



Juno Award Winner Hennie Bekker Releases New Album

"Amani"

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Abbeywood recording artist and **Juno Award winner Hennie Bekker** announces the new release of **"Amani"**. The album completes the **"African Tapestries Collection"** and will be available through henniebekker.com, abbeywoodrecords.com, amazon.com and as a digital download through **iTunes** and other major online music sites.

Bekker draws inspiration for the album from his experiences growing up in Africa and continues to demonstrate his unique ability to fuse ambient, New Age, relaxation and world music together. "In Eastern Zimbabwe, the Vumba Mountains are a favourite retreat of mine. I used to walk down a stream at dawn to listen to the sounds of nature and the wilderness," Bekker reminisces about "Amani", a musical memoir of his time spent in Africa.

By capturing his childhood memories, each song offers the listener an intimate part of Bekker's life. In the track called *Kwaito*, which means "tough and aggressive", he recalls an old man dancing on the sidewalk, pointing to his legs, saying 'kangela! ayize' meaning 'let it happen'. "I remember when I was a child, a very old African farmer, while minding his cattle use to chant the word 'ayize' to my brothers and me. We were always mesmerized by his rhythms", recalls Bekker.

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Interviews are presently being confirmed. CD's are available upon request.

About Hennie Bekker:

Hennie Bekker is a master composer, award-winning, multi-platinum and internationally selling musician. Known for his ambient and new Age sound along with his extensive work composing and arranging for film and television, Bekker is a pioneering figure in the use of nature sounds to complement music. His skill as a pianist and use of the latest digital music technology are part of the essence of his signature style. His eclectic career as one of the most respected South African artists spans decades, continents, generations and genres – from world music to electronica and smooth jazz to relaxation. Abbeywood recording artist Bekker has a catalogue that spans over 45 albums, including a top ten single, 10 certified platinum and six certified gold records. He has won a Juno Award for Best Dance Recording with the techno/house group BKS. Bekker's well known



works include the "Hennie Bekker's Tranquility", "Kaleidoscopes" and "African Tapestries" series. henniebekker.com

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