

# ***JANE GOODALL'S WILD CHIMPANZEES***

## **Music Fact Sheet**

### **Johnny Clegg**

The unique, energetic music of *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees* is the work of English-born singer/guitarist Johnny Clegg. Drawing from his experiences growing up in the turmoil of South Africa, Clegg writes lyrics and music that tell stories of cultural values and needs.

Born in Manchester, England in the 1950s, Johnny Clegg's family relocated to South Africa where he grew up being influenced by Zulu street musicians. As Clegg grew older, his interest in the Zulu culture – especially the dance and music – also grew. As a young man in the mid 1970s, Clegg teamed up with Siphon Mchunu to form South Africa's first multi-racial band, Jujuka. Melding the predominant Zulu sound with the Celtic callings from Clegg's origins, Jujuka released *Scatterlings of Africa*, a song whose newly recorded version is featured in *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees*.

Apartheid government forced the separation of Jujuka in 1986, and Clegg went out in search of a new band. Clegg formed Savuka, a highly popular multi-racial Zulu dance group, after Jujuka's demise. With their incredibly infectious dance music, Savuka have become well known and loved the world over. They have gone gold with their music in Belgium, Switzerland, France and New Zealand.

Savuka's debut album, titled *Third World Child*, sold more than two million copies. Following their second album, *Shadow Man*, the band embarked on a world tour, opening shows for Steve Winwood in the United States and George Michael in Canada. Savuka reached its peak with its fourth album, *Heat, Dust and Dreams*, which was nominated for a Grammy in the Best World Music category and received a Billboard music award as Best World Music Album.