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# Internationally Acclaimed Artist Emmanuel Jal to Perform Special Live Music & Talk Event in London

**London, UK — March 2026** — Internationally acclaimed South Sudanese musician, peace ambassador and activist **Emmanuel Jal** will appear in London for a special evening of **live music and conversation** hosted by the **Memnosyne UK Chapter Speaker Series**.

Taking place on **Thursday 26 March 2026 at The Chapel, Marylebone**, the event will offer audiences a rare opportunity to experience Emmanuel Jal in an intimate setting — combining a live performance with a conversation about his extraordinary life journey and the role of music in inspiring peace and social change.

Born in South Sudan, Jal's early childhood was shaped by the country's civil war, where he was forced into life as a child soldier before eventually escaping and rebuilding his life in Kenya. Today he is recognised worldwide as a musician, author, actor and humanitarian whose work has transformed the lives of millions.

Over a career spanning more than two decades, Jal has earned global acclaim for his distinctive fusion of **hip-hop, Afro-pop and Afrohouse**, rooted in his South Sudanese heritage and driven by messages of unity, resilience and hope. His music has taken him to some of the world's most iconic stages including **Live 8, Glastonbury Festival, Nelson Mandela's 90th Birthday Concert and performances for His Holiness the Dalai Lama**.

He has also collaborated with internationally renowned artists including **Lauryn Hill, Peter Gabriel, Nelly Furtado, Joss Stone, Ed Sheeran, Nile Rodgers and Alicia Keys**, and has released **seven award-nominated studio albums**, earning **two Juno Award nominations for Best International Album**.

The evening will open with a fireside conversation between Emmanuel Jal and **Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk**, co-founder of the Memnosyne Institute, exploring Jal's journey from war to global stages and the ways music and collaboration can support communities affected by conflict.

They will also discuss the **African Breadbasket Project**, a developing initiative created through collaboration between **GUA Africa and the Memnosyne UK Chapter**, designed to support Sudanese refugee families and local communities in East Africa through sustainable agricultural enterprises.

Following the conversation, Emmanuel Jal will take to the stage for a **live musical performance**, bringing his powerful storytelling and signature Afro-influenced sound to London audiences.

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## Event Details

**Event:** An Evening with Emmanuel Jal — Live Music & Talk

**Date:** Thursday 26 March 2026 7.30pm - 10pm

**Venue:** The Chapel, Marylebone

**Address:** 32 Welbeck Street, London W1G 8EU

Tickets: <https://memnosyneuk.co.uk/event/an-evening-with-emmanuel-jal-in-london-uk/>

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## About Emmanuel Jal

Emmanuel Jal is a South Sudanese rapper, singer, actor, activist and public speaker whose work promotes peace, reconciliation and education through music and humanitarian initiatives. Over a career spanning more than two decades he has released multiple acclaimed albums and performed on major global stages including Live 8, Glastonbury Festival and Nelson Mandela's 90th Birthday Concert.

His humanitarian work is carried out through **GUA Africa**, a charity he founded to support education and opportunity for young people affected by war and poverty.

More information:

<https://emmanueljal.com/>

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## About The Memnosyne Institute

The **Memnosyne Institute** is an international organisation dedicated to fostering dialogue, cultural understanding and collaborative solutions to global challenges. Through gatherings, research initiatives and cultural programmes, the Institute brings together leaders, artists, innovators and changemakers from around the world to explore new approaches to peacebuilding, sustainability and social transformation.

The **Memnosyne UK Chapter Speaker Series** hosts conversations, performances and events that connect global voices with audiences in the United Kingdom.

More information:

<https://www.memnosyneinstitute.org/>

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