MAJOR LAZER AND SOUTH AFRICAN BREAKOUTS MAJOR LEAGUE DJZ UNVEIL "KOO KOO FUN" FEATURING TIWA SAVAGE AND DJ MAPHORISA



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September 22, 2022—Today, **Major Lazer** and emerging South African superstars **Major League DJz** unveil a new collaborative track, "**Koo Koo Fun**" featuring Nigerian icon **Tiwa Savage** and **DJ Maphorisa**—listen <u>here</u>. Much more music from Major Lazer and Major League DJz is imminent.

Marking Major Lazer's first new music since last year, the track pulls from **Amapiano**, a South African style of house music that emerged in 2012 and is descended from the South African house genre kwaito and Afrobeats. The sound itself is a hybrid of deep house, jazz and lounge music characterized by synths, airy pads and wide percussive basslines and is currently topping charts in the U.K. and beyond.

"Koo Koo Fun" finds the two groups collaborating with Savage, one of the biggest artists to emerge from Africa in recent years. It also reunites Major Lazer with DJ Maphorisa, with whom they previously collaborated on "Particula"—[TK AFRICA STATS].

The BET-nominated Amapiano duo Major League DJz—twin brothers **Bandile** and **Banele Mbere**—have quickly risen to international visibility as stars of the South African dance music

scene, serving as pioneers of the genre and de facto global ambassadors with hits like "Bakwa Lah" and "Dinaledi." Since the release of their critically acclaimed last album from 2021, *Outside*, they have gone on to break the world record for the longest DJ set performed by a duo, performing for 75 hours for a special edition of their Balcony Mix Xperience. Earlier this year, they performed at Coachella alongside Black Coffee and sold-out a headline show at the O2 Academy Brixton.

Major Lazer is the global dance trio of **Diplo, Walshy Fire** and **Ape Drums.** Named for the group's fictional figurehead, a one-armed Jamaican Zombie War commando, Major Lazer's mission is to free the universe with music. The band has released four acclaimed albums, 2009's *Guns Don't Kill People...Lazers Do,* 2013's *Free The Universe*, 2015's *Peace Is The Mission*, featuring the Diamond-certified "Lean On" with DJ Snake and MØ—one of the most successful songs of all time—and 2020's *Music Is The Weapon*, which features songs in five languages and collaborations with Nicki Minaj, J Balvin, Marcus Mumford, Khalid, Alessia Cara, Anitta, Paloma Mami, Busy Signal, BEAM, Shenseea, Nucleya and more.

Major League DJz will embark on their first ever North American headline tour this fall, kicking off October 6 in Los Angeles. Visit <u>majorleaguedjz.com</u> for more information.