

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a popular South African group also known for working on Paul Simon's "Graceland" album, will perform Saturday, Aug. 4 as part of the Oregon Zoo's summer concert series.

Zoo Brings Sounds of South Africa

Celebrated musicians break racial barriers

Two venerable acts from the townships of South Africa will make up one of the best world-music double bills in recent memory on Saturday, Aug. 4, when the Johnny Clegg Band and Ladysmith Black Mambazo play at the Oregon Zoo's summer concert series, presented by Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon with support from U.S. Bank and Toyota.

Clegg, a white Englishman who grew up in several African coun-

tries, is one of South Africa's most celebrated musicians, having sold more than 5 million albums worldwide over a career spanning four decades.

An outspoken critic of apartheid, Clegg joined forces with Zulu musician Sipho Mchunu in 1969 to form Juluka, South Africa's first widely popular mixed-race band. His vibrant blend of folky western pop and Zulu rhythms made him a huge star on the international scene and helped break down racial barriers in his own country.

A cappella group, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has also been ambassadors for their homeland. Though not widely known out-

side of South Africa prior to working on Paul Simon's landmark "Graceland" album in 1986, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has enjoyed a prolific recording career since the early '70s, releasing more than 50 albums.

The group's first U.S. release, "Shaka Zulu," was produced by Simon and won the 1987 Grammy Award for best traditional folk recording. Since then, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has been nominated for a dozen more Grammys, winning twice.

Tickets for the Aug. 4 concert are \$28 and can be purchased at the zoo during normal operating hours, and at all Ticketmaster outlets.

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