



**2023 AFRICAN MUSIC AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL (AMCF)**

Date & Time: Fri 17 Nov 2023 12pm - 10pm (DAY 1)  
Venue: Federation Square, Melbourne

Main Stage				
Start Time	Finish Time	Duration	Description	Heritage
12:00 PM	2:30 PM	2:30	Pre-event music by DJ Wise King	Nigeria
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	0:30	Interactive Drumming and Dancing	Ghana
3:00 PM	3:10 PM	0:10	Welcome and Introduction of MCs <b>Poni Tongun &amp; Stephen Tongun</b> by AMCF Vice Chair <b>Uche Njoku</b>	South Sudan   Nigeria
3:10 PM	3:25 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
3:25 PM	3:40 PM	0:15	<b>Aboriginal Welcome to Country</b> by Mark Thomson	Australia
3:40 PM	3:50 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
3:50 PM	4:05 PM	0:15	Youth Performance   Africa Day Australia (ADA) Africa's Got Talent Winner - <b>Wanwue Tarpeh</b>	Liberia
4:05 PM	4:15 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
4:15 PM	4:30 PM	0:15	<b>Various Short Videos</b>	
4:30 PM	4:40 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
4:40 PM	4:55 PM	0:15	Poetry   <b>Misky Nur Abdullahi</b>	Somalia   Kenya
4:55 PM	5:10 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
5:10 PM	5:55 PM	0:45	Band Performance   <b>Afrovival and the Oil Can Project</b>	Botswana
5:55 PM	6:15 PM	0:20	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
6:15 PM	6:45 PM	0:30	<b>Authors &amp; Podcasters &amp; Creatives Fire Side Chat</b> facilitated by Florence Mauwa (AMCF Treasurer) 1) Agile Product/Project Manager, Author of Mu Chalo, Women in Tech Advocate - <b>Mayase Jere</b> 2) President of Incubate Foundation, Creative Director of Safe Space Media, Host of the Can We Talk About It?! Podcast - <b>Charmaine Hunzwi</b> 3) Public Figure, Youth Advocate, Poet & Author of RESET - <b>Misky Nur Abdullahi</b>	Zambia   Zimbabwe
6:45 PM	7:15 PM	0:30	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
7:15 PM	7:30 PM	0:15	Short Film   <b>Blackwood</b>	Nigeria
7:30 PM	7:50 PM	0:20	DJ Wise King & <b>Raffle Ticket Draw</b>	
7:50 PM	8:35 PM	0:45	Band Performance   <b>Sam Manzanza &amp; Afrobeat Band</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
8:35 PM	8:45 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
8:45 PM	8:50 PM	0:05	Closing Remarks led by AMCF Production Director <b>Amanda Green</b> and Community Engagement Director <b>Maureen Oluigbo</b>	Zimbabwe   Nigeria
8:50 PM	9:00 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
9:00 PM	10:00 PM	1:00	<b>Closing Band Performance</b>   <b>Yusupha Ngum and the Affia Band</b>	Gambia



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Date & Time: Sat 18 Nov 2023 10am - 10pm (DAY 2)  
Venue: Federation Square, Melbourne

Main Stage				
Start Time	Finish Time	Duration	Description	Heritage
9:45 AM	10:10 AM	0:25	Pre-event music by Resident DJ Wise King	Nigeria
10:10 AM	10:20 AM	0:10	Welcome and Introduction of MCs <b>Poni Tongun &amp; Stephen Tongun</b> by AMCF Vice Chair <b>Uche Njoku</b>	South Sudan   Nigeria
10:20 AM	10:30 AM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:30 AM	10:45 AM	0:15	<b>Aboriginal Welcome to Country</b> by Mark Thomson	Australia
10:45 AM	10:55 AM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:55 AM	11:10 AM	0:15	Traditional Performance   <b>Victoria - Rwanda Community Abroad</b>	Rwanda
11:10 AM	11:20 AM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:20 AM	11:40 AM	0:20	Traditional Dance Performance   <b>Dhaanto &amp; Saylie</b>	Somalia
11:40 AM	11:50 AM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:50 AM	12:00 PM	0:10	<b>AMCF Steering Committee Certificate and Community Awards Presentations by:</b> 1) Chair Victorian African Communities Committee - <b>Pauline Richards MP</b> 2) Deputy Secretary Department of Education - <b>Andrea Del Monaco</b> 3) Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner - <b>Luke Cornelius APM</b> 4) Chairperson Victoria Multicultural Commission - <b>Vivienne Nguyen AM</b> 5) City of Melbourne Councillor, Creative Melbourne Portfolio Lead - <b>Cr Jamal Hakim</b> 6) Ethiopian Airlines Regional Manager - <b>Telila Deressa Gutema</b>	
12:00 PM	12:05 PM	0:05	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
12:05 PM	12:30 PM	0:25	Band Performance   <b>Victoria Police Pipe Band</b>	Australia
12:30 PM	12:40 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
12:40 PM	1:20 PM	0:40	<b>Official Proceedings (Part 1):</b> 1) Welcome remarks by AMCF Chair - <b>Fred Alale AM</b> and MapCo CEO and Director - <b>Katrina Sedgwick</b> 2) Prime Minister of Australia - <b>The Hon Anthony Albanese MP</b> represented by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Cabinet Secretary - <b>The Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP</b> 3) Premier of Victoria - <b>The Hon Jacinta Allan MP</b> represented by Minister for Multicultural Affairs - <b>The Hon Ingrid Stitt MP</b> 4) Lord Mayor of Melbourne - <b>The Right Hon Sally Capp AO</b> 5) Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party - <b>David Southwick MP</b> 6) Leader of the Victorian Greens - <b>Dr Samantha Ratnam</b> 7) Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs - <b>The Hon Tim Watts MP</b> 8) Leader of the Australian Greens and Federal Member for Melbourne - <b>Adam Bandt MP</b>	
1:20 PM	1:30 PM	0:10	Dance Performance   <b>Kouler Kreol</b>	Seychellois
1:30 PM	1:40 PM	0:10	<b>10th Anniversary Cake Cutting &amp; Harmony Dance</b>	
1:40 PM	2:20 PM	0:40	<b>Official Proceedings (Part 2):</b> 9) Victoria Police Commissioner - <b>Shane Patton APM</b> 10) Fire Rescue Victoria Commissioner - <b>Gavin Freeman AFSM</b> represented by Acting Deputy Commissioner <b>Eddie Lacko</b> 11) Former Premier of Victoria - <b>The Hon Ted Baillieu AO</b> 12) Slater & Gordon CEO - <b>John Somerville</b> 13) Deputy Secretary, Department of Education - <b>Andrea Del Monaco</b> 14) Ethiopian Airlines Regional Manager - <b>Telila Deressa Gutema</b> 15) Youth Activating Youth Executive Director and Young Australian of the Year - <b>Ahmed Hassan</b>	
2:20 PM	2:30 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	0:15	Traditional Performance   <b>Urumuri Drumming Group</b>	Burundi
2:45 PM	2:55 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	Kenya
2:55 PM	3:15 PM	0:20	<b>Jollof Rice Wars Competition</b> hosted by AMCF Steering Committee Member <b>Esther Kwali</b> <b>Judges:</b> 1) Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs - <b>The Hon Tim Watts MP</b> 2) Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner - <b>Luke Cornelius APM</b> 3) Manze Modern Mauritian Restaurant, North Melbourne - <b>Nagesh Seethiah Neda</b> 4) Owner of Bombay Spices - Melbourne based and Australian hand crafted Indian spices (The Spice Queen) - <b>Neda Khan</b>	
3:15 PM	3:25 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
3:25 PM	3:40 PM	0:15	Fashion Show   <b>Savannah Fashions</b>	Zimbabwe



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3:40 PM	3:50 PM	0:10	DJ Zuzu & Social Media Prize Draw	
3:50 PM	4:15 PM	0:25	Traditional Performance   Kenya Community Victoria	Kenya
4:15 PM	4:25 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
4:25 PM	4:45 PM	0:20	Dance Performance   Kwabo Events & Friends	Togo Benin France
4:30 PM	4:40 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
4:40 PM	5:05 PM	0:25	Music Performance   D.Matthews	Nigeria
5:05 PM	5:15 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
5:15 PM	5:45 PM	0:30	Egyptian Belly Dance Performance   Desert Rose	Egypt
5:45 PM	6:00 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by DJ Zuzu	
6:00 PM	6:45 PM	0:45	Band Performance   Chikchika	Ethiopia
6:45 PM	7:00 PM	0:15	DJ Wise King & Raffle Ticket Draw	
7:00 PM	7:45 PM	0:45	Band Performance   King Bell & Soukous Ba Congo	Democratic Republic of Congo   Mozambique   Australia
7:45 PM	8:00 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	1:00	Closing Band Performance   Appiah & Asanti Beats	Ghana
9:00 PM	9:15 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
9:15 PM	9:25 PM	0:10	Closing Remarks led by AMCF Production Director Amanda Green and Treasurer Florence Mauwa	Zimbabwe
9:25 PM	10:00 PM	0:35	Closing DJ Performance   Special Guest - International Artist DJ Neptune	Nigeria



**2023 AFRICAN MUSIC AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL (AMCF)**

Date & Time: Sun 19 Nov 2023 10am - 8pm (DAY3)  
Venue: Federation Square, Melbourne

Main Stage				
Start Time	Finish Time	Duration	Description	Heritage
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	0:15	Pre-event music by Resident DJ Wise King	Nigeria
10:00 AM	10:10 AM	0:10	Welcome and Introduction of MCs Poni Tongun & Stephen Tongun by AMCF Executive and Award Winning Public Liability Lawyer Ike Nwokolo	South Sudan   Nigeria
10:10 AM	10:15 AM	0:05	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	0:15	Aboriginal Welcome to Country by Mark Thomson	Australia
10:30 AM	10:35 AM	0:05	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
10:35 AM	10:55 AM	0:20	Youth Performance   Mzuri Dance Young People	South Sudan, Sudan, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Australia, Somalia
10:55 AM	11:05 AM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:05 AM	11:35 AM	0:30	Performance   KG + Passion & Purpose Dancers	South Africa   Congo   Sierra Leone   Kenya   Ghana
11:35 AM	11:42 AM	0:07	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
11:42 AM	11:45 AM	0:03	Remarks by Leader of the Opposition and Victorian Liberal Leader, John Pesutto MP	
11:45 AM	12:25 PM	0:40	Sports and Community Fire Side Chat facilitated by Florence Mauwa (AMCF Treasurer) 1) Leader of the Opposition and Victorian Liberal Leader, John Pesutto MP 2) Western Bulldogs Inspiration Player - Buku Khamis 3) CEO & Founder Afri-Aus Care Inc. Grassroots Community Ambassador, Mental Health Clinician - Selba-Gondoza Luka	
12:25 PM	12:35 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
12:35 PM	12:45 PM	0:10	Dance Performance   Melbourne Afro Dance - MAD Crew	Congo
12:45 PM	12:55 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	Kenya
12:55 PM	1:15 PM	0:20	Dance Performance   Rumba By Githinji	Kenya
1:15 PM	1:25 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
1:25 PM	1:40 PM	0:15	Music Performance   Jelly Brown	Burundi
1:40 PM	1:50 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
1:50 PM	2:05 PM	0:15	Fashion Show   African Accessories Runway By Chaya Accessories	Angola
2:05 PM	2:15 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
2:15 PM	2:35 PM	0:20	Music Performance   Teyo Turner	Kenya
2:35 PM	2:50 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
2:50 PM	3:35 PM	0:45	Band Performance   The Culture Keepers	Senegal   Gambia
3:35 PM	3:50 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
3:50 PM	4:05 PM	0:15	Fashion Show   Kwacha Fashions	Malawi
4:05 PM	4:15 PM	0:10	Interlude - Music by DJ Glow	
4:15 PM	4:40 PM	0:25	Music Performance   Mazbou Q	Nigeria
4:40 PM	4:55 PM	0:15	DJ Wise King & Raffle Ticket Draw	
4:55 PM	5:40 PM	0:45	Band Performance   Sonikwaves	Mauritius
5:40 PM	5:55 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
5:55 PM	6:40 PM	0:45	Band Performance   The Seben Brothers	Congo
6:40 PM	6:55 PM	0:15	Interlude - Music by Resident DJ Wise King	
6:55 PM	7:00 PM	0:05	Closing Remarks by AMCF Production Director Amanda Green & Operations Director Moustapha Barry	Zimbabwe   Senegal
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	1:00	Closing Band Performance   Ras Jahknow	Cape Verde