

CD RELEASE

NAMIBIAN TALES

KALAHARI ENCOUNTERS

A year after the release of their highly successful debut album *Itaala* – which was voted “Best World Music Album Produced in the Netherlands”, *Namibian Tales* return with an exciting new project. Whereas *Itaala* was a reflection of vocalist Shishani exploring her Namibian roots for the first time in music, *Kalahari Encounters* is the result of an intense collaboration of the band with musicians from the Kalahari desert.

With *Kalahari Encounters* *Namibian Tales* not only pay homage to the unique cultural heritage of the San – often referred to as Bushmen – but also enter into a musical dialogue with these people, who have lived in present day Namibia and its surrounding countries since time immemorial.

While doing extensive fieldwork in the Kalahari desert, Shishani and percussionist Sjahin During were struck by the beauty and intricate complexity of traditional San singing and clapping, which inspired them to develop new repertoire for a collaboration between the Amsterdam-based quartet and four ‘grandmothers’ from the //Xao /oba village in the Kalahari desert. *Kalahari Encounters* is the outcome of this unique collaboration, recorded at a live performance that took place at the Warehouse Theatre in Namibia’s capital city in June 2017.

Instead of making an effort to preserve ‘pure’ tradition, *Kalahari Encounters* is an exploration of completely new musical territory, respecting local tradition while blending it with musical inspiration gathered elsewhere.

It’s a movie for the ears, involving the whole body and transporting the listener to a wondrous world of great beauty and depth, a world where the rarely heard

vocal harmonies and intricate clapping of the San merge seamlessly with sonic warmth, tight ensemble playing and rhythmic drive provided by the quartet.

Namibian Tales “Kalahari Encounters”

live at Warehouse Theater Namibia¹

JU/'HOANSI SINGERS

N!ae Komtsa - vocals

Seg//ae N!ani - vocals

Baqu Kha//an - vocals

//Ao N!ani - vocals

Shishani - vocals & guitar

Debby Korfmacher - kora, mbira & vocals

Bence Huszar - cello

Afron Nyambali - bass

Sjahin During - percussion set

CD release tour will be in Europe in the summer of 2018 (tba)

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A homage to the San.
The oldest inhabitants of southern Africa,
nomads of the Kalahari.

