



Carl Craig Presents All Black Digital

A Celebration of Black History Month in Support of Bridges For Music

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Including Conversation Series Featuring Carl Alongside King Britt, DJ Holographic & DJ Minx, DeForrest Brown Jr. and an African Special with Guests TBA

**Culminating in Stream on February 25 from South Africa's Historic Constitution Hill
Featuring Carl Craig with African Artists Shimza, Da Capo, Gina Jeanz, DJ Buhle & Villosoul**

Carl Craig has built a legacy defined by the discovery, amplification, and showcasing of black excellence. Over the last thirty years his iconic Planet E label has acted as an incubator for the wide reaching and globally leading sounds of Detroit, fostering a creative mixing pot built from the unique perspectives of black and brown voices. Now, as the world takes a long awaited stride towards examining global race relations, Carl remains an intellectual leader for the music and arts community at large. Today, in celebration of Black History Month, Carl announces All Black Digital, a series of virtual conversations and performances in support of Bridges For Music and in partnership with Beatport and Qwest TV.

Each week of February, Carl will welcome some of electronic music's most revered thought leaders to the table for a series of discussions. He will discuss Afrofuturism with Professor, DJ and composer King Britt, dig into the African-American origins of electronic music and

subsequent white-washing of the genre with Make Techno Black Again's DeForrest Brown Jr., and celebrate the thirty-year anniversary of Planet E alongside its multi-generational labelmates DJ Minx and DJ Holographic. The final conversation will be recorded at South Africa's living museum, Constitution Hill. This Africa Special will explore how the rhythms of Africa permeated into Black Music in the Americas, specifically Techno and House music.

In Carl's own words, *"It's a great honor to return to South Africa and to perform in the motherland of my ancestors. The music I have been making, producing and performing for the past 30 years is an homage and continuation of what was born in Africa and runs through my blood here in Detroit."*

"I'm so happy to be a part of this event at Constitution Hill and to team up with Qwest TV and Beatport to broadcast. I've been a fan of Quincy Jones ever since I could read liner notes, and to bring attention to my brothers and sisters from SA and the good work Bridges For Music does is an icing on the cake."

The series will culminate with a breathtaking live-stream from Constitution Hill, the former prison and military fort that acted as the incarceration site for world-renowned men and women like Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Joe Slovo, Albertina Sisulu, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, and Fatima Meer. This is a location that bears testament to South Africa's turbulent past and, today, is home to the country's Constitutional Court, which endorses the rights of all citizens. Together with non-profit organization and music educators Bridges For Music, Carl welcomes some of South Africa's brightest stars to perform alongside him including Villosoul, Gina Jeanz, Da Capo, Shimza and DJ Buhle. The stream will stream live across all Beatport platforms in addition to Qwest TV, live and as video on demand.

Quincy Jones adds on the program and Qwest TV's involvement, *"Constitution Hill is where my brother Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, and it tells an inspirational, yet painful, story of South Africa's journey to democracy. With all its rich history,-DJ Carl Craig has also chosen it as the location on which he will perform a unique DJ set on Qwest TV. He'll be joined by a range of great African talent in celebration of electronic music, from Detroit to South Africa, in support of Bridges for Music, an absolutely wonderful initiative designed to educate kids through music. Keep on keepin' on!"*

Ed Hill, VP of Beatport's Media Group, adds *"We were honoured when Carl Craig and Bridges For Music approached us with the opportunity to amplify the voices and music of such incredible industry luminaries and artists. The weekly virtual discussions and performances from*

some of South Africa's best rising talent at the iconic Constitutional Hill in South Africa are sure to be impactful and inspirational."

Fans will be able to experience these conversations and performances live via all channels of the global leader of music for DJs, producers, and their fans, Beatport, as well as the Quincy Jones co-founded and curated Qwest TV. Tune in to learn about modern music as a reflection of the black and brown experience and to support Bridges For Music's mission to build a second music education campus.

All Black Digital Schedule:

Feb 10 at 5pm Berlin / 11am New York / 8am LA - Conversation #1 - Make Techno Black Again - Carl Craig in Conversation with DeForrest Brown Jr.

Feb 17 at 5pm Berlin / 11am New York / 8am LA - Conversation #2 - AfroFuturism - Carl Craig in Conversation with King Britt

Feb 24 at 5pm Berlin / 11am New York / 8am LA - Conversation #3 - Planet E 30 - Carl Craig in Conversation with DJ Holographic & DJ Minx

Feb 25 at 5pm Berlin / 11am New York / 8am LA - Conversation #4 - African Special - Carl Craig In Conversation with Guests TBA

Feb 25 at - Live Stream Performances from South Africa's Constitution Hill ft Carl Craig, Villosoul, Gina Jeanz, Da Capo, Shimza and DJ Buhle

Watch Conversation and Performances Live on Beatport

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Watch Performance Live Qwest TV:

Available on Qwest TV MIX at 5PM GMT on connected TVs (Samsung TV Plus, Roku, Plex, Vizio, Rakuten TV, Pluto TV). More details can be found at this link if you want to add it:

<https://www.qwest.tv/#Linear>

About Bridges for Music

Bridges for Music is a non-profit organization empowering undeserved communities and individuals through creative education and the power of music.

In 2019, they opened The Bridges Academy, a creative learning space in the heart of Langa township, offering young talent an inspiring and safe environment with world-class technology, mentorship and programs designed to help them thrive in the creative industries equipping them with the necessary technical and mental skills..Their program has featured the likes of Ed Sheeran, Black Coffee, Sho Madjozi or Themba to mention a few. They have already supported over two hundred aspiring artists, connecting them with career changing opportunities and intent to continue growing their impact in other under-served communities.

About The Beatport Group:

The Beatport Group is the worldwide home of music for DJs, producers, and their fans. Founded in 2004, the The Beatport Group of companies includes Beatport, the preeminent store for electronic music DJs, Beatsource for the open-format DJ community, [Loopmasters](#), [Loopcloud](#) and [Plugin Boutique](#) for music producers, and Beatport Media Group for brands and fans of DJ culture. The Beatport Group's portfolio of products includes an array of high-quality audio solutions to choose from, including: full song downloads, exclusive content from leading labels, a streaming music service seamlessly integrated into DJ software and hardware (LINK) and exclusive sound packs and plugins. All of the content is expertly curated on a weekly basis by a global team that helps define DJ culture. Beatport has offices in Berlin, Brighton, Denver and Los Angeles. Follow us on [Twitch](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

About Qwest TV:

[Qwest TV](#) is a global video hub embodying co-founder Quincy Jones' mission to inspire, educate and unite people through great music. **With roots in jazz, Qwest TV is a multi-genre service** curated by music legends and experts, placing all music on the same cultural pedestal, regardless of genre or geography. With diversity in its DNA, Qwest TV's three products – Live channels, the Qwest TV+ platform and the Education scheme – provide an accessible portal to rich cultural experiences, enabling us to connect with and understand where we come from, a key step in paving the way towards a better future. Follow Qwest TV on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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