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LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO: BUSY SCHEDULE FOR TOP SA GROUP

Top veteran SA exports - Ladysmith Black Mambazo - are still enjoying a tremendously busy schedule here and abroad.

They are in Durban for a short spell to participate in Dave Marks' ambitious "The Hidden Years" album in which he features artists from his long and distinguished career in the music industry. Ladysmith Black Mambazo feature on two songs contributing their distinctive harmonies to the album.

Thanks to the brilliance of modern technology, the group are able to record their contribution to the album from an SABC studio in Durban, via a digital fibre-optic cable connection to Dave Marks in an SABC studio in Auckland Park. The multi-track recording was laid beforehand in Johannesburg - in excess of 48 tracks were used.

This will be Dave's first CD after having been involved "backstage" in the music industry since the sixties. It is anticipated that the album will be the first of a variety of CDs which will showcase the talents of unsung SA musicians from the past 20 years. The Hidden Years album is expected for release around June.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo are also working on a soon-to-be-released album featuring the talents of Dolly Parton and Bonny Raitt.

The group has just returned from a hectic three-month tour of 16 cities within Canada and the United States.

From snow-bound Canada the group will be performing in KZN at the annual Splashy Fen music festival in the foothills of the Drakensberg. They will be playing on Saturday May 3 on the majestic open-air amphitheatre.

Splashy Fen is the country's foremost folk and acoustic festival which takes place from May 1 - 4 in Underberg. Booking for Splashy in through Computicket.

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