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### Jacques Rautenbach Takes the Global Instrumental and Light Classical Music Scene by Storm

**October 7, 2024, Johannesburg, South Africa** – Renowned instrumentalist and composer, **Jacques Rautenbach**, is making waves in the classical and instrumental music world. Known for his ability to blend classical elements with fresh, modern sounds, Jacques has built an impressive career, with over 10 full albums, 3 EPs, and 9 singles to his name, collaborating with some of the finest musicians across the globe.

Jacques has recently earned nominations for an **Aitsa Music Award** for **Best Instrumental Music**, receiving not one but **four nominations** for his tracks, “*Take Me Home*”, “*My Christmas Wish*”, “*It’s All in Vein*”, and “*Harbour Island*”.

Earlier this year, Jacques celebrated his first win at the prestigious red carpet event for his track “*Neverending*”.

Jacques is no stranger to the music industry. With 28 years of experience as a professional musician, he initially built his career as a **studio drummer**, working with some of the most prominent Afrikaans singers in South Africa. His impressive portfolio includes working with icons such as **Bok van Blerk**, **Lianie May**, **Steve Hofmeyr**, **Bobby van Jaarsveld**, and **Kurt Darren**, contributing to over **10 gold and platinum-selling albums**.

“I think this is the reason why my music is so rich and diverse,” Jacques shares. “My experience across genres and collaborations with such talented artists have shaped the unique sound that I bring to my compositions today.” Jacques’ journey has included career highlights such as performing with **Cindy Alter**, recording with **Dave Koz**, and collaborating with **Hugh Masekela** on a Coenie de Villiers project.

Jacques’ music has been heard far and wide, with airplay in **seven countries**, including **Netherlands**, **Romania**, **Australia**, and **Ireland**, and on South African stations like **Fine Music Radio**, **Classic FM**, **RSG**, and **Pretoria FM**. His music

videos are a staple on **KyknetNOU**, making him a rising name in the industry. Jacques has also topped charts, holding the **#1 spot on ReverbNation's Global Classical Chart** and achieving **two #1 singles on iTunes Classical in Belarus**, as well as dominating the iTunes Classical charts in South Africa.

"I've been fortunate to collaborate with incredible soloists like **Evert van Niekerk**, **Susan Mouton**, and **Ariella Zeitlin**, and I look forward to more international partnerships," Jacques remarks. His music transcends classical, instrumental, and film score boundaries, with subtle hints of electronica, creating a fresh, exciting soundscape. His latest album, "*Lost*", was recently named **Album of the Week on Fine Music Radio**.

Currently signed with **Alcon/Sleeping Giant Records**, a division of **ASG Music Group LLC**, Jacques is also offering **live performances** for a range of events, from solo piano shows to full band performances, catering to corporate events, theatres, and intimate house concerts.

For more information on Jacques Rautenbach and to experience his music, visit [www.jacquesrautenbach.com](http://www.jacquesrautenbach.com) or contact:

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## WHAT THE CRITICS SAY....

You are genius! This music you are doing, is out the ballpark honey!

**Cindy Alter**

Singer, Writer / Performer (Clout Front-Person) (South Africa)

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My soul is happily absorbing this beautiful work Jacques

**Marian Shanley**

Musician / Radio Show presenter (Dublin FM) (Ireland)

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I'm listening to "The Reckoning" right now! It's beautiful and powerful, and yes I'd love to record with you and all the other amazing musicians that you have lined up for the project!

**Tina Guo**

Musician / Composer / Performer (Hans Zimmer) (USA)

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Thanks for the tracks! I have to say, you've outdone yourself on this album! Almost every track has the potential to be play-listed, I'm really spoiled for choice.

**Ighsaan Mahomed**

Music Compiler Fine Music Radio (South Africa)

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Jacques. I listened to your tracks. They are beautiful!

**Ken Callait**

Producer / Engineer (Fleetwood Mac / Colbie Callait) (USA)

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Jacques, you have to stop amazing me with awesomeness. Whatever you are eating, give me some because your creative juices are flowing like the Nile river! Brilliant!! Brilliant!!! Brilliant!!! I cannot see the music, but i feel that I am in love with this piece..

"Dark Soul" You're a genius! You have to hear this music which is even more brilliant! It was truly "love at first note" for me. I really want a nomination or win for best original soundtrack!

**Charles C Mack**

Director / Celeb Chef / Producer (USA)

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This is very well written!

**Susan Mouton**

Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra Cellist / Pianist / Artist (South Africa)

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Beautiful, even more so with good headphones... Salute!

**Blackie Swart**

Singer / Writer (South Africa)

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Exquisite works of art by Jacques and his colleagues. Flowing, majestic compositions fully and beautifully crafted exploring passionate, emotional phrases. Jacques you have achieved what we all aspire to reach as composers, the ability to touch the heart and soul of the listener, to have them become "appreciators" of the music we both love so dearly. Well done my friend, I am your number one fan!

**Rick Cantrell**

Composer/ Musician (USA)

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Geluk met Amsterdam - ek dink dis incredible! Regtig next level stuff, en ek sê nie sommer net so nie. Dit kan enige plek op die aarde inhang... Well done! Jy's 'n formidabele komponis en musikant!

**Coenie de Villiers**

Artist / Composer / Presenter (South Africa)

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I really like your music its beautiful animation much luck and success for your musical career.

**Urs Brodmann**

Composer (Germany)

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Sielsmusiek Liewe Jacques. Goed om dit van jou te beleef! Sal graag iewers jou storie wil hoor. Bevoorreg om na al die jare (Voortrekkerhoogte dae toe ek toe nog in die weermag was en jy 'n jong laaitie in die gemeente) die beauty nie net te hoor nie maar ook te sien.

**Johan Heystek**

Composer / Songwriter / Producer (South Africa)

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I just listened to your piece and I loved it. Bravo!

**Gerald W Braden**

Composer / Musician (USA)

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Dankeschön, eine schöne Ruhige Musik und ein interessantes Video, wie Wetterleuchten zieht es darüber hin!

**Dagmar Scholz**

Classical Musician Critic (Germany)

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You created such beauty, pure intense moments.. Captured at the perfect moment  
thing they call it "quintessence"

**Shantel Thompson**

Music Critic (Europe)

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You really killed that hands down...

**Foster K Lester**

Producer / Muscian (USA)

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