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# LITTLE GIG MUSIC REPORT

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- Cannex takes place in Algeria with a range of African talent from Wizkid to Coco Em to DBN Gogo.
- Laurynn Hill performs at DSTV Delicious Festival in South Africa.
- Meshell N'deocello, Oumou Sangara and Esperanzah Spalding headline Joy of Jazz Festival in Johannesburg.
- Lake of Stars Festival in Malawi holds a successful edition.
- Music In Africa to host their ACCES conference in Pretoria at the end of October with Focalistic, Mpho Sebina, Njoki Karu, Zoë Modiga, Thakzin, Mörda, Shandesh and many more.
- MTN Bushfire announces dates and opens ticket sales for 2026, selling over 50% of tickets in the first two (2) days.
- Bongo Maffin headline the 2nd edition of the Oliver Mtukudzi International Festival of the Arts in Zimbabwe.
- Ethiopian musician Mulatu Astatke, widely recognised as the father of Ethio-jazz, will embark on a farewell world tour as he announces his retirement.
- Ayra Starr has released a new single titled 'Who's Dat Girl', featuring local Afrobeats star Rema.
- South African singer-songwriter Lloyiso will embark on his first European tour to close this year.
- Kenny G tours South Africa and Kenya.
- Kenyan music star Nyashinski has signed with Sony Music East Africa.
- Gregory Porter 'Love is King' South African tour includes five concerts across three cities.

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# BEST RELEASES OF THE YEAR

- Kujenga - Common Ground
- Chronixx - Exile
- Yazmin Lacey - Teal Dreams
- Lady Wray - Cover Girl
- Mulatu Astatke – Mulatu Plays Mulatu
- Thakzin - God's Window Pt.1
- Show Dem Camp - African Magic
- Nasty C - Fee
- Fola - Catharsis