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Dear Bathloza

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Hope you are well? Herewith a "Hidden Years Music Archive" CDR of 14's 1990 album, re-mastered for our HY Archive project (Not available commercially). You may recall that nobody would programme the album. As a tribute to 14, would radio uKhozi play a track or two? 14 will be buried in Bergville on Saturday the 16th June.

We are also trying to locate a few Maskandi musician friends – or their families. Would radio uKhozi assist us? NOISE KHANYILE'S family; JOHN GCABA; ZAMEKILE NKOMO. We do have HY Archive CDRs if you could use them.

Regards

David (Marks)

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MHLAHLIENI '14' Shabalala in St Lucia after a Maskanda concert in 2002. The South African music industry is mourning the death of this talented musician

PICTURE: DAILY NEWS ARCHIVES

Local music industry mourns '14' Shabalala

MAURICIO LANGA

THE South African music industry is mourning the death of well-known KwaZulu-Natal Maskanda musician Mhlahleni James "14" Shabalala, who died at his Bergville home after a long illness.

to Ladysmith Black Mambazo, said Shabalala had been battling liver cancer for the past six months. He died last week.

He had been nicknamed "14" Shabalala by his grandmother because he was apparently abandoned by his mother when he was 14 days old.

unique ... one of a kind and will be sorely missed by all," said Marks.

Neville Dube, "14" Shabalala's friend and adviser, said Shabalala did not get much media coverage and this was detrimental to his career.

"He used to play mainly in

David Marks, registered auditor and MORRISON MARRAS (083) 267 1200 liked his HYMA Pro company which specialised in recording and producing music for the music programme most of the Shabalala's work was done in the form of cassette tapes in music content and eventually introduced his own record label. He was a very talented and hardworking musician and a great friend of the 3rd Ear Musicians & Funders