

# AFRICAN HARMONIES

### SIYABONGA - WE THANK YOU

Insingizi

This extraordinary trio from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, offers uplifting performances filled with harmonious a cappella singing, traditional chants, hand percussion, and superb choreography. Their songs possess a gentleness and honesty that stir the soul, conveying a wide range of challenges facing people today. Insingizi's music is filled with hope, optimism and faith.

Their first CD 'Voices of Southern Africa' sold more than 250,000 copies (Two hundred and fifty thousand) in North America and was certified 'Gold'. Such success has not been without hard work and relentless effort. To support their albums, Insingizi has been busy since the release of the first album, touring extensively with their many projects that include MoZuluArt, Hans Theessink band and their solo projects.

The group's success has caught the eye of renowned music critics and in March 2010, Insingizi were rewarded with the "Prix France Musique du Monde 2010" (Radio France World Music Award) at the Babel Med World Music Forum in Marseille, France.

As testimony to their growing influence and unique masterpieces, Insingizi's music has been featured on various documentary films on TV stations that include the BBC (UK), ORF (Austria), ARD (Germany), PBS (USA) and ARTE (France) to mention but a few.

Wherever Insingizi appear, the purity of their vocal interplay is overwhelmingly beautiful, the lyric is ultimately hopeful, and the inherent tone of their message is true to their spiritual beliefs. Put simply, an evening with Insingizi is a sure recipe for a truly inspirational experience.

More info: www.insingizi.net

**Siyabonga** is an IsiNdebele word meaning 'We thank you'.

This album is dedicated to all the people who have been there with and for us from the beginning. It's been a tough, exciting, emotional journey but you all stuck with us no matter what. We are grateful for the gift of music.

We thank God for blessing us with these talents. We thank our families and extendedfamilyforencouragingusand cheering us on. We thank our fans for all the support they have given us. We thank all the promoters and venues who hosted us and gave us the chance to showcase our talent over the years. We thank ARC Music Productions International for giving us our first record contract.

Last but not least we thank YOU for buying this CD!

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#### 1. AFRICA

Africa, we are proud of you. You are the backbone of the world and we are proud to be your sons, Mama Africa.

#### 2. BASITSHELILE

It is important to know where we come from in order for us to know where we are going. Let's be proud of our own cultural heritage and teach the younger generations the same.

#### 3. BOM BOM JEYZ

Music and dance are part of us and we were born with it in our blood. There might be many musical styles in the world but we pride ourselves in the music of our forefathers who gave birth to most of the musical styles people listen to today.

#### 4. IMILAYO

This is a plea to you, my child. Please stay away from bad influences and wrong crowds. If you respect people they will respect you too. Respect life and it will respect you, and lastly always respect God because he is the creator.

#### 5. LADUMA

Let's not wait for the mountain to come to us, let's go to it. After that, let's go to the river to be baptised in the name of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

#### 6. PAMELA

When I was poor, I asked you to be my girlfriend and you refused. Now that things are looking good and I am doing well, you start coming to me. I am sorry, Pamela, but I have moved on with my life and please, move on as well and forget about me.

#### 7. SENGIGUGILE

You have done all sorts of jobs in search of money. Don't forget that life is more important than all the material things money can buy. Now retire and live life, and remember that love is a healer.

#### 8. SUGAR DADDY

AIDS is a deadly epidemic. Let's teach our children to respect themselves and to take care of themselves in order for them to live a healthy life without contracting deadly diseases like HIV-AIDS.

#### 9. UMKHULEKO

No matter how hard or difficult the situation might seem, kneel down and pray. Prayer changes everything.

#### 10. Umusa wakho

We bow down to You and give all our enemies and temptations to You. We are hopeful that we will be victorious with love and humility. With Your love and blessing we will travel all over the world and share our talents with the world.

#### **11. VUMA**

It is your duty to revive our nation so that we move forward. Please take the responsibility and make sure that our culture and values are guided and monitored in a good way.

#### 12. YAHAMBA INTOMBI

My girl is gone and I am left alone. I pity my children who will grow up without a mother. Who are they going to say 'mama' to? Please come back and try to solve our issues because our children need you.

#### 13. **ZULA LELIZWE**

The economy in this land is not getting better. It's time to travel and find a better place, before I get into trouble with the law.



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