Hugh Masekela’s ‘Jabulani Tour’ Hits UCLA Live’s Royce Hall Feb. 10

Who: Trumpeter Hugh Masekela has been a defining force in world music, the preservation of South Africa’s musical heritage, the safety and well-being of its poorest citizens as well as the struggle for freedom and human rights both in Africa, and around the world.

What: Masekela and his high-energy band make one of just 11 stops on their Jabulani Tour at Royce Hall. February 2012 brings the release of Hugh’s Jabulani on the Listen 2 Africa Series Record Label. From the Zulu word meaning “rejoice,” Jabulani recalls several generations of music from wedding ceremonies in South Africa. In the days leading to a wedding in Hugh’s home town, members of the wedding party would practice their choral parts every night, ‘marching up and down the street, singing the most beautiful songs, accompanied by very intricate choreographed moves which were a pure joy to witness.’ Hugh committed many of these songs to memory and with Jabulani he brings to life some of the most joyous and heady days of his youth.

When: Friday, February 10 at 8 p.m. (doors 7 p.m.). Tickets available at uclalive.org, the UCLA Box Office at 310.825.2101, or via Ticketmaster starting at $20.

Where: UCLA Live at Royce Hall. 340 Royce Drive, UCLA Campus.

About: UCLA Live presents world-class performing arts with a global perspective, enhancing the experience by engaging, cultivating and developing artists and audiences.

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