



MEDIA STATEMENT

LOTUS FM ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 LINE-UP

Durban – Tuesday, 26 March 2024 - Lotus FM, South Africa's only national Indian radio station, is excited to introduce its new show and presenter line-up, which will take effect from 1 April 2024.

The station will be introducing minor changes to the existing line-up to ensure consistency with its audience whilst introducing new talent to the station.

All weekday daytime shows remain unchanged, with the award-winning *Breakfast Express* with O'Neil and Shaastra, the mid-morning show; *Style In The City* hosted by the vibrant Krsna Priya Dasa, Varshan Sookhun on the *Lunch Break* and *The Drive By* hosted by the charismatic Neelofar Sayed, continuing in their regular daily slots.

New presenters include Keshav Dass who joins the station to host *The Night Café*, Monday to Thursday, 21:00 until 00:00. Keshav joins from a local community station and is sure to keep listeners entertained with great content and cool jams. Well known Rivash Davnaryan takes over *The Weekend Explosion*, weekends from 09:00 until 12:00, whilst popular DJ Jovan Moonsamy will host Saturday's club show, *The Dance Lab*, from 21:00 to 00:00, mixing the best in fusion music.

Weekend breakfast welcomes the ever-bubbly Samantha Darsan who will be hosting *The Weekend Recharge* with Koobeshen Naidoo and *Sunday Sizzle* with Mohamed Vawda on Saturday and Sunday mornings between 06:00 and 09:00 respectively.

The legendary Mala Lutchmanan remains as the language presenter of the Tamil language show *In – Isai – Mazhai* on Fridays at 18:00 to 19:00, whilst Dhanaseelan Doorasamy takes over the South Indian chart show, *Best of Kodambakkam*.

Mr Anthony Soglo, Fortune Combo Business Manager stated, “We are happy to launch the new radio year with our well-loved talent and welcome our new presenters with positive anticipation. We’re looking to grow the station using the current team in audiences and provide valuable solutions for our external and commercial stakeholders”.

Lotus FM bids farewell to Jailoshini Naidoo and Anasia Govender who leave to explore different business opportunities. Both presenters have impacted the station during their journey at Lotus FM and station management extends their gratitude for their service and wishes them the best in their future endeavors.

All other shows remain unchanged.

Line Up FY 2024 - 2025

Lotus FM April 2024 – March 2025 Line-Up		
TIME	PRESENTER	PROGRAMME
05h00– 06h00	Monday - Friday Various	Newsbreak
06h00–09h00	O’Neil Nair (Presenter)	Breakfast Express
	Shaastra Nagesar (Co Presenter)	
	Rob Byrne – Traffic	
	Thobani Dlamini – Sport Presenter	
09h00–12h00	Krsna Priya Dasa	Style in the City
12h00-12h30	Various	Newsbreak
12h30–15h00	Varshan Sookhun	The Lunch Break
15h00–18h00	Neelofar Sayed	The Drive By
	Rob Byrne – Traffic	
	Bhavana Govender– Sport Presenter	
18h00–19h00	Monday:	Geetanjali

	Veena Lutchman	
	Tuesday: Archana Sridhar	Sungeetha Nilayamu
	Wednesday: EB Mamode	Guldasta
	Thursday: Ashit Desai	Geetmala
	Friday: Mala Lutchmanan	In Isai Mazhai
19h00–21h00	Zakia Ahmed Siddiqi (Monday –Thursday)	Talk@7
19h00–22h00	Trevor Williams (Friday)	The Next Episode
21h00–00h00	Keshav Dass (Monday –Thursday)	Night Café
21h00-01h00	Nicholas Pillay (Friday)	In Da Mix
00h00–03h00	Automate (Monday – Friday)	Press Play
03h00- 06h00	Religious Program	Morning Inspiration
SATURDAY		
00h00-03h00	Automation	Press Play
03h00– 06h00		Morning Inspiration
06h00– 09h00	Samantha Darsen (Presenter) Koobeshen Naidoo (Co-presenter)	The Weekend Recharge
09h00– 12h00	Rivash Davnarayan	The Weekend Explosion
12h00– 13H00	Current Affairs	Newsbreak
13h00– 15h00	Varshan Sookhun	Bollywood Billboard
15h00–18h00	Romeo Chonco	Sundowner
18h00– 21h00	Zakia Ahmed Siddiqi	Local Vocal
21h00– 00h00	Jovan Moonsamy	Dance Lab
SUNDAY		
00h00– 03h00	Automation	The Weekend Fix
03h00– 06h00		Morning Inspiration
06h00– 09h00	Samantha Darsen (Presenter) Mo Vawda (co-presenter)	The Sunday Sizzle

09h00– 12h00	Rivash Davnarayan	The Weekend Explosion
12h00– 13h00	Current Affairs	Newsbreak
13h00– 15h00	Dhanaseelan Doorasamy	Kodambakkam
15h00–17h00	Romeo Chonco	Sundowner
17h00 –19h00	Veena Lutchman	Bhakti Sangeet
19h00– 20h00	Pastor Niven Lalmund	Gospel Hour
20h00 - 21h00	Mariam Khan	Deenyath
21h00 - 22h00	EB Mamode	Qawali Hour
22h00– 00h00	Automated	Classic Gold

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