

# Jonathan Rubain



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Jonathan Rubain is starring in his own production now, called Cape Jazz is Lekke! which runs at the Baxter Theatre complex till 13 January. The show is a celebration of Cape Town's rich culture of jazz and local 'Ghoema'.

Rubain has on stage with him [Kyle Shepherd](#), Hilton Schilder, Allou April, and Dave Ledbetter amongst others.

I caught up with the bass player after opening night.

## ■ ***When are you happiest?***

I am happiest when I put my guitar around my neck and take to the stage in front of an audience, whether it be an audience of 10 or 10,000 people. I love to make music.

## ■ ***What does music mean to you?***

Music means everything to me. It is the food to my soul. It is the air that I breathe. It also provides a living for my family.



■ ***Your hero?***

My hero is Benni McCarthy. We come from the same community (Hanover Park). We also went to the same primary and high schools.

■ ***Which living person do you admire most and why?***

My mother. She has the biggest caring heart. Everyone who enters my mother's house won't be able to leave without eating something. She is an incredible human being.

■ ***What is your most treasured possession?***

My instrument. I'm in love with it.

■ ***It's your round what are you drinking?***

Tea... all day long.

■ ***The song you wished you wrote?***

"We are the World".

■ ***Dream gig to do?***

Headlining my own show at Cape Town Stadium.

■ ***Nicknames?***

Jona :-)

■ ***If you were not a musician what would you do?***

That's difficult because I can't see myself doing something else, but I wanted to be a lawyer when I was younger.

■ ***Pick five words to describe yourself?***

Loving, caring, humorous, courageous, loyal.

■ ***Five desert island discs?***

Michael Jackson - *Thriller*

Richard Bona - *Bonafied*

Robbie Jansen - *Vastrap Island*

John Mayer - *Continuum*

Whitney Houston - *The Best of Whitney Houston*

■ ***Greatest movie ever made?***

*The Shack*.

■ ***What song changed your life?***

"We Are The World".

■ ***Who do you love?***

Cherish Rubain

■ ***What is your favourite word?***

Faith

■ ***Favourite fashion garment?***

My jackets by CSquared.

■ ***Give us some real proper slang and what it means.***

"Moenie mense by die gesig kyk nie." - Don't judge people by their appearance.

■ ***Top of your bucket list?***

Taking my family to Disney World (family first for me).

■ ***Your greatest achievement?***

Recording with Kirk Whalum on his latest DVD called *Gospel According to Jazz Chapter 4*.



■ ***What do you complain about most often?***

People being treated unfairly. I want everyone to have a fair chance in life.

■ ***What is your fear?***

I fear of failing my family. I want to give them the best that I never got.

■ ***Happiness is?***

Being content with what you have and who you are.

■ ***On stage I tend to?***

Look at the audience wondering if they are enjoying the music or not. It freaks me out at times.

■ ***If you are walking on stage for a keynote speech like Barack Obama, what song would you use and why?***

"Reason to smile" - it's my biggest song.

■ ***The best life lesson you have been taught?***

To do everything myself relating to my music and brand. Now that I have my own production company, I know how to do everything.

■ ***Where would you like to be right now?***

In a studio recording my own compositions with the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra.

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