



SOLD OUT
TO SOUTH AFRICA

BOYCOTT
JOHNNY MATHIS
IN CONCERT
PICKET
SUN. JUNE 17, 8PM
CIVIC AUDITORIUM

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JOHNNY MATHIS BOYCOTT

It's not often that we are asked to boycott the appearance of a popular performer. But when Johnny Mathis comes to Portland June 17, picketers demanding an end to apartheid in South Africa will do just that.

South Africa ... Johnny Mathis -- what is the connection?

In 1968, the United Nations began issuing regular appeals to countries and organizations to suspend all sporting and cultural ties with the apartheid government in South Africa. Their concern was that internally, South Africa drew comfort from the knowledge that the country wasn't isolated from the outside world. Internationally, sporting and cultural events were propaganda worth their weight in gold. Attention to these events also detract from the brutally exploitative policies of a system which denies basic rights to 75% of its people.

The United Nations has documented that Johnny Mathis was one of a number of celebrities, including Frank Sinatra, Linda Ronstadt and Ray Charles, lured to that country by offers of astronomical fees.

Portlanders Organized For Southern African Freedom contacted Mathis' agent, Skip Heinecke, in mid-May, 1984. Heinecke insisted that his client had not performed in South Africa since 1977. However, when pressed on whether Mathis appeared in 1982 at Sun City, a gambling resort in the South African "homeland" of Bophuthatswana, Heinecke admitted that, "Well, he played golf there."

And didn't he also perform there?

Heinecke pled ignorance, insisting that, in any event, Mathis didn't even recognize a United Nations boycott. But according to the U.N., Mathis did indeed perform in Sun City and as a result, POSAF is asking Portlanders to boycott his upcoming appearance at the Civic Auditorium.

Roberta Flack, Diana Ross, The Commodores, Third World, Tony Bennett and Gladys Knight have all rejected lucrative offers. George Benson, Brook Benton and Stephanie Mills have officially apologized for supporting South Africa. Let Johnny Mathis do the same.

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The Supremes
Brian Tarff
The Temptations
Rufus Thomas
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Two Tons of Fun
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Village People
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Robert Wright
The Younghearts
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