### **FRESHLYGROUND**

at the

Theatre of Marcellus Emperors Palace Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - 8pm Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December-3pm.

Ever popular **Freshlyground** bring their infectious grooves for the first time to the Theatre of the Marcellus at Emperors Palace for two shows only on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 8pm and on World Aids Day, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 3pm.

Freshlyground's upbeat, easy-on-the-ear Afropop blend has earned them number-one hits, including the 2010 FIFA World Cup theme "Waka Waka," which they sang with Shakira. Boasting a string of chart-toppers, they delight stadiums of fans and are a firm and steady playlist favourite on most of South African radio stations.

2013 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Freshlyground since they launched their debut album, "Jika Jika", under their own Freeground Records label, the immediate success of which firmly cemented the band's international trajectory.

The album sparked interest from Sony BMG Africa, who signed the band and released "Nomvula" in September 2004. Radio quickly picked up on the single "Doo Be Doo" and the catchy song went on to become a cross-over favourite amongst a diverse spread of stations and their listeners. In 2005 "Doo Be Doo" was the most played song in South Africa. The major success of this song was followed by the singles "I'd Like", "Zithande", "Things Have Changed" and the title track of the album "Nomvula". The album sold 300 000 units in South Africa alone, earning it multiplatinum status. The success and broad appeal of the band was celebrated in November 2006 when Freshlyground won the MTV Europe Award in the category Best African Act.

And now, in 2013, they celebrate a decade in the music industry during which time they released five albums with multi-platinum sales and worldwide performances.

The Emperors Palace shows will mark the return to Gauteng after a long break and these concerts will feature all their greatest hits.

The opening act for Freshlyground will be Ekurhuleni's afro-dance Tembisa Revolution who were the sensational runners up of "South Africa's got Talent".

Booking is now open at Computicket. Tickets start at R175 per person and can be booked through the Emperors Palace Box Office on (011) 928 1297/1213 or Computicket on <a href="www.computicket.com">www.computicket.com</a> or 083 915 8000. Winners Circle member discounts apply. There are dinner, show and stay packages available. Go to <a href="www.emperorspalace.co.za">www.emperorspalace.co.za</a> for more details.

## FRESHLYGROUND BAND MEMBERS

Zolani Mahola - lead vocals
Josh Hawks - bass guitar & vocals
Seredeal Scheepers - keyboards & percussion
Kyla Rose Smith - violin & vocals
Simon Attwell - flute, mbira, harmonica & saxophone
Julio Siguaque - electric & acoustic guitar
Peter Cohen - drums

## **FRESHLYGROUND**

#### Website

http://www.freshlyground.com/

## **FaceBook**

https://www.facebook.com/freshlygroundsa

## ABOUT EMPERORS PALACE

Conveniently located alongside O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, with regular complimentary shuttles and now on the new Gautrain bus route directly to and from Rhodesfield Station, the Emperors Palace Hotel Casino Convention and Entertainment Resort is the Vegas of Africa.

This mega resort combines the timeless classical elegance of a bygone era with the sheer excitement of a modern casino resort to offer luxurious accommodation in four unique hotels, a glorious health and beauty spa, a magnificent casino with unparalleled gaming enjoyment, the finest in dining options, spectacular entertainment choices and a state-of-the-art cinema complex, world-class conference facilities, and impeccable service.

# SPECIAL PACKAGES FOR FRESHLY GROUND PERFORMANCE WEEKEND

Dinner & Show package from R 300 per person

Dinner, Show, 3\* Stay & Play packages R 1 665.00 per 2 people

Dinner, Show, 4\* Stay & Play packages R 2 030.00 per 2 people

Dinner, Show, 5\* Stay & Play packages R 2 610.00 per 2 people

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