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LITTLE GIG MUSIC REPORT

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- Cape Town International Jazz Festival announce line-up including Yussef Dayes, Kokoroko, Moonchild and many of SA's finest jazz talents such as Nduduzo Makthathini, Zoe Modiga, Radio Sechaba etc
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- US rock bands Green Day and The Offspring will perform at the Calabash South Africa music festival in Jan 2025
- Kenyan artist Biensol tours Europe and USA with support of Kenya Airways and Safaricom
- Bassline Festival in Johannesburg announces the return of LIRA for Africa Day 2024
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BEST RELEASES OF THE YEAR

- Tyla - Tyla
- Baloji - OMEN Soundtrack
- Ann O'Aro - Bleu
- Sinkane - We Belong
- Filah lah lah - On Air
- Kujenga - In The Wake
- Zoë Modiga - nomthandazo