

# Top acts set to make waves

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**D**URBAN-born Nkosinathi Maphumulo, more popularly known as DJ and producer Black Coffee, and noted for his hit remixes, is among a stellar line-up of music acts assembled for the weekend's Durban Spring Break at New Beach.

The event, scheduled to start at 10am on Saturday, will also feature such top acts as Jesse Clegg, Zakes Bantwini, Zuluboy, Teargas and DJ Tira.

Also on the bill are Moneoa, Jazeil Brothers, ChianoSky, Niche Fam and DJs Lulo Cafe, Roger Goode, Deon Govender, Andy X, Feel Da Musiq, Sonic, Ami Letrix III, Sbonoh and The Beat Army.

Tickets for the event, to be hosted by Nolly Meje and Collen Zondo, are available at Computicket. They cost R100 (R300 for golden circle; R850 for VIP).

Black Coffee, who began deejaying in 1994 while still in high school, formed the band Shana when he studied music at the former Natal Technikon, now Durban University of Technology.

The group released a string of albums, and in 2001 Black Coffee freelanced for clubs and promoters until being snapped up for a residency at Joburg's popular Voodoo Lounge nightclub.

In 2003 he was chosen as a participant in the Red Bull Music Academy, which catapulted him on to the South African DJ scene.

Three years later he took the award for best dance album, for *Home Brewed*, at the SA Music Awards, a success he followed a year later with a booking at the Red Bull Music Academy lounge at the Sonar Festival in Barcelona.

Black Coffee, who established the DJ Black



Nkosinathi Maphumulo, aka DJ Black Coffee, above, Zakes Bantwini, below right, and Jesse Clegg, below left, will be performing at the Durban Spring Break at the weekend.

Coffee Foundation to assist people with disabilities, has since played alongside top international DJs such as Little Louie Vega, Alix Alvarez, Franck Roger, Charles Webster, DJ Spinna and Osunlade.

Durban Spring Break is a beach event that also includes beach sports.

On Sunday, New Beach will showcase touch rugby, beach soccer, beach volleyball and surfing.

"We are expecting amateur teams from other provinces to feature in the sporting disciplines. We have



approached teams from Durban, Gauteng, Port Elizabeth, Richards Bay, Port Shepstone, East London and



Cape Town," says a spokesman, adding that winners will be awarded medals.