

Maher Zain to perform alongside Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra

Islamic Swedish singer/songwriter Maher Zain will perform alongside the 45-piece Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) at the Artscape Opera House in Cape Town on 26-27 October 2018.

“Following our collaboration with Inner Circle Entertainment in the *Symphony of Ghazal* two years ago, we are delighted to perform with Maher Zain,” says the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra CEO Louis Heyneman. “Showcasing international musicians such as Zain, meets the CPO’s goal to expand its reach beyond symphony concerts, opera, ballet, musicals and school concerts to meeting new audiences in cross-over concerts that appeal to a wider spectrum of communities.”



The upcoming 2018 concerts will also see Maher Zain fronting his own ensemble, which features musicians from Egypt, Spain, Lebanon, Belgium, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Maher is the most popular Muslim artist on Facebook and the most viewed Muslim artist on YouTube. His top five YouTube videos have clocked up extraordinary traffic - *YaNabi Salam Alayka* has been viewed 174 million times; *Number One For Me* has had 87 million views; *Insha Allah* 76 million views; *For The Rest Of My Life* 40 million, and *The Chosen One* 28 million views.

The singer is also considered a major influence on social media. He currently has 26.1 million fans on Facebook, 1.7 million followers on Twitter, and 3.9 million followers on Instagram.

“I am delighted that my label Awakening Records has partnered with Inner Circle Entertainment for me to perform in Cape Town. I have had the pleasure of seeing the Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra in concert and it is my honour to have them perform my music with me. This is a unique and world-first collaboration for me and I am so happy that I will share it for the first time with the wonderful audiences in beautiful Cape Town,” says Maher.

Maher has released three albums with Awakening Records - *Thank You Allah*, *Forgive Me*, and *One*. His *Thank You Allah* debut was released in 2009 to international acclaim. The album became a multi-platinum success, reaching number one on Amazon’s World Music charts, number eight on the R&B charts, and was certified platinum by Warner Music Malaysia and Sony Music Indonesia.

Maher sings mainly in English but has also released some of his most popular songs in other languages. These include *Insha Allah*, which is available in English, French, Arabic, Turkish, Malay, and Indonesian versions. Another composition, *Allahi Allah Kiya Karo*, is sung in Urdu and features Pakistan-born Canadian singer Irfan Makki.

Tickets are available from [Computicket](#) outlets nationwide.

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