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Overview

WDP is a **pioneering** crossover **jazz** ensemble known for redefining the **boundaries** of jazz by **seamlessly** blending traditional **elements** with modern **influences**.

Born from the **vibrant** cultural **tapestry** of Botswana, WDP has carved out a **unique** space in the **music** scene, captivating audiences with a **sound** that is as innovative as it is **soulful**.



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Biography

Emerging from **Botswana's** dynamic musical landscape, **WDP** was formed with a vision to challenge **convention** and bring a fresh perspective to **jazz**.

Drawing **inspiration** from a diverse range of genres—including **Afrobeat**, soul, funk, and **Latin** music—the band's members bring years of **collective** musical experience to every **performance**. Their journey is one of **passion**, persistence, and a relentless pursuit of **excellence**, which has seen them **evolve** into one of the region's most **exciting** live acts.

Over the years, WDP has cultivated a **reputation** for delivering electrifying performances that **resonate** deeply with a diverse **audience**. Whether on **intimate** stages or grand festivals, their commitment to musical **innovation** and heartfelt **storytelling** has solidified their status as true **pioneers** of crossover jazz.

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Musical Style & Genre

WDP's sound is a daring fusion of classic jazz improvisation and contemporary rhythmic energy. Their music seamlessly melds:

- **Traditional Jazz Elements:** Complex chord progressions, improvisational solos, and rich harmonic textures.
- **Modern Influences:** Electronic beats, soulful grooves, and an infusion of Afrocentric rhythms.
- **Cultural Nuance:** A distinct blend of local musical traditions with global jazz sensibilities, creating a sound that is both timeless and refreshingly new.

This genre-defying approach not only pushes musical boundaries but also offers listeners an immersive experience that challenges and delights.



Achievements & Highlights

Sold-Out Shows: WDP has built a legendary reputation in Gaborone, Botswana, consistently selling out venues with their high-energy live performances:

- WDP Live at Molapo Theatre 8th February 2025
- WDP Live at Molapo Theatre 7th February 2025 to accommodate demand from 8th
- WDP Live in The Courtyard Botswanacraft August 2024
- WDP Live at Mogopong Botswanacraft May 2024

Diverse & Engaged Audience: The band boasts an active email and WhatsApp database of over 1,500 subscribers, ranging from aspirational youth to affluent management and C-suite professionals.

Major Festivals and Corporate Events: Recognized as a must-see act, WDP has headlined numerous festivals and prestigious venues, as well as serviced corporate clientele, earning accolades for their innovative approach and captivating stage presence.





Curated & Notable Performances

Successfully curated 13+ intimate backyard performances known as Crib Shindigs around Gaborone from 2018 to date.

Performed on 2 occasions as part of Duma FM's live radio broadcast of the jazz show "Breezing", from 2020 to date.

Past Performances include:

- Jazz on the Eve **Festival** Gaborone December 2015.
- Opening Act for **Sereetsi & the Natives** South Africa **Tour** 2016.
- Goldies on the Eve **Festival** Palapye December 2016.
- **Lounge Hop** Same Day Multi-Location Activation July 2019
- **Jam For Brunch** September 2019
- No1 Ladies **Night Market** October 2019.
- **The Dialogue Group** November 2019.
- Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (**CEDA**) January 2020, July 2020.
- **ABSA** Bank Botswana Botswana February 2020.
- Botswana Unified Revenue Service (**BURS**) – April 2022.
- Botswana Society for Jazz Education (**BOSJE**) Presents International Jazz Day April 2023.
- Session Band for **Bhudaza** in Gaborone April 2023.
- Botswana Insurance Fund Management Limited (**BIFM**) June 2023.
- **French Embassy** to Botswana July 2023.
- **First Capital Bank Botswana** (FCBB) – Corporate Event September 2023.
- Contemporary Linens - House Keepers **Expo** August 2024
- Gaborone International Music and Culture Week (**GIMC**) – Jazz Festival August 2024.
- **Fun Ads Solution** - HP Launch October 2024
- **Lucara Botswana** – Corporate Event November 2024.
- Private Birthday Soiree December 2024.



Press and Testimonials

Media Acclaim: Critics and industry experts have lauded WDP for their ability to bridge traditional and contemporary sounds.

"A crossover jazz band, WDP, is known for their rearrangements of contemporary songs, blending jazz with elements of Botswana's varied musical heritage, bridging the gap between tradition and modernity"

Full article: **BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS**

"There are days when one wants to kick back and relax with good music in the background. Your current best pick would have to be upbeat jazz album Bechuanaland Sessions: Phase 1 by WDP"

Full article: **BOTSWANA GUARDIAN/MIDWEEK SUN**





BIFM CEOS FAREWELL AND WELCOME CELEBRATION WDP PERFORMANCE Client Review

“
THE PERFORMANCE WAS ELECTRIC, EXCEPTIONAL
MUSIC AND STAGE PRESENCE WITH A FLAWLESSLY
TAILORED REPERTOIRE TO SUIT THE OCCASION,
CREATING A VIBRANT ATMOSPHERE THAT WAS BOTH
SOPHISTICATED AND FUN. COME ON, WDP! TO SUM IT
UP INTO ONE WORD - HAPPINESS 🥰 GREAT JOB!

”
Mabedi Mogotlhwane

Marketing, PR and Client Relations Officer, BIFM

CEDA UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE WDP PERFORMANCE Client Review



WDP...wow!!! Was definitely a pleasure working with you guys. Very professional, polite and talented bunch. Thank you for giving our event that extra 'thing' we needed. Def **100** from us!

- Carol Kgafela
CSI Coordinator, CEDA

Discography & Projects

WDP's **evolving** discography is a testament to their **creative** journey. Each release **reflects** their ongoing exploration of sound and spirit:

The Bechuanaland Sessions: Phase 1 - A groundbreaking project that introduced their unique blend of **jazz** with modern **elements**. The album is a **collection** of jazz **renditions** of local **contemporary** songs by artists such as **Sereetsi & the Natives**, **Mpho Sebina**, as well as **Ban T** and **Veezo View**, to name a few.

Upcoming Projects - Fans can look forward to **new** releases and collaborative **projects** that continue to push the **envelope** of what crossover jazz can be—namely, **The Bechuanaland Sessions Phase 2** set to release late **November 2025**, following a **live EP** scheduled for **mid-July 2025**.



Visual & Digital Presence

Striking Imagery: WDP's visual identity is as dynamic as their music. **High-quality photos**, album artwork, and **live performance videos** are integral to their brand, capturing the **energy and essence** of their sound.

Online Engagement:

- **Website & Streaming:** Fans can explore WDP's latest tracks, tour dates, and **behind-the-scenes** content on their official website and major **streaming platforms**.
- **Social Media:** Active on various platforms, WDP leverages **social media** to share updates, engage with fans, and build a **vibrant community** around their music.

Direct Communication: With an active **email and WhatsApp** database of over **1,500** dedicated **subscribers**—from **aspirational youth** to **C-suite executives**—WDP ensures that their **audience** stays informed and **connected**.



Contacts & Links

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