

About VUKANI MAWETHU

(Now in our 21st Year!)

VUKANI MAWETHU is a nonprofit multiracial choir which sings the freedom songs of Southern Africa, primarily of South Africa in Zulu, Xhosa, Sotho, and English, and also gospel, spirituals, labor and civil rights songs linking peoples in the U.S., South Africa, and around the world.

Formed in 1986 by the late great James Madhlope Phillips, an ANC union and cultural organizer, for a major concert at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, we are united by our strong opposition to racism and apartheid and by our love of the rhythms and melodies which have grown out of century-long struggles for freedom.

VUKANI MAWETHU has continued to sing out against racism and injustice whenever and wherever possible--from small AIDS rallies, homeless shelters or prisons, to performing directly behind Nelson Mandela before 78,000 at the Oakland Coliseum in June 1990, and throughout the cities and townships of South Africa on a dynamic cultural tour in July-August 1997.

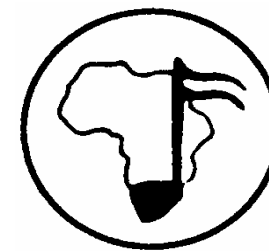
VUKANI MAWETHU is proud to have contributed to the international effort to bring about democratic elections for all the people of South Africa, and to have often been called "the spirit of the movement" and "cultural ambassadors of good will."

Through our singing, VUKANI MAWETHU raises funds for AIDS/HIV projects we support, primarily in the townships of South Africa, as well as some in the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Area. We continue to entertain and to sing out for all those who have suffered under racism and oppression here at home and around the world.

Now in our 21st year, VUKANI MAWETHU is raising funds for a return trip, in July-August 2008, to bring funds to AIDS projects we support in South Africa. As our goal is to raise \$150,000 for this purpose, any and all contributions are most appreciated. *Amandla!*

A sample of the variety of VUKANI MAWETHU performances...

- NELSON MANDELA 1990 U.S. INT'L. TOUR, OAKLAND COLISEUM
- CULTURAL TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIES & TOWNSHIPS-1997
- BISHOP DESMOND TUTU, GRACE CATHEDRAL, San Francisco
- SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE'S 4TH OF JULY EXTRAVAGANZAS
- TIME-WARNER AUDIOBOOK , Mandela's Long Walk To Freedom
- FESTIVAL AT THE LAKE, Lake Merritt, Oakland
- CALISTOGA CONCERT SERIES, JACK LONDON SQUARE, Oakland
- OAKLAND SYMPHONY CHORUS' "FESTIVAL OF VOICES"
- Bay Area Rapid Transit'S MLK "Unity Through Diversity" Program
- United Nations' Symposium On Cultural Boycott, Los Angeles
- Oxfam's Hunger Banquet & World Festival, San Francisco
- Vanguard 21st Anniversary Celebration, San Francisco
- Pacific School Of Religion's `Western States Conference'
- World Affairs Council Honors So.Afr. Amb. Franklin Sonn
- Lawyers Comittee For Urban Affairs Milk, Jr. Luncheon
- Senior Exposition '93, Oakland
- Ebony Museum Of Art's Dubois Lecture By Dr. Cornell West
- Temple Sinai Sabbath Service, Oakland
- Reggae Explosion, San Francisco
- Gospel Festivals & Women's Crafts Festivals
- International Drumming Festival, Watts Towers, Los Angeles
- Lesbian Gay Freedom Day Rallies, San Francisco
- Western Workers Heritage Festivals
- Peace Corps Annual Conference & Receptions
- Cazadero (Family) Music Camp
- Spirit Of Africa Festival, Santa Cruz
- Western States Regional Southern Africa Conference
- San Francisco Free Folk Music Festival
- Point Arena Renaissance Theatre
- Bread & Roses Performances (Homeless Shelters, Halfway Houses, Prisons)
- United Farm Workers' "No Grapes Week" Banquet
- Laney College's Graduation & "Unity Day" Celebration
- A Tribute To Our Elders/Our Sisters, Berkeley
- Juneteenth & Kwanzaa Celebrations
- "A Tribute To The People Of Haiti"
- International Indian Treaty Council And Aim Benefit
- Peoples' Weekly World Banquet With Chris Hani
- Memorials For Chris Hani, Oliver Tambo, Johnnie Makatini
- Aids Benefits & Hundreds of other Benefits for various causes
- Kimball's East - Vukani's CD Release Party



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People Arise! (In Zulu)

For more information, to arrange a performance, to make a donation, or for sales of Vukani items,

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Vukani Mawethu Recordings and Products for sale:



New release (May 2006) of Vukani Mawethu's full-length CD, "Ukuthula/Peace" (in Zulu) includes 2 new bonus songs (\$15).

Other Recordings:

"People Arise" (new released full-length CD) @ \$15

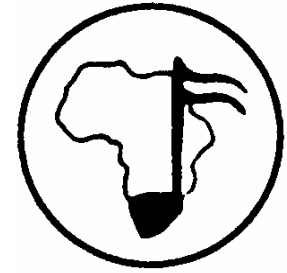
Special 20th Anniv. Double-Disc CD Set, includes both "Ukuthula" and "People Arise" CDs @ \$25

"Sizongena" (Emmy-award winning) DVD @ \$20

"Singing for a Cure" (CD Single) @ \$5 min. don.

Also available,

Vukani tee- & sweat-shirts, totebags, baseball caps, buttons, and authentic ballots from the 1994 South African elections



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