

RHYTHM & DUES

Glimpses of South
African roots & rock



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Is about...

- ▶ The state of popular music in South Africa. It takes the viewer beyond the vinyl of the local music scene, on a lightning trip from the energy of rock concerts, to the big business of selling records, to the awesome headquarters of the national broadcasting corporation. It is a blend of interviews right across the musical spectrum: musicians, music writers, industry executives, SABC hierarchy, producers, managers; and stunning live footage from township concerts to the Johannesburg club scene. Bands featured include Harari, Peach, Steve Kekana, the Asylum Kids, Radio Rats and National Wake.
- ▶ Rhythm and Dues is based on research done by former Sunday Times rock columnist Muff Andersson for her book Music in the Mix, published by Ravan Press, and tries to show that there is an enormous amount of untapped talent in South Africa. It looks at possible reasons for this: the role of radio and record companies, and argues that our musicians have paid their 'dues' in effort and talent, but aren't 'getting their dues' by way of support. But its central purpose is simply to introduce the viewer to the exciting and vibrant world of South African roots and rock.

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Aims to...

- ▶ Spark interest in local music in all its forms. It is not a profit-making venture, and is being shown on a commercial basis only until production costs have been recouped. It aims to be controversial in order to stimulate interest, and does not pretend to be comprehensive or definitive. Rather, it is seen as a possible starting point for fresh, independent looks at this and other aspects of South African culture, and criticisms will be welcomed by the producers. Rhythm and Dues also aims to expose local acts whose access to media publicity is otherwise limited.

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Was made by...

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