



LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO



Timeline

1964	1970	1986	1991	1994
Ladysmith Black Mambazo is formed by Joseph Shabalala	First radio broadcast of a Ladysmith Black Mambazo song	The group travel to London and record songs for the world-famous album 'Graceland' with Paul Simon	Apartheid in South Africa ends	They perform at Nelson Mandela's birthday

Key Songs

Nomathemba	1973 - This means 'Mother of Hope' and was their first hit single.
Homeless	1986 - From the 'Graceland' album recorded with Paul Simon.
Diamonds on the Soles of her Shoes	1986 - Another song from the 'Graceland' album recorded with Paul Simon.
Inkanyezi Nezaz	1997 - Written in 1992 but became famous after featuring on a Heinz Beans advert. It got to number 2 in the UK charts.
Long Walk to Freedom	2006 - A song about the struggles of apartheid.



DID YOU KNOW?



Ladysmith Black Mambazo have made over 50 albums and are South Africa's best-selling musicians. They continue to perform shows around the world.

The Importance of Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Music Style

The group sing without musical instruments (a cappella) and they have a performance style which is a mixture of traditional South African Zulu songs and South African dance moves.

Apartheid in South Africa

Apartheid was a system in place in South Africa, which started in 1948, that separated people based on their race and skin colour. Apartheid finally ended in 1991 shortly after the release of Nelson Mandela from prison.

Famous Events

Graceland

Famous American musician Paul Simon travelled to the capital of South Africa (Johannesburg) to play and record music with Ladysmith. It was very difficult due to apartheid, so he invited them to record with him in London.

Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela felt that everyone deserved to be treated the same, regardless of their skin colour. He wanted people to protest against the unfair laws and he was placed in prison in 1963. When he was released in 1994, apartheid ended. He became the first black president of South Africa.