

Highlights from
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LITTLE GIG MUSIC REPORT

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- American ticket sales and distribution company Ticketmaster has announced the acquisition of pan-African self-service ticketing platform Quicket as it seeks to expand its operations on the continent.
- Six seats will open on the Management Board of the Music In Africa Foundation (MIAF) in November 2024. The Foundation invites members to apply and nominate potential Board members who meet the requirements specified in this announcement.
- The Music In Africa Foundation (MIAF) announces a bidding system for its flagship event, ACCES – the biggest trade event for African music. So, countries can bid to host the event.
- MTN Bushfire in Eswatini opens Artist applications for 2025.
- CKay launches management and publishing company Boyfrnd Music.
- Legendary Malian kora player Toumani Diabaté passed away on 19 July at the age of 58.
- Folklore Festival to hold its 3rd edition at the Constitution Hill Women's Jail in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 14 September.
- GhanaFEST SA to be held at Fountains Valley in Pretoria, South Africa, on 14 September.
- The first edition of the Oliver Mtukudzi International Festival of the Arts (OMIFA), will be held at Pakare Paye Arts Centre in Norton, Zimbabwe, on 21 and 22 September 2024.
- The eighth edition of Stanbic Jacaranda Music Festival (SJMF) will be held at Thornpark Polo Grounds in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 4 to 6 October
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- Ghanaian musician and activist Wanlov the Kubolor has secured a management deal with Netherlands-based record label Walboomers Music.
- Songs by African artists, including Tems, Rema and Tyla, have been featured on Barack Obama's 2024 summer playlist.
- Applications are currently ongoing for the 2025 edition of OneBeat (OneBeat 15), a music residency programme in US.
- The organisers of the Kora All-Africa Music Awards (KORA) have announced the return of the continental reward scheme after a 12-year hiatus, with this year's edition set to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 1 December 2024.
- American entertainment company Roc Nation has combined its Roc Nation label and Equity Distribution divisions to establish Roc Nation Distribution, a new artist-centred platform.
- Resident Advisor appoints its 2nd African city Manager in Nairobi.

BEST RELEASES OF THE YEAR

- Manana - Our Broken Hearts Mend
- Asake - Lungu Boy
- Simi - Lost & Found
- Bassekou Kouyaté & Amy Sacko - Djudjon
- Dobet Gnahoré - Zouzou.
- Charisma - The Motions
- Kehlani - While We Wait 2
- Tobe Nwigwe - Hood Hymns
- Tank and the Bangas - The Heart, The Mind, The Soul
- Fireboy DML - Adedamola
- Abidoza - Phakama
- Moses Sumney - Sophcore
- The Cavemen - No Love In Lagos