

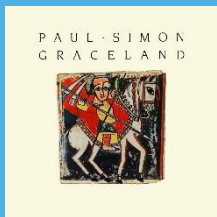
Ladysmith Black Mambazo has performed at many important events. The group sang when South African leaders Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk received Nobel Peace Prizes in 1993.



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In 1986, the group performed with the American singer Paul Simon on his album Graceland. Use the QR code to listen to Diamonds On The Soles Of Her Shoes.



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Ladysmith Black Mambazo



Ladysmith Black Mambazo is an all-male singing group from South Africa. The group's music is known and loved all over the world.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo's style of singing and dancing is called *isicathamiya*. In this style, the singing is a cappella, or without instruments. The words are typically in Zulu or English.

The musician Joseph Shabalala founded the group in 1964. He named the group after his hometown, Ladysmith, in South Africa. Then he added the word black to stand for black bulls, which are said to be the strongest bulls on a farm. Finally, he added mambazo, which means "ax." The ax is a symbol of the group cutting down its competition.

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Use the QR code to listen to Ladysmith Black Mambazo sing the South African National anthem: Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika.



