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Yvonne keeps rocking the lan

By SIPHO JACOBS

SINGER Yvonne Chaka Chaka, turned 21 two weeks ago, will perform at Rocklands Stadium in May on May 4.

Chaka Chaka - whose rise in the SA music scene was heralded as a "music phenomenon" - has reached great musical heights in a short time.

Chaka Chaka and her band Midnight Express joined Dephon's stable artists Zulu (TZ Junior), Taxi, Pat Kamazu, Juveniles, Chico and to record a sizzling compilation of their individual hit songs.

Midnight Express and Chaka (below) also have a chart-topper in their latest *Squeeze Me Baby*. The album sold over 15 000 units already and is due for release next week.

Appearing with Chaka Chaka at Rocklands will be Midnight Express, Pat Shange, Mac and Monica, William and the Young Five, Freeways, Groovy Guys, Rufaro, Chico and TZ Junior.

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Themba tycoon and showbiz boss Chris Ndaba plans to bring the event back to Themba with a star-studded music festival at J Stadium on Sunday.

Kicking-off at 10am, the event is seen as a block-buster for the coming township artists who have been given a chance by the showbiz promoters.

Soweto's Step Ahead, Singers, Sensations, The Grims, Brenda and the B Angels and Paul Ndlovu form.

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Abe Cindi is a one-man band.

He doesn't really need bass players or drummers - the noise he makes with his harmonica, his drums and his own voice is music enough.

Cindi proved that at the Market Theatre on Saturday when he appeared on a trip with Bheki Khoza's band The Singers Paula Naane.

Thayima might just have been there. Though drummer Madoda Mathibane is a very competent musician, he is not into insignificance along with musicianship.

The man who helped the lombo just oozes talent and has the magic touch - that's missing in the music scene.

Naane also seemed a bit out of sync on Saturday, and he was way through three fairground games before calling a

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Brand hits the screen

CP Correspondent

DOLLAR Brand (below), the SA jazz pianist now in exile in New York and known as Abdullah Ibrahim, is having his life story filmed in Zimbabwe.

The producer and director of the 90-minute film, Chris Austin, said the film was "a tribute to one of the greatest contemporary jazz musicians to come out of Africa".

Called *A Brother with Perfect Timing*, the film is a mixture of fiction and documentary.

It will show how Dollar Brand's music evokes the history of a whole culture, said Austin.

The \$100 000 film is backed by the BBC, a West German TV company and an English distribution company.

District Six - where Dollar Brand lived in Cape Town - had to be reconstructed in Harare after Austin was refused entry into SA.

The rest of the film will be shot in New York - where Dollar Brand lives now - and it's expected to be ready for distribution by September.

The movie will be shown in SA.

Speaking parts are played by two old friends of Dollar Brand living in exile in Zimbabwe, Mohamed and Mercia Davids.

