

## Marks to record tracks via satellite

**T**RACKS for *The Hidden Years*, the debut album by local music producer and songwriter David Marks, will be recorded in Durban tomorrow, with a direct link, via digital technology, to the SABC's Radio Park Music Studios in Johannesburg.

About 50 musicians, with whom Marks has worked in his 30 years as a sound engineer, record producer and songwriter, have contributed to this 14-track album, which is expected to be released later in the year.

The digital technology that connects studios around the world has been used only twice before in South Africa - by Mango Groove, who connected from Tokyo to the SABC in Johannesburg, and on Marks's *The Hidden Years* album in January, when eight Cape Town musicians recorded from the SABC studios in Sea Point to the M5 Studios in Auckland Park, Johannesburg.

Today's recordings will feature percussionist and producer Dan Chiorboli, and David's family of musicians - his brother-in-law, singer-songwriter Len Downing; mother-in-law

and piano and choir teacher Leonie Downing; and wife Fran and daughters Lisha and Rose-Lee Marks.

Steve Fataar, Ken E Henson, Syd Kitchen and Madala Kunene will also contribute.

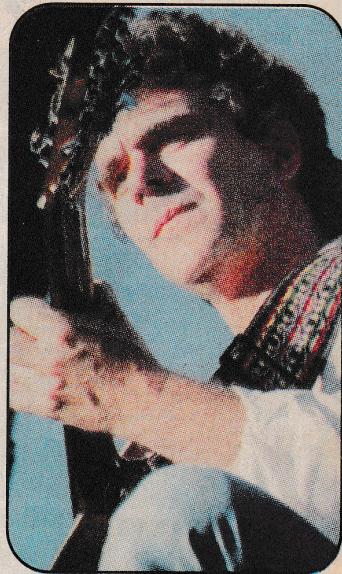
To complete the project, musicians Hugh Masakela, Manfred Mann (in London), Shawn Phillips (in Los Angeles) and, on their return from America, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, will also make guest appearances.

Others who have already contributed their talents to the album are Jennifer Ferguson, Brian Finch, Roger Lucey, Edi Niderlander, Dave Ferguson, Nico Carstens, Glenys Lynne, Ray Phiri and Johnny Meko.

Also, Colin Shamley, Anton Goosen, Joe Arthur, Tony Cox, Simba Morri, Ian Lawrence and even Evita Bezuidenhout.

The CD is being produced by 3rd Ear Music Productions.

All songs featured were composed by Marks between 1964 and 1994 and the mix includes *Mountains of Men* (1966), *Master Jack* (1968) and *Clear, Cool, Calm and Still* (1969).



**LIVE LINK:** David Marks, who will record locally tomorrow, with a link to studios in Gauteng.