



-THABANG TABANE— MATJALE

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Son of the late, legendary Dr Philip Nchipi Tabane and heir to the malombo sound that he originated and pioneered in the early 1960s, Thabang has been touring the world, playing with his father's band and other South African luminaries since he was 8 years old.

Emerging into his own with his debut solo album, Matjale, this energetic percussionist carves a driving, joyous and worldly version of the malombo genre that takes in his continental travels. The album brims with ambition and an appetite for life. Employing brisk tempos, nimble basslines and intersecting polyrhythms, Thabang crafts songs cognisant of the hardships of life, but chooses to deliver them with an irrepressible optimism.

Expanding the parameters of what is essentially an artform patented by his father, Thabang and his cohorts seem unburdened by pedigree, infusing the sound with a modern sensibility. His reverence for the vibrational resonance and drive of the bass guitar, not to mention his explosive bursts of hand drumming, gives the album an undeniable, cathartic exuberance.

Matjale was released internationally by Mushroom Hour Half Hour on 14 September 2018.



NOTABLE QUOTES

"Intensely focused spirit music, raising pure water from an ancient well" **FRANCIS GOODING** (THE WIRE)

'Palpable dès le splendide premier morceau, une sensibilité à fleur de peau traverse tout l'album' **LES INROCKUPTIBLES**

"Matjale is a dynamic and smart release, one of my favorites of the year so far" **AFROPOP WORLDWIDE**

'Une fièvre troublante' **LE MONDE**

'Spiritual music for your soul' Jon More (CO-FOUNDER OF NINJA TUNE AND ONE HALF OF COLDCUT)

'un mélange qui relève du groove autant que de l'art divinatoire' **TELERAMA**

"une bande-son d'une rare densité rythmique" **LIBERATION**

"Philip Tabane was an impossible act to follow because he wasn't any kind of 'act'; he was 100% authentic. With Matjale, Thabang Tabane has shown us that he is, too." **GWEN ANSELL**



ONLINE PRESS

"10 albums to look out for this September" **THE VINYL FACTORY**

'Thabang Tabane's Latest Music Video Unscrambles the Order of Apartheid Era Films to Tell a New Story' **OKAYAFRICA**

"Thabang Tabane, the healer" **QWEST TV**

Album of the month on **LE GRIGRI**

"Reserved Thabang Tabane wants to keep his sound simple" **MAIL & GUARDIAN**

"Discover Thabang Tabane, the new face of South Africa's Malombo" **PAN AFRICAN MUSIC**

'Mushroom Hour Half Hour presents Nyanda Yeni' **AFRICAN DIGITAL ART**

An interview with Thabang Tabane on **AFROPOP WORLDWIDE**

ONLINE RADIO PLAYLIST FEATURES

Nyanda Yeni features on **BANDCAMP WEEKLY**

Thabang Tabane and Matjale on **FIP RADIO** (France)

Pete Buckingham (On The Corner Records) on **WORLDWIDE FM**

Alex Nut (Eglo Records) on **NTS RADIO**

Today's Explorations on **TWISTED SOUL**

Thris Tian's **GLOBAL ROOTS** show on Worldwide FM

Playlist of the week on **RADIO KRIMI**

Public French Radio Station, **RFI MUSIC**

Tom Ravenscroft on **BBC 6 MUSIC**

Jamie Callum on **BBC RADIO 2**

Lopa Kothari on **BBC RADIO 3**

Gideon Coe on **BBC 6 MUSIC**

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Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj6oH0aDwKJGRqOnw0mS8dw>
