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-JOHNNY CLEGG - THE MUSIC AND THE DANCE

The world of Johnny Clegg is one of music and dance that defied and pierced the breastbone of Apartheid South Africa. It's a seamless fusion of Zulu melodic traditions and English lyrics.

In a celebration of this compelling combination, Clegg is poised to perform **Johnny Clegg - The Music and The Dance** at the Nelson Mandela Theatre at the Civic Theatre, from 31st October to 3rd November.

The show will feature an acoustic 'unplugged' set, which will see old favourites given a new acoustic flavour while building to the heart-thumping finale, which will feature a full ensemble set complete with an array of traditional dance. The show returns full circle to the inspiration for Clegg's music in the hostels and roof-top shabeens of Johannesburg, at a time when even making music was considered a crime

This exciting concert will give old and new audiences a chance to gear themselves up for the new Clegg experience with a Juluka album due out in December and his solo album, called simply Johnny Clegg, scheduled for release early next year.

Apart from the recent impromptu performance at WOMAD in Benoni, Clegg's five-year absence from the concert scene in Johannesburg has been keenly felt by fans.

As an ambassador for South Africa Clegg has more than played his part, receiving far-reaching international acclaim; often for the qualities embodied in his music – harmony and understanding. In 1988 he was the recipient of the Mayor's Office of Los Angeles Award: For the promotion of racial harmony and Le Victoire French Music Industry Award for the biggest International record album sold in France between 1987 and 1988. In 1989 he was made an Honorary Citizen of the town of Angouleme, France, followed by the French Music Industry Award for the biggest selling African record album in France. The Chevalier des Arts et Lettres (Knight of Arts and Letters) from the French Government in 1991 preceded a Billboard Music Award Best World Music Album in '94.

Since his last performance in Johannesburg Clegg has been actively involved in enough projects to keep even the hardest workaholic busy. An internationally funded AIDS awareness project, a performance for the royal family in Norway, two sold out shows at the Hammersmith Odeon in London and a tour to Burma and Thailand have kept him on the road, and his music in the spotlight. In addition to his international work he has been involved in producing music for documentaries, not the least of which is Jane Goodall's highly anticipated documentary on the Great Family of Man.

But even with such a demanding schedule, fans can expect a resurgence of Johnny Clegg's music in South Africa with the two new albums set to hit the shelves soon.

Once outlawed and reviled by authorities, Clegg's enduring contribution to South African music has weathered the turbulent past and helped mould the future.

Be a part of the legacy as Clegg revisits the beauty of Juluka and Savuka, the groups whose passion for music superceded fears of oppression.

Catch this memorable event from Wednesday 31st October to Saturday 3rd November, at 20h00 each evening.

Tickets are available from R60 to R120 seated.

Booking now open at TicketWeb on www.ticketweb.co.za