



Tidal Waves joins BakTu Musik after a relationship that was build over a few years ago with BakTu Musik director, Tumi Peter. However, it took about 3 years again before Tumi Peter could meet with the band that he once worked with. The reunion and catch-up session with band leader, Zakes Wulana resulted in the two gentlemen deciding to work together again...

Tidal Waves are widely regarded as the hardest working reggae band in South Africa, playing gigs from Oppikoppi to Pretoria, Cape Town to Potchefstroom. Originally from Klerksdorp, a small dustbowl gold mining town about two hours South of Johannesburg, the band is now based in Yeoville, Jozi.

Tidal Waves is made up of four very gifted musicians, the core of the group is held together by Jacob 'Zakes' Wulana on keyboard, guitar, harmonica and vocals and Sam 'Drumbo' Shoai on drums and vocals. Shadrack "Charlie" Mathopa is on the bass and Jaco Mans wields the guitar.

Their performances are always highly energetic and the band plays regularly in Johannesburg and Pretoria as well as touring and gigging in Cape Town and smaller dorps around the country. The band has also played at the Oppikoppi Music festival, South Africa's premier live music festival, for many years. Internationally, Tidal Waves have taken their original music to Mozambique, Swaziland and as far abroad as New Zealand Germany, USA. They have recently returned from a rocking tour of Europe where they played the Pukkelpop festival in Belgium, as

well as a packed schedule of medium sized venues across Belgium and Italy.

'Tidal Waves played a steaming and catching reggae set at this year's Pukkelpop Festival in Belgium. It was amazing to see how they pulled a fully crowded tent at an alternative festival at the same time as Nick Cave was playing, and got all the people to dance. They really represented the good and bad sides of South Africa with their warm and sunny, but also political music. Off stage we greatly appreciated these 100% pure people.'

At every gig you will hear the chant: "Original music for original people!"

Watch Tidal Waves doing a live acoustic set in studio:

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