

Pat Matshikiza was born in colourful Queenstown. From birth it seemed that Pat was genetically designed to become a musician. He was born in to the famous Matshikiza musical family. Although his appropriately named father, Meekley, drew fame as a pianist, audiences are better inclined to recall the name of Pat's uncle, Todd Matshikiza. Todd was a Virtuaso of the piano. Audiences throughout the world will remember "King Kong" and "Umkumbane". The two musicals for which Todd composed all music. Pat immediately got a name because of Todd, who preceded him, and Pat inherited the Matshikiza mastery. Pat excells at the piano. He too was destined to be rated a top jazz pianist.

Pat is a committed musician. In 1969 he was awarded the coveted Lion Match prize for outstanding pianist. He declined an offer of a return ticket and television jobs in London and Germany, because of his concern about developing jazz in this country.

He also declined an invitation to move to America and join Hugh Masekela and his American band.

Pat is on leave from the Amatolo Sun Hotel, where he is a regular solo performer.