

Colin Sham/ey

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Singer-songwriter Colin Shamley has long been regarded as the thinking man's songwriter on the campuses and club circuit throughout SA as well as parts of the USA. Colin's early beginnings as an entertainer were forged in the tough late-night environs of the coffee bar circuit where his interest in both music and poetry came together. Finding that the songs of the time didn't reflect what he was feeling, he began to write his own songs and worked regularly six nights a week alongside the name acts of the time - Des and Dawn, Ian and Ritchie, Mel and Mel, Dave Marks and Mike Dickman. Using Johannesburg as a base, be played in all the major cities at major folk fests and Free Peoples Concerts.

An introduction to film producer Emil Nofal led to Colin writing the theme music for the controversial film 'Katrina' and shortly afterwards Cornelia Möller used six of Colin's songs on one of her albums. International names like the Everly Brothers, The New Christy Minstrels and the late Phil Ochs invited Colin to join them in the United States, but Colin the songwriter was fast becoming Colin the performer and was one of the few who could tour South Africa on the strength of his reputation, and with only word of mouth advertising and without the support of radio and television exposure.

Part of Colin Shamley's unique appeal is his use of diverse characters in his songs. His world of kleptomaniacs. homosexuals and dreamers was frowned upon by the Establishment but gave to Colin's songs a theatricality that led to him becoming involved in various theatrical productions in Johannesburg with Barney Simon and also in Cape Town with the famous Space Theatre. His interest in the American recording industry prompted him to go to the US where he performed at some of the internationally known clubs in New York and its environs, New Jersey and Stockbridge, Mass., but it became clear to him during that time that what he had to sing about was meant for South Africa. On returning to SA Colin formed a group called Boot which was highly successful and with the aid of David Marks and private backing, put together an album featuring a cross section of his songs. The album 'Born Guilty' did not receive the airplay it needed, but nonetheless has become a collector's

Colin also took part in the Des and Dawn production 'Lennon' and more recently has made highly successful appearances at open-air concerts and folk fests in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. A born story teller, Colin is writing great songs and is a vital voice commenting on South Africa today who will keep you hanging on his every word

item.



Colin will sing songs from the list below:

Off "Born Guilty" Album:

The Dancer
Col@nial Man
Summerville Station
Babys' Trip
Looking Back-

Vague Sketches Poolroom Regrets I Can't Go On Dirty Weekend

## Others:

Bangles Hung On You No One Comes Around Katrina's Theme At The Waterfront Judy Marigold Intimate Strangers Tell The Doctor Alright Now She's Got Money Big City Lady Jayne Barroom Sono Amsterdam Never Had A Home Down On The Farm The Only Man Little One Station Commander Isn't Life Dangerous Bring Back The Good Times

Coke Machine A Lesson Detties Song Woman's Song Poppy Day Night Sounds Riddle Sona Happy Acres (Rock) God Gave Me Old Mans Goodbye The "I Like" Sona Blind Man Running Wild Mad Annie Taurus Moon -On The Road So Long The DJ Song Cabin By The River Rasputin (Inst) Memo (random) Friend



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