

Highlights from  
Africa & her Diaspora.

# LITTLE GIG MUSIC REPORT

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- Songs by African acts Rema, Shallipopi, Omah Lay, and Obongjarray have been included in the official soundtrack of EA SPORTS FC 25.
- Janet Jackson cancels her performance at DSTV Delicious Festival in Johannesburg due to the passing of her brother Tito Jackson.
- Beneath the Baobabs in Kilifi, Kenya announces first round of artists for its NYE festival.
- Malawi Lake of Stars happens for the first time since COVID with Sho Madjozi amongst its headliners.
- Tyla makes history as the first African artist to win 3 MTV Europe Music Awards (EMAs) in 1 night, including Best Afrobeats, Best African Act and Best R&B.
- Snoh Alegra headlines Rocking the Daisies.
- Lauryn Hill performs in Nairobi for a Johnnie Walker concert..
- Ghanaian highlife legend Ebo Taylor will tour the USA this October and November.
- CANEX happens in Algeria.
- Ayrra Starr performs a live recorded show in Nairobi for YouTube.
- Moonchild Sanelly announces new album, UK and Ireland tour.
- M.anifest enlists The Cavemen. and Flea from the Red Hot Chilli Peppers for new single 'PUFF PUFF'.
- UMG East Africa signs Kenyan artist Vic West.
- The Joy perform the Colors Festival in Paris with James Blake and Saint Levant.
- Kilele Music and Tech symposium in Nairobi announces dates for second edition in Feb 2026.
- Volcano Festival in Rwanda is cancelled due to sexual assault and rape allegations against one of its directors.

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- Kenyan singer Sofiya Nzau, Nigerian Afrobeats star Fireboy DML, and South African Grammy winner Nomcebo Zikode have released a joint track titled 'META'.
- Tyla announces shows for South Africa this December.
- Chris Brown announces a controversial concert at Africa's largest stadium in Johannesburg, it sells out in a couple of hours but garners a boycott due to his history of domestic violence.
- Sauti za Busara festival in Zanzibar announces lineup for 2026 including Thandiswa Mazwai and Blinky Bill as headliners.
- Little Simz announced to headline Vans Event in Johannesburg.

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# BEST RELEASES OF THE YEAR

- Juls - Peace & Love
- Seun Kuti - Heavier Yet (Lays The Crownless Head)
- Costar Ojwang - ISNM (Imposter Syndrome No More)
- Dizzy Brains - Maso Mahita
- Amaria - Free Fallin'
- Cool Out Sun - A Lion Is A Lion
- Buhlebendalo - Hele
- Leomile - Nevermind
- Marcus Harvey - Now You Know Me
- Else Wameyo - Saint Sinner