



“Two venerable acts from the townships of South Africa will make up one of the best world-music double bills in recent memory.” JAZZ CORNER

United in their South African heritage, Grammy Award winning vocal group **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** and Zulu-pop crossover artist **Johnny Clegg** have recently hit the road together in a series of hugely successful shows across North America. In a very special evening celebrating years of camaraderie between these fine musicians, audiences are treated to a fun-filled Ladysmith Black Mambazo performance, followed by a stellar set by Johnny Clegg and his band.

Since Paul Simon’s *Graceland* catapulted **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** to worldwide fame, the three-time Grammy Award winning vocal group has introduced South African culture to a global audience through lively, inspiring performances. “It isn’t merely the grace and power of their dancing or the beauty of their singing that rivets the attention, but the sheer joy and love that emanates from their being,” says Simon. Assembled in the early 1960s, the group took the name Ladysmith Black Mambazo – Ladysmith (the name of founder Joseph Shabalala’s hometown); Black (a reference to oxen, the strongest of farm animals); Mambazo (the Zulu word for axe).

One of South Africa’s most celebrated sons, **Johnny Clegg** is a singer, a songwriter, a dancer, anthropologist, and a musical activist whose infectious crossover music, a vibrant blend of Western pop and African Zulu rhythms, has exploded onto the international scene and broken through several barriers in his own country. In the past three decades, Clegg has sold over five million albums and wowed vast audiences with his audacious live shows. He’s won a number of national and international awards for both his music and his outspoken views on apartheid. In France, where he enjoys a massive following, he is fondly called Le Zulu Blanc – the white Zulu.

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