHIM, Abdullah	Senzo	SA Jazz
IBRAHIM, Abdullah	Water from an ancient well	SA Jazz
JOUBERT, John	Pro pace (LP record)	Classical
KHUMALO, Mzilikazi	Mzilikazi Khumalo's uShaka	Classical
KHUMALO, Mzilikazi	African songs	Classical
KLATZOW, Peter	Prayers and dances of praise from Africa (Pro Cantu Youth Choir)	Classical
KLATZOW, Peter	Concerto, clarinet	Classical
KLATZOW, Peter	Concerto for organ and orchestra	Classical
KLATZOW, Peter	Three movements for piano	Classical
KLATZOW, Peter	Concerto, piano & 8 instruments	Classical
KLATZOW, Peter	Chamber concerto for seven	Classical
KLATZOW, Peter	Concerto, marimba & string orchestra	Classical
KRAMER, David	District Six: the musical	Musicals
KRAMER, David	Kat and the Kings	Musicals
KRAMER, David	Ghoema	Musicals
MATSHIKIZA, Todd	King Kong	Musicals
McGREGOR, Chris	Chris McGregor's Brotherhood of Breath	SA Jazz
McGREGOR, Chris	Country cooking	SA Jazz
McKENZIE, Mac	Mac McKenzie & the Goema Captains of Cape Town	Goema/Jazz
MOMBELLI, Carlo	Stories	SA Jazz
MSELEKU, Bheki	Star seeding	SA Jazz
MSELEKU, Bheki	Timelessness	SA Jazz
NGQAWANA, Zim	Zimphonic suites	SA Jazz
NGEMA, Mbongeni	Sarafina!	Musicals
NXUMALO, Gideon	Jazz fantasia	SA Jazz
PIETERSEN, Taliep	District Six: the musical	Musicals
PIETERSEN, Taliep	Kat and the Kings	Musicals
PIETERSEN, Taliep	Ghoema	Musicals
RAJNA, Thomas	Valley song - opera in 11 scenes	Classical
RAJNA, Thomas	Concerto for piano & orchestra, no. 2	Classical
RAJNA, Thomas	Video games; Divertimento piccolo; Movements for strings, etc.	Classical
RAJNA, Thomas	Piano concerto no. 1	Classical
RAJNA, Thomas	Amarantha - opera in seven scenes	Classical
RAM, Deepak	Flute for thought	World/Jazz
RAM, Deepak	Searching for Satyam	World/Jazz
RAUTENBACH, Johan	Aai ud	Classical
ROOSENSCHOON, Hans	Timbila	Classical

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SCHILDER, Hilton	No turning back	SA Jazz
SHEPHERD, Kyle	A portrait from home	SA Jazz
SONTONGA, Enoch	Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika	National Anthem
STEPHENSON, Allan	Concerto, horn & string orchestra	Classical
STEPHENSON, Allan	Concertino pastorale, clarinet	Classical
STEPHENSON, Allan	Concerto, piano (1977)	Classical
STEPHENSON, Allan	Concerto, oboe & string orchestra	Classical
TEMMINGH, Roelof	Sacred bones (a chamber opera in one act)	Classical
TEMMINGH, Roelof	Drie sonnette (in Timbila)	Classical
TEMMINGH, Roelof	Himne (in Libertas Choir - 10 year celebration)	Classical
VAN DER WATT, Niel	Chamber music	Classical
VAN WYK, Arnold	Night music - Nagmusiek	Classical
VAN WYK, Arnold	Pastorale e capriccio	Classical
VAN WYK, Arnold	Chamber music	Classical
VAN WYK, Arnold	Primavera	Classical
VAN WYK, Arnold	Missa in illo tempore	Classical
VOLANS, Kevin	White man sleeps (in "Pieces of Africa" by the Kronos Quartet)	Classical
VOLANS, Kevin	Quartet, strings, no. 5 (Dancers on a plane)	Classical
WYATT, Marcus	Language 12	SA Jazz
Compilations of works by various composers		
Various composers	The Bow Project	Classical
Various composers	Aai ud (performer - Johan Rautenbach)	Classical
Various composers	From my beloved country: new South African piano music	Classical
Various composers	Hodie Christus natus est (SABC Chamber Choir)	Classical
Various composers	A programme of South African piano music (Jill Richards)	Classical
Various composers	Timbila - orchestral works inspired by elements	Classical