

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 8:00pm

This is the 919th concert in Koerner Hall

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For over 50 years, South Africa's five-time Grammy Award winner, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, has warmed the hearts of audiences worldwide with their uplifting vocal harmonies, signature dance moves, and charming onstage banter. With a deep respect for both their cultural and personal history, Ladysmith Black Mambazo is ever-evolving with an eye toward a long musical legacy. Since the world discovered their powerful a cappella vocals from Paul Simon's *Graceland* album, the original members have welcomed a younger generation in their mission, passing along the tradition of storytelling and spreading a message of peace, love, and harmony to millions of people the world over. The younger members, led by the four sons of group founder Joseph Shabalala, who joined the group almost 25 years ago, have infused the group with a youthful energy and the promise of a bright future. It was Nelson Mandela who anointed the group "South Africa's cultural ambassadors to the world," a designation the members carry with them with the highest honour. In 2017, the group released two albums that both were nominated for Grammy Awards, a first for a world music group. On *Songs of Peace & Love For Kids & Parents*, Ladysmith Black Mambazo shares their uplifting message with audiences of all ages through their music and the stories behind the songs. Their second album of 2017, *Shaka Zulu Revisited*, celebrated the 30th anniversary of their first Grammy Award-winning album, and fittingly won Best World Music Album in 2018.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo made its Royal Conservatory debut on February 14, 2017.