

ELVIS OPENING SPEECH

1. **MC ANNOUNCEMENT HOUSEKEEPING RULES *******Ladies and gentlemen, please give a big round of applause to the band Cosmique. You will hear more from them later in the program when they will get you moving and grooving.
2. As we are about to begin, may I have your attention as we have a few housekeeping rules to make, before we begin tonight's program. First, I would like to seek your cooperation in ensuring that we can complete the Don Mattera Legacy Foundation celebration tonight without being knocked out by Bra Zinga.
 - a. For emergencies please use the exits displayed on your left and right?
 - b. For personal relief you will find the men's and ladies ablution facilities just outside the exit behind you on your right and left??? VIP ablution facilities are available for our dignitaries outside the main ENTRANCE on the left and right..
 - c. Very import - Kindly switch your mobile phones to silent mode to avoid interruption and for those with older models that weigh half a ton that you would use as phone and self-defence weapon please switch them off.
 - d. PAINTING – You saw the massive painting of Dr Mattera in the voyeur. It is for sale and on silent auction- What does that mean - We have a box next to the portrait. You can fill in you details and put in a bid for the portrait – the reserve price is R80 000 – So start there. At the end of the formal part of evening we will make the draw and announce the winning highest bid. I must caution though that if we do not get a higher bid than the reserve price then the PAINTING will go on the Online platforms.
 - e. PORTRAITS autographed by Dr Mattera – these are collectors' items - are displayed throughout the venue with pricing on – You can either purchase tonight or place an Order. There are runners lurking around to take your order

- f. Books and special items including book autographs by Don Mattera will be on display in the BOOK STALL. That you can also order or purchase tonight.
- g. We also have PLEDGE or DONATIONS forms for those individuals or organisations that want to make a contribution to the Don Mattera Legacy Foundation - They are also available at the Book Stall

Thank you for your kind cooperation and attention.

START OPENNING **** Honoured guest ladies and gentleman, It is my honour and pleasure to be your master of ceremony for this auspicious occasion. I'm Elvis Preslin....pause.....I'm black and I'm back.....and I will be your host this evening

Former president, former first ladies, Ministers, Honourable speakers, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen – all protocol observed. Buono Sera, Asalam muluikum, goeie naand, Sawubona, Thobela, kunjani, dumelang, Matsharoni, Apsheni, bonjour, Shalom, pree-ve-et, konichiwa, neehow, Kalimera, Hola, Nda, Jumbo Africa, Gooooood evening and a warm welcome to a celebration with the theme “Communities Honouring Don Mattera”, as well as the official launch of The Don Mattera Legacy Foundation 2020. Tonight’s celebration event pay homage to a true “Son of the Soil” a legendary South African poet, wordsmith, journalist, public speaker, political activist, peace crusader and raconteur Dr. Donato, Francisco, Mattera better known as “Don” Mattera here at the Don Mateman Hall in Eldorado Park.

Joining me is a grandchild as well as business partner of Dr Mattera – Me. Shari Mattera to share the stage with me. Me. Shari Mattera will introduce the clergy present, to bless the event.

BLESSINGS & PRAYER *****. Shari to introduce the clergy. Iman and Pastor to kick of the proceedings with a prayer....., please All rise.

17:15 – 17:20 Opening Prayers/Dua–**Reverend Royce Meyer** and **Imam Ikeraam** (5min)

We appreciate you taking time off your busy schedules to join us tonight. BUT I’m am sure you want to know what the Don Mattera Community

celebration has in stall for you. Fasten your seatbelts my honoured guest, dignitaries, delegates, ladies and gentleman because tonight is the night where we honour a living legend.

OUR ITENARY IN BRIEF tonight include: (5min)

Welcome address, Musical interlude by Legendry Musician Pops Mohammed and Poet Lebo Mashile, Message from the Mattera family, Video presentation on the life of Don Mattera, an artistic resume on Don Mattera by Prof. Pitika Ntuli who will introduce the guest of honour, the man of the moment, the bart of liberation Dr Donato, Francisco, Mattera or as some know him as Bra “Don”, then an award to be handed over by the Eldorado Park Principals followed by award winning Poets Glen Ujebe Masokoane and Bothata Paul Khabo – performing as ZANJ, Kgafela Oa Magogodi, Lebo Mashile and musician Khaya Mahlangu. Then we have journalists that have been trained by Dr. Don Mattera to narrate their encounters with Don, a serenade by Old School Soul group Truphonics and we end the official program with a Vote of thanks.

But as they say in the commercials, that’s not all, we end off with ENTERTAINMENT by Truphonics, and the party band Cosmique as well as music from some young talented DJ’s. I hope you came prepared tonight with your dancing shoes on

Honoured guest Ladies and gentleman the formal part of the evening starts now. Without any further ado let’s start the official program by welcoming Son of Dr Mattera - A film maker and PHD candidate Teddy Mattera to officially Welcome all our esteemed dignitaries present.....

17:20– 17:25 MC introduce Teddy Mattera – Son of Dr Mattera
(5 min)

Welcome guest & introduce dignitaries.

1. Former President Kgalema Mothlanthe and former first lady Gugu Mothlanthe.
2. Former first lady of the Republic of South Africa Mrs. Zanele Mbeki
3. Deputy Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture, Ms Nocawe Mafu
4. Consul General of Italy - Emanuela Curnis
5. Director-General for Sports, Arts and Culture. Vusumuzi Mkhize.

Dr. Leonard Martin is the Chairman of the Don Mattera Legacy Foundation he is also a long-time confidant of Dr. Don Mattera. He was exiled for over 28 year; he's a community activist, author and scholar based in Eldorado Park. Dr Martin is currently incapacitated due to ill health, but his **Welcome Speech** will be read by his brother Kevin Martin to officially launch the Don Mattera Legacy Foundation. Please welcome Kevin Martin

17:25 – 17:30 MC Introduce Kevin Martin to read Welcome Address from DMLF Chairman Dr Leonard Martin (5min)

Time for a musical break – Ladies and gentleman please welcome.....

17:30 – 17:45 MC introduce Musician Pops Mohammed and followed by Poet Lebo Mashile (15min)

Please give a round applause to Pops Mohammed and Lebo Mashile

Family is very important to Dr. Mattera and as you all know the Mattera is a big clan. But I am not equipped to expand on this broad church and internal affairs of this big unit called the Mattera family. Shari Mattera is Don Mattera's grand-daughter and his business partner. **Lets welcome back my co-host....**

17:45 – 17:50 Shari Mattera who speaks on behalf of the Mattera family. (5 mins)

From grandchild to Uncle – Ladies and gentleman please welcome Teddy Mattera the Son of Dr. Don Mattera to welcome our honoured dignitaries present tonight followed by the introduction of the Dep...

17:50 – 18:00 Teddy Mattera introduce Deputy Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture, Ms Nocawe Mafu (10 min)

18:00 – 18:20 Video Presentation– Introduced by Teddy Matora (20 mins)

Interviews with Don Mattera and people associated with him from various walks of life. Film clips produced By MacDonald "Chilly" and Teddy Mattera

Prof. Pitika Ntuli is a sculptor, poet, writer and an academic who spent 32 years of his life in exile in Swaziland and the UK. He has contributed to the political and artistic discourse of South Africa with his

representations of South African society. He journeyed from teaching at a UN refugee school in Swaziland, to being imprisoned for his stance on the Apartheid State and exile in London, to working with international artists and returning to South Africa to advance the role of art in society in projects such as Provocation for Reconciliation. He holds an MFA from the Pratt Institute in New York and an MA in Comparative Industrial Relations and Industrial Sociology.

18:20 – 18:30 MC introduces **Prof. Pitika Ntuli** who gives an artistic resume on Don Mattera and introduces Dr Mattera to the stage.
(10 mins).

18:30 – 19:00 **Dr. Don Mattera** - celebrant speaks.
(30 mins)

CUTTING OF THE CAKE – Don to cut the DMLF cake to mark the launch of the Foundation

For his tireless activist work within the Community of Eldorado Park the Principals from a number of schools in Eldos will be handing over an award to Dr. Mattera...

19:00 – 19:05 **Eldorado Park Principal's Award presentation**
(5Mmin)

I am sure by now everybody must be extremely hungry. Dinner is now ready to be served. As you it is a cocktail dinner with small portions but you can help yourself to a few portions for those who are famished. During this period you will be entertained by world class musicians and poets. Enjoy...

19:05 - Dinner to be served

19:10 – 19:40 **MC SHARI MATTERA** introduce:

- Poets – Glen Ujebe Masokoane and Bothata Paul Khabo - ZANJ,
(10 min)
- POET - Kgafela Oa Magogodi & POET Lebo Mashile (10min)
- **Khaya Mahlangu** and his band. (10min)

19:40 – 19:55 **MC** introduce **Journalist - Mondli Makhanya, Ferial Haffajee** and **Sibusiso Nxumalo** are amongst the almost three hundred of journalists that have been trained by Dr. Don Mattera while he worked at The Mail &G and Sowetan newspapers. (15min)

19:55 – 20:10 MC introduce band Truphonics with 70's sounds playback music (10mins)
To take Bra Don off to memory lane...

20:10 – 20:20 Closing: MC intro Vote of Thanks – DMLF Board members Jenny Jafta and Teddy Mattera. (10min)
Including acknowledgement of the Organising Committee of the DMLF and other family members of the broader Mattera families.

END OF THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM

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OPEN MIC

20: 20 – 20:40 - Open microphone session...
(20 min)

For people who want to share their kinship with Don Mattera and his family, his literature, poetry, humanitarian work. etc.

Total 190 minutes

ENTERTAINMENT

20:40 – 20:50 Truphonics band
(10min)

20:50 – 21:30 MC introduce **Cosmique** on stage.
(40 min)

21:30 – 22:00 - **DJ Chicken** from Westbury/Roodepoort,
(45min)

DJ The General and other **young DJ and music student Teane Carew**.
Till 10pm.

END Ladies and gentlemen, may I thank you very much for your (active) participation in celebrating Dr. Don Mattera's living legacy. I hope you enjoyed the evening and we will continuously celebrate his life in the months to come – watch this space. Have a safe trip (back) home. Bye bye.