

T Bo Touch goes Live

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Thabo Molefe, aka T'Bo Touch of Metroville, is the new co-host of SABC1's weekly music show Live, joining Bonang Matheba. He fills in the post vacated by Andile Ncube, who recently resigned as a co-presenter of the music programme aired every Friday night.



Molefe commenced his new job on Friday, 2 May 2008, when the show was broadcast live from Sun City - the venue of last week's South African Music Awards.

When asked if the format of the show would be changing, now there is a new presenter known for his love of hip hop, the creative director of the show Paul Llewellyn told Bizcommunity.com, "We are busy reformatting the show. This is rather to ensure that the show is at the cutting edge than to accommodate the new host, although the unique flavour that T Bo Touch brings to the show does influence the direction that the show is taking a certain degree."

Music selection

In assuring loyal viewers of the show that there will be no compromise in music selection, Llewellyn said, "Viewers can expect the mix of music to stay representative of what is out there. It is vital that T Bo Touch not be seen solely as a hip hop host. Bonang and Touch will bring a mix of all the hottest tune. We don't give preference to [any] genre; we represent what is popular."

Ncube joined the show three years ago while the show was still known as One; he came in as a newcomer in the industry and made a name for himself. The reason for his departure is that he's moving on to bigger things, which includes the role of Live executive producer

"Ncube' shoes were big to fill. We looked at talent across the board, both experienced and inexperienced. We auditioned

hundreds of candidates, but at the end of the day, T'bo represents something very relevant to the current wave of youth culture. What is also vital is that he fits comfortably with the SABC1 and Live brands as a whole. Our aim was also to find someone who would compliment Bonang as we want her to assume a more prominent role in the show, now that she has a year of experience under her belt," explains Llewellyn.

New face

"T Bo is a new face to television and yet he has great experience in the music and entertainment industries. We didn't want to replace Andile; we wanted to bring something new to the male host role and he does that. He is at ease on camera and we are confident that his personality will help bring new viewers to the show. Basically the best hosts are able to be at ease and demonstrate who they are on camera, without any pretension, or without a preconceived idea of what a host 'should' be. T'bo we feel is able to do that, and that's what gets bums on chairs in front of TVs."

Currently Ncube hosts a breakfast show on the newly launched Eastern Cape radio station CKI FM.

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