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#### Johnny Clegg Honoured with an OBE in Recognition of His Contribution to Democracy in South Africa

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Clegg has been performing in South Africa and abroad for over 30 years, and is well-known for songs like "Scatterlings of Africa" and "Great Heart". His nusic was banned and restricted by apartheid South Africa for it's subversive message, and he continues to be an important voice for freedom and equality.

SA People featured a story on Clegg's award: According to British High Commissioner to South Africa, Judith Macgregor, the award is a "recognition of Johnny's unique services to the Arts, vulnerable people and children and to democracy in South Africa."

As reported by SAPeople in June, when Johnny heard he was to be awarded, the 62-year-old described the news as a "tremendous moment" and said the award reenergiseshis dreams and commitments to South Africa in a "very special way" Complete article: SA People

Clegg was one of the extraordinary South Africans featured in 21 Icons by Adrian Steirn and Harriet Pratten



Read his profile from the 21 Icons site here:

Johnny Clegg looks like your dad. He is an unassuming white guy who wears reading glasses, and speaks with the considered eloquence of a thinker, a man of letters. Then he will do something to turn that perception upside down. He'll jump up and dance – not the way your dad does – like a Zulu warrior. Or he'll start to sing. His is a voice that does more than resonate. It's loud, deep, and full of soul. It's a voice that carries, inspires, and has been heard all over the world. When he sings he is sincere in a way that lacks any self-consciousness, but it's not an earnestness that can be easily mocked. He's too relaxed, too confident on stage - just too good at what he does

He's not someone who can be reduced to any singular definition. Adding another layer of complexity is the fact that the initial impression of Clegg as a bookish intellectual is not inaccurate. He's an anthropologist by training, and once taught at Wits University in Johannesburg. He's published research papers on Zulu dance and music, and has visited and lectured at Dartmouth College in the USA.

Clegg was born in Lancashire, England, and moved to South Africa with his parents. His interest in anthropology, as well as his musical style, can be traced back to when, as a child, Clegg was taken by his father, who was a crime reporter, into the townships of Johannesburg on assignment.

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