



Hedzoleh Soundz

Hedzoleh Soundz, the internationally acclaimed West African Highlife group, has performed with Hugh Masekela, Santana, the Pointer Sisters, Ali Farka Toure, Babatunde Olatunju, Mongo Santamaria, Abbey Lincoln, Freddie Hubbard and others. In the early 1970's, South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela experienced the creative genius of Hedzoleh Soundz. Recognizing the band's unique style, he subsequently recorded two albums featuring Hedzoleh Soundz. "Hugh Masekela Introduces Hedzoleh Soundz", and "I am not Afraid" exposed the group to hungry audiences in Australia, West Africa, Germany, France, and the United States. Drawing upon the rhythmic traditions of their native Ghana, Hedzoleh Soundz combines traditional African and contemporary western instrumentation. Their unique African sound blends songs in Ghanaian languages with a style that has become known as "West African Highlife". Highlife or "kolomashie" music had its beginnings centuries ago along the coast of Ghana, where fishermen created a distinct rhythmic style of percussion. This traditional percussive style blended with the instrumentation of American Jazz and Latin music to become what is known today as Highlife. Hedzoleh Soundz, the original West African Highlife band, sparked the spread of the infectious dance beat throughout the continent of Africa. Europe too, was taken with the captivating pulse of this talented group. Hedzoleh Soundz emerged as the premier group, returning this popular music to its roots by incorporating traditional instruments and attire in their stellar performances. Hedzoleh Soundz continues to explore the universal message of inner peace through their original compositions. Whether performing on tour, presenting workshops, or sharing their talent and vision through schools and community centers, Hedzoleh Soundz remains a legendary inspiration to audiences worldwide.



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