MAKOMA FLY IN TONIGHT AHEAD OF FRIDAY CONCERT

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Legendary Congolese music group Makoma will be touching down in Uganda tonight at 10:30pm, ahead of their much-anticipated concert scheduled for March 6 at Kololo Independence Grounds. Their arrival will mark the final countdown to what organisers say will be one of the most memorable gospel music events of the year.

The concert, organised by Pacific Events in partnership with *New Vision*, is part of *New Vision's* 40th anniversary celebrations. The show is expected to bring together generations of gospel music lovers eager to relive the songs that defined their childhood and faith journeys.



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Makoma rose to prominence in the late 1990s and early 2000s with energetic performances, vibrant choreography and uplifting music that crossed language and cultural barriers across Africa and beyond. Their songs such as *Napesi*, *Butu Na Moyi* and *Moto Oyo* became staples in churches, choirs and Christian gatherings across the continent, inspiring a new wave of gospel musicians.

According to Owen Katwesigye Bigombe, a director at Pacific Events, the concert has been carefully designed to deliver more than just music.

"Ugandans should expect a legendary, well-curated gospel music experience that celebrates heritage, excellence, family and the power of women," Bigombe said. He noted that the concert falls within the weekend of International Women's Day, giving the event added meaning around strength, unity and legacy.

Bigombe added that preparations are in their final stages to ensure a smooth and memorable experience for revellers.

"We have invested heavily in production, security and stage design to make sure the audience enjoys a world-class gospel event worthy of Makoma's legacy and *New Vision's* milestone celebration," he said.

The concert will offer different ticket categories to cater to a wide range of fans. Entrance is priced at sh50,000 for silver, sh100,000 for gold and sh200,000 for Diamond, with table reservations also available for those seeking a more exclusive VVIP experience.

With anticipation building across churches and g[illegible] music circles, the concert promises to be a powerful night of worship, nostalgia and celebration as Makoma returns to perform before Ugandan fans once again.

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