

STILL BLACK, STILL PROUD

AN AFRICAN TRIBUTE TO JAMES BROWN



AFRICA GAVE BIRTH TO THE BLUES.
BLUES BEGAT JAZZ.
JAZZ SPAWNED FUNK. AND FUNK ...
WAS, IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE
JAMES BROWN!

As a cornerstone of James Browns seminal line-up in the late 60s, **Pee Wee Ellis** was musical director and composer of 26 James Brown songs helping lay down the foundations of funk.

In the 70s this musical evolution came full circle as a generation of **African artists** were moved to the groove by the Godfather of Funk. To celebrate this legacy the legendary **Pee Wee Ellis** has formed a pan-continental soul/funk/african super-group project:

Still Black, Still Proud™.

“...highly skilled purveyors of pleasure.”

Blues & Soul Magazine

The repertoire will include classics like 'Cold Sweat', 'Say It Loud, I'm Black And I'm Proud', 'Gonna Have A Funky Good Time', 'Pass The Peas' and other classic James Brown hits plus new songs composed with African artists and material from their own catalogues.

When we started this outstanding production in 2008 it filled the venues and caused a sensation from the very start and turned out to become the highlight of some major European festivals.

The line-up for Summer 2009 is now confirmed with special guests
**The legendary Mahotella Queens, Martha High
and UK Hip Hop innovater Ty**

The Mahotella Queens



South Africa's legendary Mahotella Queens: Hilda Tloubatla, Nobesuthu Mbadu and Mildred Mangxola are indeed queens - The Mahotella Queens - 3 doyennes, who since the mid-sixties, have been singing, dancing and selling-out shows worldwide.

What is still making them so special ... Maybe 40-plus years of performing together, that makes it seem that these sisters have been doing it forever! As

Hilda says:

"I guess we are true musicians – born musicians – we're talented! We've got the spirit of true musicians, hence we know how to go about a song... how to do a song, like with "Town Hall" [a song we know how to sing]... & people ask, how do you do it, how do you start, cos we don't see anyone doing a sign to say now we're going to do this...? Its in us... we've been together for a long time, hence we know exactly what to do.."



Martha High

was JAMES BROWN's long term vocalist for over 30 years and sang on most of his albums throughout the 60's, 70's and 80's. Indeed, this Platinum Blond Funky Diva appeared on many masterpieces such as PAYBACK, BODYHEAT, DOIN' IT TO DEATH and on the unforgettable duet with James Brown, SUMMERTIME.



Ty

is one of UK Black music's true innovators and popularisers. He's been making music and pushing boundaries for the last 10 years. With 3 albums, a Mercury Music nomination and countless guest appearances under his belt with the likes of Tony Allen, De La Soul, Damon Albarn, Terri Walker, Scratch Perverts, Pee Wee Ellis, Afro Reggae and Estelle.

A legend in the making.



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