



This is my beat

# Brian, Kenny are riding the crest of a wave

Imaginative mood music written by two Durban musicians, Brian Finch and Kenny Henson, may be released on an album in America soon.

Demand for the music has been building up since the surfing film, "Playgrounds in Paradise," was released in 35 cinemas in California, and was hailed as a surfing masterpiece.

## Impressed

Brian and Kenny were asked to write a couple of songs for the film. The director, Alan Rich, was so impressed with the numbers that he used the whole of Brian's previous album as the soundtrack.

Now that the film has taken off in one part of America, Rich has invited Brian to go over next month to help get more things underway.

"Playgrounds in Paradise," which features champion South African surf artist Shaun Thomson, was filmed on location in Durban, Hawaii and Australia.

Derek Hannan. WEA



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## Pop Scene

managing director, said he gave the musicians a budget and studio time and they virtually recorded the album on a shoestring.

Last night Derek was on the line to Warners in Burbank, California, and there's a chance of the album going on public sale in America soon.

The album will also be showcased during WEA's international convention in Johannesburg next month with the distinct possibility of it being released in other major territories.

WEA is a relatively new company on the South African record scene, but since its inception in Oc-

tober 1975 it has had a dramatic effect on the business.

Sixteen singles and two albums have reached gold disc status; Malomba has again exploded in America and Europe with its tight, ethnic sounds; various artists have had singles released in countries around the world.

WEA recently acquired the distribution for Rabbitt's future work and plans are afoot to break a new "Soweto Sound" on the world market.

As reported exclusively in Tonight! this week, Richard Jon Smith, one of South Africa's most dynamic black producers, has been hired by WEA to mould the trend in Soweto today of jazz, American soul, rock and traditional music.