

Dr Hugh celebrates with song

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GLOBALLY renowned musician Hugh Masekela broke into song after he received an honorary doctorate at the University of KwaZulu-Natal yesterday.

Addressing students at the ceremony, Masekela, whose anti-apartheid anthem, *Bring home Nelson Mandela* in 1986 became a rallying cry around the world, urged students to “consider a number of issues in restoring the excellence of African heritage back into our lives without abandoning the best elements of what we inherited from the western world”.

He called for a careful examination of the true history of our continent, the prioritisation of the study of mother tongues and a return to praise poetry as the universal genealogy of African people.

The university awarded him its highest honour, Doctor of Music (*honoris causa*), in recognition of his contribution to the music industry.

After being capped by acting chancellor Professor Bala Pillay, the Grammy award winner joined the band on stage for a rousing rendition of *Khawuleza*, one of his popular songs, which got the crowd singing and dancing. – TMG Digital/The Times



HIGHEST HONOUR: Hugh Masekela after receiving his honorary doctorate in music at UKZN

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