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LAKE OF STARS AT THE BUMPER

Lake of Stars is a combination of live music from south and east African artists and sets from Western DJs with music crossing many boundaries and borders

The festival was born from a desire to raise money for a developing economy and help promote Malawi as a tourist destination and was set up by Will Jamieson of Chibuku fame. Set on the shimmering, palm-fringed shores of Lake Malawi at Chinthche Inn, for three days Western and Malawian artists gather for a musical, social and cultural exchange which is unlike anything you will ever see or hear.

The festival raises money for charity, Malawian music and provides travellers and Malawians alike with the opportunity to enjoy fantastic live music in an exotic and beautiful location. Artists such as Groove Armada's Andy Cato, Felix B (Basement Jaxx), Yewande (US), DJ Yoda, the Chibuku DJs and Bugz in the Attic's Milkey General have all journeyed out to the warm heart of Africa to perform. Joining them have been some of the biggest names in Malawian music – Tikhu Vibrations, Wambali, the Black Missionaries, and Joseph Tembo to name a few. Performances range from African jazz and gospel groups to beatboxers, circus performers, and DJs.

Lake of Stars at Bumper features DJs and live acts



like the festival and started out just after Creamfields last year and is now usually held monthly on Fridays. Go Out visited the night on Thursday 8th February which featured DJs Johnny 1Move from Chibuku, Stew Macleod, Dash (Superfly) and Sh*t Hot Scott (Butane) and a live set from the fantastic Soul of Man. With a regular crowd of punters eager to hear quality DJs and live acts and to help raise funds to put on this exciting festival the night keeps getting busier and busier. No two months are the same with a varied selection of resident DJs and live acts playing good party music from hip hop to breaks to house and electro all with a touch of soul and definitely class!

Look out for next month's date on the 9th March featuring the fabulous Unabombers amongst others.

As well as the festival, Lake of Stars stages parties all over the world to help fund the festival and raise awareness of the event and of Malawi. Regular gigs take place in London and Liverpool and there are events in Europe and Africa planned for 2007.

Branches of STA Travel in Liverpool and Leeds are arranging group flights to this year's festival so please contact:

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The group flights cost £650 including taxes.

Deposits for these flights are to be paid by 31st March and are non-refundable.

This year's Line-up so far looks like this:

Annie Mac (BBC Radio 1)
Rob Da Bank (BBC Radio 1/Bestival)
Wambali Mkandawire - live
The Wombats – live
Chibuku Shake Shake (London/Liverpool)
Dirty Disco (Leeds)
Chew the Fat! (London)
Bodytonic (Dublin)
Horse Meat Disco (London)

Plus many more to be confirmed...

For many the festival is the focal point of travelling around the beautiful country of Malawi, Africa's most diverse country. Lake Malawi is great for all manner of water sports,

trekking, horse riding, mountain biking through forests and past waterfalls or you can just chill out on some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. The site for the festival is the stunning Chinthche Inn with white sand, wide lawns and colourful gardens stretch out leading to the main stage and the beach bar, built beneath a mango tree, with decking leading out to the beach.

This is also a great country to meet the people: wander into traditional villages to get a greeting from the 'warm heart of Africa'.

You too can be part of the Lake of Stars 2007 line-up as the festival is open to booking new talent. So if you are interested in taking part in the festival please email will@lakeofstars.co.uk to secure your place.

The Lake of Stars Festival takes place at Chinthche Inn, northern Malawi and runs from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October 2007.

Also look out for many global Lake of Stars events planned for 2007.

Quick Glance

Where: Bumper, Hardman St, Liverpool
When: Monthly Fridays - look out for new Thursdays
Tax: Donation to festival
Times: 8pm-3am
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